

Minutes of the Meeting of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council, held at
South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay
on Wednesday 3rd February 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.
County Councillor Twitchen
2 members of the public.

16/23. Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

16/24. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

16/25. Minutes.

The Minutes of 6th January 2016 were received and duly signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

16/26. Public Participation Session.

1. Langham Crescent – Bollards & Pavement issues.

It was noted there is a problem with the pavement being impassible due to damage/temporary street furniture and that Councillor Cottle agreed to check the exact location which would then be reported by the Village Clerk to County for their attention.

2. Passingham Park - Replacement of Play Equipment.

The meeting was informed of the Borough Council's plans to upgrade and replace the play equipment at the above mentioned location. It was noted that external funding had been obtained for this project to take place, but that in order to ensure that the necessary funds were released, the Borough Council were required to enter into an agreement with another organisation to contribute to the cost before the end of the financial year. The Village Council were aware that the existing play equipment at the park was indeed overdue for replacement and were therefore unanimous in agreeing a contribution of £1,000 to the project on the grounds that the new equipment did not encourage use by youths. Councillor Cottle raised the issue of funding for CCTV cameras and it was agreed that this was a question for the BC to answer and not something that the Village Council could consider funding in any case.

3. South Green Memorial Hall –Celebrations.

Councillor Willingham informed the meeting that the South Green Memorial Hall would be celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year. It was intended to mark this with an event and there was a meeting on 3rd of March to which all hirers would be invited in order to discuss ways in which this milestone could be commemorated.

16/27. Basildon Borough Draft Local Plan 2016: Local Council Briefing 2016

Cllrs M Dear and Willingham reported on their attendance at the Local Plan Briefing of 26th January.

16/28. Planning Applications.

15/01623/FULL	134 Kennel Lane Billericay Essex CM11 2SU	Demolish house and garage and construct 2 no. detached houses with integral garages.	Object on the grounds that the property is in the area which is prone to flooding. Also considered to be over development of the site & would have a detrimental effect on the street scene.
15/01622/FULL	154 Noak Hill Road Billericay Essex CM12 9XA	Construction of rear extension, pool room and plant room (demolish existing kitchen and conservatory).	no objections
16/00003/FULL	20 Trinity Road, Billericay, CM11 2RT	Two storey front infill extension incorporating ensuite and cloakroom	no objections
16/00040/FULL	The Magic Mushroom, Barleylands Road, Billericay	Erect rear extension to restaurant.	object site is within the green belt & concerns with regard to sufficient/adequate parking on site
CC/BAS/72/15	Land to the West of Kennel Lane, Gt. Burstead, Billericay	ECC Flood Alleviation Scheme	Withdrawn by the applicant.
16/00075/FULL	6 Haven Rise, Billericay	Ground Floor rear extension	no objections
16/00093/FULL	65 Trinity Road Billericay	Proposed new front porch to front elevation	no objections.
16/00080/FULL	High Clear, Coxes farm Road, Billericay	Construction of three sided open timber framed carport	no objections

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

16/29. Seasonal Decorations - 2016.

The meeting noted the deadlines from ECC for the approval of Hanging Basket & Festive Lighting applications for 2016 as detailed in a letter dated 11th of January 2016 from Shane Cooley, Street Lighting Engineer @ ECC Highways Dept. The Clerk informed the meeting that both of the contractors concerned had been made aware of those deadlines.

16/30. Village Council Summer Event – 2016.

The meeting received an update from Councillor Willingham on the progress made with the arrangements for the 2016 event. It was noted that unfortunately it now looked increasingly unlikely that the sit on train ride would be possible. This was due to the health & safety requirement that a barrier was required which neither the railwayman or the Village Council was able to fund or supply.

16/31. Len Turner - Plaque & Bench on the Green Update.

It was noted that the new benches would be installed on the Green in the very near future. Once the new benches were in situ it was agreed that a photo call should be arranged with all available Councillors in attendance.

