

# MATCHING PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010

AT THE FOX, MATCHING TYE

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **MINUTE**

#### **ACTION**

#### **PRESENT**

Cllr Richard Morgan (RM) (Chairman) Cllrs John E Binder (JEB), Paul Moulds (PM)  
In attendance: Ernie Fenwick (Clerk to the Council), and 3 members of the public,  
Bob Barnes, Alison Moulds, Janet Knight.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public, reported that Cllr Joan Bowerman (JB) would be joining the meeting in a few minutes and opened the meeting with The Open Forum

In response to comments from the public concern was noted by the council of regular lack of attendance by councillors at Parish Council meetings.

#### **235. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Derrick Lawrence (DL) (work commitment) and Michael Taylor (MT) (holiday). JEB said he feels that any apologies should come to the Clerk and not via other members.

#### **236. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> April were signed as a true record of the meeting.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> May were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Cllr Bowerman (JB) joined the meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> May were signed as a true record of the meeting.

The minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> May were signed as a true record of the meeting.

JB said that Cllr Darken (AD) had given her apologies.

Clerk to send out email to all councillors requesting that apologies be sent to the Clerk and not via other members.

#### **237. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

RM is a District councillor.

#### **238. PARTICIPATION WITH RESPECT TO AGENDA ITEMS**

No comments from public with respect to agenda items.

#### **239. CLERKS REPORT**

- a. On matters from the last meeting.
  - i. Lorries accessing Matching Airfield Site. Clerk has contacted EFDC planning who have responded as follows "Assuming that the lorries that are causing the problem are servicing legitimate uses of the airfield then I am afraid that this is not something that the Council can control." Council are aware that there is a problem with heavy vehicles but if they are properly licensed there are no height or weight restrictions on any roads within the parish.
  - ii. BT broadband service. Clerk contacted BT who said that efforts are in hand

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to improve the broadband network throughout the UK but are unable to be precise about when individual exchanges are upgraded. Individuals using the BT broadband service will receive emails giving information about upgrading and can contact BT via 0800800151 (option 9).

- iii. Signage to Moor Hall Road. Clerk has emailed Essex Highways
  - iv. Maintenance of ditches. Clerk has spoken to ECC roads engineer who has advised that ditches are covered by John French EFDC Land Drainage dept.
- b. Correspondence
- i. Renewal of Data Protection Act Registration
  - ii. Draft Sustainability Appraisal. Consultation period – 18<sup>th</sup> June.
  - iii. Cllr Lawrence letter copied to all councillors. Clerk reply copied to all councillors
  - iv. Stansted Airport Community Trust regarding Grant applications
  - v. National Grid Gas Installation, Downhall Road
- c. Training Courses
- i. Minutes and Agenda Course 26<sup>th</sup> May Foakes Hall Dunmow £36
  - ii. Two hour Councillor Training Matching TBA £240

## **240. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

RM & MT met Epping Forest Country Care at Housham Common which has been identified as a Site of special scientific interest. And agreed to take over the common and manage it.

Bus Questionnaires arrived today to JB. Need to be distributed to all members of the parish. Agreed to try to recruit young persons at a small fee.

Clerk to advertise attendance of EFDC Colleen O'Boyle and Ian Willett at next meeting who will answer questions on anything concerning District council.

## **241. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The current bank balance is £18436.66 of which £153.55 is in the current account after payment of the following cheques.

The following payments were approved

E Fenwick	Clerk Salary & Expenses	397.24
Information Commissioner	Data Protection renewal	35.00
Audit Commission	Audit Fees	252.63
MD Landscapes	Grass cutting	178.61

## **242. PLANNING MATTERS**

- a. Decisions by EFDC Planning Department  
None
- d. Applications
  - i. Albion House, Matching Green EPF/0808/2010 : Replacing window with doorway, replacing internal doors: NO OBJECTIONS
  - ii. Southern Cross, Little Laver Road, Matching Green: EPF/0957/10: New front Porch and Loft Conversion with rear dormer window: Not in our Parish
  - iii. Any other planning applications received

## **243. MATCHING GREEN –PLAY AREA**

Email received from Tom McCourt. Clerk to reply that decision was taken by the council after a petition submitted by children over 18 months ago, received only 6 objections and many others in favour. Children of Matching Green are entitled to a play area and council will carry decisions forward.

## **244. CUTTING OF RURAL VERGES**

Clerk has received apologies from Leader of ECC and clarification of roads to be cut and has obtained two quotations for a full width cut which are very close Contractor (A) £1401.60, Contractor (B) £1371.66. Agreed to proceed with Contractor (B) John Kenney Services

