

MATCHING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 10th MAY 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), Paul Moulds (PM) and Michael Taylor (MT)

In attendance: Ernie Fenwick (Clerk to the Council), Rachel Price (ECC Transport Liaison dept) and 20 members of the public including Don Cramphorn, Carol Foulser, David Brown, Martin Figg, Michael Lichtig, Alison Moulds, Wendy Edwards, Audrey Baldwin, Jean Prevost, Alan Darken, Malcolm Sowter, remainder unknown.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

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

Colin Kent requested whose responsibility it was to maintain ditches. RM advised that it was either the landowner or ECC Highways department. Ditches are not being cleaned or maintained. AD proposed that we request a specific on site meeting with ECC roads engineer.

Wendy Edwards has noticed an increase in 40 tonne lorries travelling through the village and asked why are some lanes derestricted?

Don Cramphorn said some signage from Moor Hall Road into Matching Tye is in an appalling state. Clerk to contact ECC Highways.

Colin Kent asked if we are able to bring pressure to bear on BT to improve broadband service. Clerk to contact BT

AD proposed that representation be made to EFDC regarding use of airfield site being serviced by large lorries

217. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

None

218. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 12th April were queried by AD. AD requested item 202a(i) be amended from "RM said that their meeting was just a few days after ours" to "RM said that their meeting was the same day as ours" Minutes to be reissued for approval at the next meeting.

AD proposed that we have more itemisation in the minutes if it is specifically requested by a councillor

AD requested an updated version of the previous minutes be circulated.

6 members of the public left

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219. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RM is a District councillor. All councillors except AD declared personal not prejudicial interest in The Fox (Item 205b)

220. PARTICIPATION WITH RESPECT TO AGENDA ITEMS

No comments from public with respect to agenda items.

221. CLERKS REPORT

- a. On matters from the last meeting.
 - i. Housham Tye. Clerk has contacted Joy Sheppard of EALC who is prepared to seek legal opinion but states that from her reading of three Legal Topic Notes she understands that we are able to protect the land however claiming ownership may not be possible
- b. Correspondence
 - i. EFDC Housing Review
 - ii. EFDC Local Council Liaison Committee minutes 17 March (circulated)
 - iii. SMP Playground leaflet (Not presented as not relevant)
 - iv. Letter received from Mrs Foulser regarding Notice of Meetings. Clerk reported that after the Point of Order raised by Mrs Foulser at the last meeting, he had made extensive enquires of Department of Communities and Local Government, Standards for England, NALC and EALC. All enquiries have confirmed that Saturdays are not excluded from clear days, but good practice recommends that they are excluded. The advice received from all organisations is that the last parish council meeting was convened legally. This information had been sent to Mrs Foulser by email and subsequently the Clerk has received three further emails and a letter querying the advice received and listing alternative legislation. The Clerk has checked all alternative legislation and taken further advice, all of which confirms the previous advice given. The cost of the Clerks time was 7 hours at a cost of £69.58.
AD said that this cost was irrelevant as this was as a result of the Clerk originating the correspondence. MT said that the Clerk was merely clarifying the Point of Order raised by Mrs Foulser and then responding to further emails.
 - v. Letter from Bob Barnes offering support to Clerk and members of the council in the face of ridiculous objections still being raised by certain residents and councillors. He asks that the council move on from past arguments and focus on what needs to be done. He also offered assistance on certain aspects of council business relating to playground equipment and traffic calming measures.
- c. Training Courses
 - i. Risk Management Course 26th May Foakes Hall Dunmow £57 (Free)
 - ii. Budget & Precept Course 9.30-12.30 30 June Foakes Hall Dunmow £36
 - iii. Passenger Transport Representatives Meeting 10.30am 27 May Loughton Town Council Offices
 - iv. Community Resilience Consultation Workshop 10-12.30 26 May EFDC Offices. JB and Clerk to attend

222. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Nothing to report

223. FINANCIAL REPORT

The current bank balance is £19299.38 of which £17.03 is in the current account after payment of the following cheques.

The following payments were approved

E Fenwick	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£412.14
AON	Insurance Premium	£690.21
MD Landscapes	Grass cutting	£371.31
EALC	New councillor pack	£14.18

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The Clerk said that the EOY Accounts were now prepared for submission to the internal auditor subject to approval by the Annual Parish Council Meeting earlier tonight.

Jean Prevost and four others left the meeting

224. PLANNING MATTERS

- a. Decisions by EFDC Planning Department
 - i. TPO/EPF/61/09 Rushy Poulting Wood, Matching.
- b. Applications
 - v. The Fox, Matching Tye EPF/0515/2010 : Seasonal consent for temporary Marquee. Support subject to conditions being adhered to.
 - vi. Threshers , Threshers Bush EPF/0552/2010: Sub division into 3 separate dwellings including conversion of Threshers House into two wings, extension and alterations and further subdivision of cottage. Postponed to next meeting
 - vii. Gainsborough Cottage Church Lane, Matching Tye EPF/0732/10: Listed building application: Replace front paving and two internal doors. No objections
 - viii. Any other planning applications received

Wendy Edwards and Alison Moulds left the meeting

225. MATCHING GREEN –PLAY AREA

Clerk has contacted A-Z supplies for equipment, but they do not carry such items. Clerk to contact Bob Barnes and Playdale, Wicksteed. RM has a list of three grants available

226. CUTTING OF RURAL VERGES

Clerk is still awaiting response from ECC Highways. Clerk to write letter of complaint to Leader of ECC and copies to Chief Exec, Portfolio holder, County Councillor

227. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES – MATCHING TYE

To consider actions required for traffic calming in Matching Tye. Clerk to approach Police re signs and volunteers for speed guns. Must do something to reduce speed. Pavement to be re-assessed
Malcolm Sowter left the meeting

228. RISK ASSESSMENT

To confirm adoption of Risk Assessment. Postponed to next meeting

229. WEBSITE

To discuss changes to website. Postponed to next meeting

230. MEDIA EMAIL FAMILY

To consider response to Epping Forest Police District's Crime Reduction Officer. We are already part of the Media email family and the Clerk will circulate items as and when they are sent.

231. HIGHWAYS – POTHoles & SIGNAGE

Pavements to be investigated

232. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

233. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Weekends not being included in clear days

234. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

24th May (EGM) (Parish assembly)

7th June

5th July

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Meeting closed 10:15 PM

Chairman _____ Date _____