

Minutes of the Meeting of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council, held at  
South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay  
on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor M. Dear - Chair

Councillor A. Aly-Khan

Councillor J. Dear

Councillor Willingham

Councillor S. Hooker

Also in attendance:-

Martin Ainscough – Clerk to the Council

4 Local Residents

### 13/29 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Cottle due to a prior engagement, Councillor Knight who was on holiday and County Councillor Twitchen who was unable to attend due to an earlier meeting in London on the same day.

### 13/30 Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of Interest.

### 13/31 Minutes.

The Minutes of the Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were recorded as a true record and signed by the Chair subject to the amendment in **Item 13/20 – Councillors Training** of 45p per mile to read 40p per mile and the renumbering of the items 22 - 27 to read 23 – 28.

All in favour

### 13/32 Public Participation.

Lying Water Problems – Outwood Common Road	The Clerk brought the meeting up to date with developments in connection with the standing water problem in Outward Common Road since the last meeting of the Council. It was noted that County Councillor Twitchen had met with Mr. Henderson of 26 Outwood Common Road and following on from that meeting she had been in contact with the relevant officers of the ECC Highways Dept. in order to remedy the situation with regarding to the standing water problem. Mr. Henderson confirmed that Cllr Twitchen was keeping him informed of the progress in this matter.
Weight Limit Road Traffic Sign – Kennel Lane	Again the meeting was brought up to date with the latest information concerning the problem in respect of the HGV signs.

### **13/33 Village Council Litter Working Party Report.**

The meeting received a report on the arrangements for the first Village litter pick due to take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013. The following information was duly noted.

#### **VENUE AND TIMING**

The first litter pick is planned for Saturday 13th April from 10.00am to 12.00am. This is to commence from the committee room of South Green Memorial Hall. The Committee Room has been booked.

#### **EQUIPMENT**

James Hendry of Basildon Borough Council has confirmed the Village Council can loan litter picks and high visibility tabards. He will also supply black sacks and disposable gloves to be collected in the week commencing 8th April.

Billericay Town Council Clerk has confirmed the Village Council can loan the hoops which fit inside black sacks to make them easier to handle. These would be collected 12th April.

#### **ROUTES**

There will be three routes covered by the litter pickers: Grange Road shops area, Southend Road down to the Kings Head and along Mill Road, and Church Street. A Village Councillor will lead each group.

#### **REFRESHMENTS**

Refreshments will be served when litter pickers return their equipment to the hall – Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits.

#### **RUBBISH COLLECTION**

James Hendry to be advised that black sacks will be left besides the recycling bins at the shops.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Litter pickers to be advised that sharp objects such as broken glass, syringes, damaged metal cans should be left and their position reported at the end of the litter pick. Litter pickers have been advised in the poster advertising the event to wear stout shoes or boots and that children should be accompanied by an adult.

#### **PUBLICITY**

CM11 magazine have published a poster advertising the event at no cost to the Village Council. The poster is also displayed on the Village Council website, notice board and at the shops. Mary Magdalene Church, Schools and Langham Hall, South Green Memorial Hall has yet to be approached to put up a poster.

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

A risk assessment will be carried out and the Village Council's Insurance Company will be advised about the event and the fact that resident volunteers will be taking part.

### **13/34 Planning Applications**

The Clerk reported on a number of planning related issues concerning applications that had been received in-between the monthly meeting of the Village Council for the information of Councillors. The following information was noted:-

**13/00054/FULL -To operate an MOT Centre from a unit currently used for the repair and servicing of vehicles. - Unit 5 Guild Prime Business Centre Southend Road Billericay.**

The Village Council raised objections to this proposal on the following grounds:-

(1) It is Green Belt Land.

(2) The entrance to the site is on a bend where if traffic increases significantly, as is envisaged by the owners employing more staff for a MOT business, there will be an increased risk to the public with an increase in traffic movements on and off the site.

**13/00122/FULL - Variation of Condition 2 of 11/00024/TPOBAS to allow replacement planting of two smaller species of native trees rather than the originally required hornbeam - 118 Grange Road Billericay Essex CM11 2RR**

No objections were raised to the variation to Condition 2 of 11/00024/TPOBAS to allow the replacement of two smaller species of native trees rather than the originally required hornbeams. The Village Council would however request that consideration be given to silver birches being the chosen native trees that be planted.

In addition to the above mentioned applications and responses the Clerk informed the meeting that he had recently received a decision notice from Basildon Planning Dept. that indicated that the proposal to **build 4 No detached bungalows with 2 No cart lodges for parking at 187 Noak Hill Road, Billericay, CM12 9UL** had been refused.

The reason for this decision being primarily that the application site was within the designated Green Belt the fundamental aim of which was to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open. It was therefore considered that the proposals would present inappropriate development within the Green Belt, having a significantly greater impact on the openness than the existing building and uses. Furthermore it was considered that there were no specific considerations that would amount to very special circumstances of sufficient weight to outweigh the harm to the Green Belt in this instance.

**13/35 Finance**

**Approved payments:**

Payee / Cheque number	Details	Amount
Martin Ainscough	February salary	£478.78 (*)
H.M.R.C. 000677	Income Tax – February	£119.80
Essex Pension Fund 000678	12th of 12 monthly contributions to 2012/13 shortfall previously advised	£36.54
Martin Ainscough 000679	February Expenses – stamps, postage, ink cartridge & printing paper + contribution to broadband/telephone & office expenses (Jan', Feb' & March 2013)	£20.30 £89.97 £62.49 total = £172.76
Heelis & Lodge 000680	Internal Audit fee for the year-end 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012	£150.00
South Green Memorial Hall 000681	Additional costs for hiring the Committee Room – 2012/13	£182.00

**13/36 Future Meeting Dates.**

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013

**13/37 Close of Meeting** – The Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.