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MINUTES

23rd November 2016

An Ordinary Meeting of the members of Lambourne Parish Council was held
On Wednesday 23rd November 2016 at the Abridge Village Hal.

Those present were: Cllr D Hardy, Cllr P Price, Cllr M Drewe, Cllr A Hanch and Cllr M Laws

Also In attendance: Tony Carter (Clerk to the Council) and District Councillor B Rolfe and County Councillor M McEwen

There was two members of the Public present.

Meeting opened at 7.49pm

16.134 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr A Raven, Cllr L Shreeve, Cllr A Barr and Cllr J Filby

At this point, with no Chair or Vice-chair present, Cllr A Hanch proposed Cllr P Price to Chair the meeting. Cllr D Hardy seconded this, and the proposal was carried unanimously.

16.135 Declaration of Interest

There were NO Declarations of Interest.

16.136 Public Consultation

A residents from Sawyers Chase in Abridge reported on the continuing problems relating to the 418 Bus. It seems that the bus runs early on a regular basis, and the 7.00 pm Thursday bus has not run for the last four weeks. The resident complains to the bus company but seems to get the same response every time. Since complaining, the bus now seems to wait for a few minutes if it is early.

Cllr J Filby will be asked to chase the bus company and the Clerk will send a letter.

Rev. Gaylor mentioned that the second meeting of the 2020 Church Event will be held on 28th November and asked that the Parish Councillors consider ideas for the celebrations.

The Christmas Big Sing is being held in the hall on 2nd December and tickets are on sale.

Cllr M Laws entered the meeting at 7.58pm.

16.137 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the Council Meeting on 19th October 2016 were AGREED by Members as a true record and signed.



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16.138 Actions from Last Meeting/Matters Arising & Clerks Report

The Clerk's Report was NOTED.

A discussion was held regards the footpath behind Park Square in Lambourne End, and this will be placed on the Agenda for the December meeting.

Cllr B Rolfe entered the meeting at 8.10pm.

16.139 Planning

Planning Application	Comments
<p>EPF/2710/16 - The Retreat Market Place Abridge Essex RM4 1UA</p> <p>Proposal: Proposed erection of five 2 bed apartments with unit at ground floor used for flexible purposes within Use Class A1 (shops) and Use Class A2 (Financial and Professional services)</p>	<p>The Parish Council STRONGLY OBJECTS to this proposal on a number of grounds.</p> <p>Overdevelopment – The proposal of five apartments and two units is felt too much for the size of the plot and comes much closer to the road than the original property.</p> <p>The development is not in keeping with the Market Place and Village Scene.</p> <p>Not adequate parking. Abridge is already suffering from parking issues and eight parking bays for seven units does not give enough parking. There will be no parking for staff of the two units within the local area.</p> <p>Safety – The entrance to the property will be on a bend with limited sight lines, within 50m of a zebra crossing and mini-roundabout.</p> <p>If the above proposal is to be considered, the Parish Council would ask that strict conditions are placed on times for access and deliveries with no delivery vehicles permitted before 9.30 am. This is due to the road is a main commuter route through to Debden and Loughton stations and the M11 motorway.</p>



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There was 1 application for information only received from Epping Forest District Council.
There were 12 Planning Decision received from Epping Forest District Council.
There were no Enforcement items received from Epping Forest District Council.
There were no complaints by Parish received to Epping Forest District Council.
There were 2 enforcement cases closed.
There were no new planning appeals received from Epping Forest District Council.
There were no new Licensing applications received from Epping Forest District Council.
There were no Planning Appeal Decisions received from the Planning Inspectorate.

16.140 External Meetings Attendance Update

There were NO External meetings attended.

16.141 Correspondence

The Council NOTED the invitation for the Christmas By Candle-light Event. Cllr M Drewe and his wife will attend. The Clerk will respond to the invitation.

The Council NOTED the letter asking for dates for 2017 Play in the Park. It was decided that Tuesday AM sessions would be booked on the seven weeks as with other years.

The Council NOTED the report from the EFDC Standards Committee. Cllr D Hardy proposed that the Parish Council adopt the new changes. Cllr A Hanch seconded this and the it was AGREED unanimously

The Council NOTED the letter from Barclays Bank with new telephone number.

The Council NOTED the application to request the new Electoral Register and the Clerk CONFIRMED that this had been ordered.

16.142 Update from District Councillor and County Councillor

County Councillor Report: Cllr M McEwen talked about the County budget and how Essex needed to save £86million this year. Government grants have been declining and the Council only gets a share of the non-domestic rates income. This means that ways to increase revenue and decrease running costs are being considered.

Devolution plans are not moving forward at present due to the Government insisting that there has to be an elected mayor and some District Councils disagreeing to this. It is hoped there may be movement soon.

Cllr D Hardy asked Cllr M McEwen about the recent crackdown at Council run tips and asked if the cost to the District Council increased due to the collection of rubbish that was "fly tipped". Cllr M McEwen agreed this was a problem.

Cllr B Rolfe mentioned that EFDC strongly followed up prosecutions on those caught "fly tipping" and also mentioned there was a rubbish clearance scheme run by the District Council.



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District Councillors Report: Cllr B Rolfe reported that the Local Plan consultation was now at the half way stage.

It was reported that the NEPP gave a presentation at the Local Council Liaison Meeting. EFDC is going back to patrolling the district and moving away from NEPP. One of the biggest problems reported in the District is parking.

The Development Meeting to be held on 30th November at EFDC offices will hear the planning application for the Woodland Camp development. Cllr Rolfe will be chairing the meeting as the Chair is away and said there will be a site visit on Saturday 25th November. As Chair, he said that he will have hear each side of the case independently and vote accordingly. He has had to take legal advice from EFDC on this matter.

Cllr B Rolfe left the meeting at 9.18pm.

16.143 Highways

The Highways Report was NOTED.

The Clerk to look at the broken bollard on London Road and report along with a sign post at Hillmans Cottage which is listing badly.

LS6A to be removed from the report.

16.144 Enforcement Officers Report

The Enforcement report was NOTED by Members.

The Crowther's Nursery and Red Cottage cases to be removed from the report.

16.145 Update on Drains in the Parish

Nothing to update.

16.146 Parish Phone

The Clerks asked to purchase a PAYG phone for the Parish telephone number. Cllr M Drewe proposed this and Cllr D Hardy seconded. This was AGREED and a budget of between £30-50.00 was set.

16.147 December Meeting

Councillors AGREED that the meeting on 14th December should go ahead as planned.

16.148 Willow Tree Close

The Clerk was asked to email the completed application form for bollards/railings at the entrance to Willow Tree Close to Matthew Valentine at Essex Highways.



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Cllr M MsEwen left the meeting at 9.34pm

16.149 Parish Landscape

After a short discussion Cllr M Drewe and Cllr D Hardy agreed to confirm that a planter will fit in the proposed site on London Road so this can proceed.

16.150 Report of the Responsible Financial Officer

Members NOTED the Bank Reconciliation.

Members NOTED the cheque list. Cllr M Laws proposed the authorisation of payment of cheques and Cllr M Drewe seconded. This was AGREED by Members and the cheque list was AUTHORISED.

After a short discussion it was CONFIRMED that the Clerk Salary had been set at £5,820.00 at commencement of employment contract.

16.151 Information Exchange and items for the next agenda

Cllr A Hanch said that her husband was interested in discussing the trees in the Parish with Councillor.

16.152 Date of next Meeting– 14th December 2016 at Abridge Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

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