

MATCHING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2010

AT THE FOX, MATCHING TYE

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTE

ACTION

PRESENT

Cllr Richard Morgan (RM) (Chairman) Cllrs John E Binder (JEB), Joan Bowerman (JB), Anita Darken (AD), Derrick Lawrence (DL) and Paul Moulds (PM)
In attendance: Ernie Fenwick (Clerk to the Council) and 4 members of the public

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public and opened the meeting with The Open Forum

Mrs Edwards complimented PC on the organisation of the bonfire.

Green is beginning to look nice with kerbing. Large lorries go up onto the green over the kerb. Outside Little Honiton and outside The Chequers parking on the Green. Suggest staking the edges and No parking signs. AD agrees with Mrs Edwards but says that The Chequers do have 'A' board no parking signs which are often put out. DL pointed out that there is a strip opposite The Chequers which is in the neighbouring parish.

159. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

None

160. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 4th January were approved and signed as a true record.

161. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RM is a district councillor.

162. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH RESPECT TO AGENDA ITEMS

No comments from public with respect to agenda items.

163. CLERKS REPORT

- a. Matters from last meeting.
Mr Jackson has yet to arrange meeting with the Clerk regarding Jubilee field Football field
Blocking of entrance to Cricket field during winter. Clerk has had no response from MGCC.
- b. Casual Vacancy. There has not been a request for an election so council may co-opt. One person has declared an interest and Clerk has circulated his CV. AD stated the notice should have specified 14 working days. Clerk advised that he had received advice and form from EFDC, but would confirm. RM said that if that was the case the expiry date would be Thursday 4th February.
- c. Correspondence
 - i. Letter received regarding councillors attendance at meetings. No comments.
 - ii. Letter from Sarah Olley asking for permission to use Jubilee field as parking for May Day celebrations. Council resolved to allow parking
 - iii. Letter received from Mrs Edwards re minutes and survey. Council resolved that the comments contained had been discussed previously on several occasions and no further discussion was necessary.

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164. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Chairman discussed the sad passing of Councillor Chris Gibson and feels that we should do something regarding his memory, perhaps a bench or a donation to his chosen charity. AD suggested that a bench was more in keeping with expenditure of public funds. Council resolved to research the idea of a bench with a plaque.

165. FINANCIAL REPORT

The current bank balance is £13,796.73 of which £331.35 is in the current account after payment of the following cheques.

The following payments were approved

E Fenwick	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£274.94
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166. PLANNING MATTERS

b. Decisions by EFDC Planning Department
None

c. Applications

- i. Springfield House, The Green Matching Tye EPF/0039/10 Demolish existing single storey rear extension and replace with a two storey rear extension. Property is in conservation area and new works are more in keeping with original building. No objections .
RM declared a personal non prejudicial interest in following item. JEB declared a prejudicial interest and left meeting.
- ii. 1 Reformatory Cottages, Harlow Tye EPF/0040/2010 Certificate of Lawful development for Dormer loft conversion. No objections
JEB rejoined the meeting

Broadlands at Carters Green is permitted development.

167. LAND REGISTRATION – HOUSHAM TYE

Information pack has been revised with a new form which needs to be completed. Pack being sent to Clerk today. Agenda for next meeting

168. MATCHING GREEN – KERBING CONTRACT

Due to the Christmas shutdown by contractors, we have still only received two quotations so far and so this matter was deferred to the next meeting. RB Whitbread and John Kenney to be approached. Clerk to write to MB & The Lavers

169. MATCHING GREEN – COMMEMORATIVE BENCH SEAT

Bench has been stained and prepared for installation. Resolved to wait for better weather. Michael Collins has the plaque. RM will discuss with Michael.

170. MATCHING GREEN – DOG BINS

Clerk has spoken to EFDC who are reviewing additional dog bin to the green. Would be more cost effective for existing disposal team to add the second bin to their round. Resolved to wait for EFDC decision

171. GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE 2010-2011

Clerk has circulated grass cutting quotations to all councillors. Contractor A : £4300, Contractor B : £5130, Contractor C : £2162. AD felt that last year the quality of cutting was not up to standard. PM proposed Contractor C seconded JEB. Resolved to appoint Contractor C 5 in favour 1 against. Contractor C is MD Landscapes. Clerk to advise them and to raise the issue of attention to detail.

172. CUTTING OF RURAL VERGES

Clerk is awaiting ECC Highways decision on cutting regime for 2010/11. Defer to next meeting

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173. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

JB is in correspondence with Wendy Jackson ECC public transport department who are carrying out a survey via the internet. JB has argued against that as most parishioners are not on the internet. Survey is about 4 months away. JB to monitor and report back.

174. PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOX

Chairman thanked JEB for the repairs to the door at Matching Tye. Clerk to request BT to install a new door and repair lights.

175. HIGHWAYS – POTHOLES

RM has reported potholes in road surfaces to ECC Highways. New Way Lane is due to be repaired soon. DL reported that it was repaired at 8pm last night. Item in Parish Magazine that if pothole is reported please get reference number.

176. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

JB does not receive West Essex Area Forum Agenda nor EALC Agenda. Clerk to arrange
Local Council Liaison Meeting 17th Feb.

177. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Play Area – Matching Green

178. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

1st March

12th April (Parish assembly)

3rd May (AGM)

Meeting closed 8:46 PM

Chairman _____

Date _____