16/32. Land to the East of Noak Hill Road between Kennel Lane & Southend Road, Billericay.

The meeting received an update on the ongoing proposal to develop the piece of greensward at the above mentioned location into a car park. It was noted that as requested the Clerk had emailed County Councillor Twitchen with a revised response to this proposal following ratification at the January meeting.

County Councillor Twitchen informed the meeting that the proposal was discussed at the recent Basildon Highways Panel meeting and that approval had been given initially for a feasibility study/report to be undertaken after which the results would be considered before a final decision would be taken as to whether the proposal should go ahead. At this stage no definite decision had been made with regard to developing this piece of land.

16/33. Great Burstead Flood Alleviation Scheme.

The meeting was informed that the planning application for the above mentioned scheme submitted by ECC for approval had subsequently been withdrawn by the applicant. The Village Council expressed their extreme disappointment at this decision and agreed that something still needed to be done to ensure that residents in Kennel Lane and the associated area were not subjected to further flooding or under the threat of flooding in the future.

The Clerk was therefore requested to write to the appropriate section of Essex County Council to express disappointment at the withdrawal of the alleviation scheme. The reasons for its withdrawal and to ascertain what plans there were in hand for an alternative scheme to address the problem.

16/34. Clean for the Queen.

The above mentioned scheme was noted. However it was felt that the first weekend in March was too early for the Village Council to consider holding a litter pick event given the number of residents that turned out for the last date held in October. The St. Magdalene Church had though expressed interest in participating in the event and it was agreed that their contact details would be passed to James Hendry at Basildon B.C. for his information and attention. The Village

Council also agreed to lend their litter pick equipment to the church if they ultimately decided to definitely take part in this event.

16/35. Finance.

approved payments:

Payee / Cheque number	Details	Amount
Martin Ainscough	January salary	£ 499.89(*)
H.M.R.C. 022042	Income tax – January	£125.00
Martin Ainscough 022043	January expenses – postage, stamps & ink cartridge.	£19.68

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

16/36. Village Voice – Winter Edition.

The contents of the next Village Council newsletter were agreed. It was noted that in view of the Church's timetable for the delivery of their own leaflet/newsletter the Village Voice would now be distributed during March in time for Easter. This meant that in order to meet the Church's timetable it needed to be at the printers by mid-February.

16/37. New Village Sign.

The Clerk informed the meeting that since the January meeting, at which the initial response and quote from Alpha Signs was discussed and agreed in principle, they had been in contact again to confirm that they were currently working on designs and plans and would be back in contact again soon.

16/38. Proposal to site a bench – Junction of Grange Road & Gt. Burstead Drive - Update.

The meeting received an update since the January meeting. It was noted that the consent from ECC to site a bench at the above mentioned location had been received in the post that morning. However as result of the Village Council consulting the 6 local residents closest to the proposed site two objections had subsequently been received to what was being proposed. Both objections sited on going youth nuisance as reasons for their objection. The meeting also took into account the conditions being imposed by ECC that the Village Council would have to adhere to not to mention the cost of the installation of the footpath and hard standing deemed to be necessary. Taking all of the above mentioned issues into account it was decided not to pursue this project any further.

16/39. Association of Basildon Local Councils News.

The meeting received a report from Councillor J. Dear following his attendance at the latest ABLC meeting. The main points note were as follows:-

Basildon Council Draft Local Plan;- it was confirmed that a presentation would be given on Tuesday 26th January @ 7.00 p.m. at the Towngate Theatre. Two reps from each Parish/Town Council are allowed to attend.

In addition issues raised concerning the new transparency code arrangements, community agents, CIF Fund, Parish Precepts and Devolution were also noted.

16/40. Refuse Bins – South Green Shops.

It was noted that the 3 new bins at the South Green parade of shops had now been installed.

16/41. Neighbourhood Action Panel.

Nothing to report.

16/42. Footpaths

Nothing to report.

16/43. Future Meeting Dates.

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

16/44. Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.