

Minutes of the Meeting of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council, held at
South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay
on Wednesday 6th April 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor M. Dear
Councillor Cottle
Councillor J. Dear
Councillor Willingham

Also in attendance:-

Martin Ainscough – Clerk to the Council.
1 member of the public.

16/64 . Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Twitchen who was in Brussels.

16/65. Declarations of Interests & Register of Members Interests.

There were no declarations of interests.

16/66. Minutes.

The Minutes of 2nd March 2016, were received & signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting subject to the amendment of Item 16/56 **Approved Finance** to include the following information; - Cheque No 22048 - Crystal Print Ltd – Printing of Spring edition of The Village Voice - £526.50.

16/67. Public participation Session.

1. Litter problems in and around Mill Road & the Kings Head Public House.

A member of the public drew attention to the problem associated with litter in the vicinity of the bus stop close to Mill Lane and the Kings Head Pub. It was noted that not only were youths gathering in the bus shelter, but that they were leaving large quantities of litter behind when they left. Not only that, but passing motorists were in the habit of throwing their unwanted litter – empty bottles and cartons etc. into her front garden as they drove pass her property. The Council undertook to make the appropriate dept. at the borough Council aware of these problems to see if anything could be done to elevate the problem.

The same member of the public also raised the issue of a large pot hole in the entrance to the Kings Head Pub which was causing problems for pedestrians. Apparently the management of the pub were aware of it and had reported it to the Street Care Dept., but that was back in January and to date no further action had been taken. The Local resident was therefore advised to raise the matter with County Councillor Twitchen, the local member for Gt. Burstead & South Green in an attempt to get the matter resolved.

2. Parking Issues @ Hickstars Lane/Bell Hill and 47 Langham Crescent. – Grass Verge.

Councillor Cottle reported to the meeting that residents in these locations were driving across the grass verges in the respective locations to gain vehicular access to and from their properties. In the case of the latter location at the time that planning permission was approved for the conversion of 2 properties into 4 one bedroom apartments a condition was placed on the permission requiring adequate provision for parking once the properties became multi occupancies. According to Councillor Cottle this had not apparently been adhered to which meant

that residents were still driving across the grass verge to get to their properties. In the light of this information it was agreed that the Clerk would inform the appropriate section of the planning Dept. at the Borough Council in order that this matter could be investigated and the appropriate action taken if deemed be necessary.

16/68. South Green Memorial Hall Diamond Anniversary Celebrations.

The meeting noted that the South Green Memorial Hall would be celebrating its Diamond Anniversary this year and this would be marked with an event to be held at the hall on 2nd of July. The Village Council as one of the regular hirers of the hall had been invited to participate. The meeting decided that it would arrange to have a stall at the event to promote the work of the Council and to also advertise this year's Fun day event which was due to take place on Sunday 28th of August.

16/69. Proposal to introduce Standard Instrument Departure Procedures at London Southend Airport.

The meeting noted that London Southend Airport (LSA) was proposing to submit an Airspace Change Proposal to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) for the introduction of Standard Instrument Departures (SID's) to replace the current Preferred Departure Routes (PDR's). The introduction of SID procedures is necessary to reflect current CAA Policy and because of the introduction of controlled airspace in the vicinity of LSA. The change from PDR's to SID procedures brings LSA into line with other airports connected to busy airspace.

The Village Council was concerned that the proposal might result in a marked increase of traffic over the air space of Gt. Burstead & South Green which was already congested. The Clerk was therefore requested to respond along the lines that the Village Council would not wish to see an increase in the number of flights before 7.00 a.m. or after 11.00 p.m. at night at Southend Airport as a result of this proposal.

16/70. Consultation – Hovefields & Honiley Neighbourhood Area & Neighbourhood Forum Applications.

The meeting noted this consultation exercise in the Wickford Area.

16/71. Planning Applications.

It was noted that at the time that the agenda was circulated no applications had been received for consideration.

However, the following applications were considered under the arrangements previously approved for dealing with consultation requests received outside the Village Council's usual monthly meeting cycle. The following comments being emailed to the Planning Dept. at Basildon Borough Council on 11th March 2016.

16/00275/FULL

Demolish conservatory and erect 2 storey rear extension - 21 The Oaks Billericay Essex CM11 2RP

Comment: - no objections

16/00294/FULL

Ground floor rear extension, two storey side extension and loft conversion. - 161 Noak Hill Road Billericay Essex CM12 9UJ

Comment: - object on the grounds that the proposal is over development of the site.

When making an objection the following should be considered:

1. Contrary to Green Belt Policies, 2. Over-Development of the Site, 3. Objection on Highway Safety Grounds, 4. Lack of Car Parking Facilities, 5. Damage to Residential Amenity, due to: - 6. Over-looking neighbouring properties, 7. Over-dominance, 8. Increase in noise/pollution etc., 9. Damage to Visual Amenity, due to: - 10. Excessive bulk/height, 11. Poor/awkward design, 12. Out of keeping with area or street scene, 13. Unsatisfactory Layout, 14. Contrary to Conservation Area Guidelines, 15. Infrastructure, 16. Pertinent Local Knowledge

16/72. Village Council Summer Event – 2016.

It was noted that the Working Party was due to meet on Monday 11th of April. Councillor Willingham also informed the meeting that in addition to those attractions previously confirmed a wood engraver, Cat Charity, Redwings FC and a Candy Floss Seller had expressed interest in attending.

16/73. Len Turner - Plaque & Benches on the Green Update.

The meeting noted that since the last meeting the new benches had been installed on the Green. It was now a case of getting plaques made up for the benches which indicated that the Village Council had funded the project. A separate plaque would be ordered that marked Mr. Turner's contribution to the local community over many years the exact wording of which would be agreed by his family in the first instance. It was agreed that the bench nearest to the shops would be the most appropriate for the plaque dedicated to his memory and community work.

16/74. Finance.

Approved payments:

Payee / Cheque number	Details	Amount
Martin Ainscough	March salary	£ 499.89(*)
H.M.R.C. 022049	Income tax – March	£125.00
Martin Ainscough 022050	March expenses – postage, envelopes, stamps, ink cartridges, printing paper	£55.30 £152.46
	Plus broadband & office expenses (Jan', Feb', March 2016)	£207.76
EALC 022051	Conference fee – Cllr Cottle 15 th March 2016	£20.00
Vision ICT 022052	Biennial fee for .gov.uk May 2016 – April 2018	£66.00
Vision ICT 022053	Website hosting & support Fee June 2016 – May 2017	£156.00

(*) salary paid directly by bank transfer on 26th of each month.

16/75. New Village Sign.

The meeting received the amended design from Alpha Signs following the changes that the Village Council agreed at the March meeting. The Clerk was requested to send the final design together with the quote for the manufacture of the sign to the Essex County Council Highways Dept. for their approval before giving Alpha Signs the go ahead to manufacture the design ready for installation.

16/76. Essex Association of Local Councils.

It was noted that due to unforeseen circumstances Councillor Cottle was unable to attend the Police Conference held on 15th March. There was nothing else to report.

16/77. Association of Basildon Local Councils News.

It was noted that unfortunately Councillor J. Dear was unable to attend the ABLC meeting held on 17th of March due to work commitments. He had though requested a copy of the minutes of the meeting which he would circulate to members of the Council once he had received them.

16/78. Neighbourhood Action Panel.

There was nothing to report.

16/79. Footpaths

There was nothing to report.

16/80. Future Meeting Dates.

4th May, 1st June, 6th July, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November & 7th December.

16/81. Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.