



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 13 MARCH 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Barrott (Chair),  
Cllr's Talbot, Partridge, Smith, Fryer, Marshall, Chase-Gardener, Thompson, Halsey,  
Andrews and Scott-Barrett.  
Clerk - Karen Thompson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** There were several members of the public in attendance.

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**17/044 Apologies for absence**  
All Councillors were present.

**17/045 Declaration of Interests - to receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda.**

Cllr Fryer declared a pecuniary interest in the item to decide the grass cutting contract for the village, churchyard and cemetery, Item 17/056.1 point B.

Cllr Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application 17/00151/FUL.

**17/046 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.**

The issue of HGVs travelling noisily through the village was again raised with reports of clattering lorries travelling close to houses at 4am and on Sundays. Cllr Chase-Gardener reported that she had spoken to the various operators and there was a noticeable improvement but it would seem that the situation has worsened again. Trading Standards had also inspected various operators and found no breaches of license. Cllr Halsey reported that this frustration had been discussed at a recent meeting with Essex County Council and as a result an alternative weight restricted area will be put to the Tendring Highways Panel. The new area would force HGVs to follow a specific route to and from the Quarry. Residents felt there had been an improvement after local companies were approached but it was back to high levels. The Council also reported that the Essex Traffic Commissioner is being approached for potential resolutions to the problem. It was reported that Great Bromley Parish Council are holding a public meeting on 1 April at 1230 to cover this issue.

The Council again heard about possible environmental breaches of excessive burning of waste (household or business), the possible discharge of waste water into ditches and also people living in sheds.

The Council was very pleased that they were able to say thank you to a resident that regularly wipes clean village bollards and street furniture.

Also present was a resident representing a planning application that was to be discussed at the meeting.

**17/047 Minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 13 February 2017**  
The Council agreed the draft minutes of the meeting were a true and accurate account of the proceedings.

**17/048 Clerk's Report**  
The Council received the report of resolutions agreed at previous Parish Council Meetings and noted action to date.  
Item 448.2 has been superseded by a different action (re-siting of cricket equipment shed).  
Item 451.1 has been overtaken by events (rubble at Newbridge Farm).  
Item 17/010 was updated (Pre-school outside works at Village Hall).

**17/049 District and County Councillor Reports**  
TDC and ECC Councillors were absent. ECC Cllr Gugliemli sent an ECC report which was circulated out of committee.

**17/050 Planning**  
The Council expressed frustration that TDC Cllr Stock had not yet agreed to a meeting to discuss inconsistent TDC planning decisions for new housing outside the village settlement development boundary. It was decided to phone Cllr Stocks secretary in order to seek a meeting with Cllr Neil Stock on this issue.

17/050.1 **To receive an update on the planning application 16/01332/FUL.**

**Erection of a new office (B1 use) and a replacement 'fishing lodge' with associated access, parking and landscaping.**

Land to The East of Clover Way Ardleigh Essex CO7 7PT

The Clerk had circulated the TDC planning officer response to the progress on this application. This stated that no alternative plans or adjustments had been received.

17/050.2 **To receive an update on 16/00632/OUT and APP/P1560/W/16/3159703 Wick Lane Appeal Hearing.**

The Wick Lane Planning Appeal Hearing was scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> March and the Parish Council would be represented.

## Applications

17/00151/FUL **Two storey extension to existing bungalow.**  
The Bungalow Green Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7PE

No objection was raised.

17/00171/FUL **Erection of 2 no. two storey dwellings and associated out buildings. Improvements to existing vehicular access and new ancillary out building.**

Threshers Colchester Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7PQ

The Council decided to oppose this application on the grounds of not wanting further ribbon development outside the village settlement boundary / envelope.

17/00201/CMTR **Retrospective application for a change of use to allow importation of Inert Materials for treatment to produce recycled construction materials.**

Crown Quarry Old Ipswich Road Ardleigh Essex CO7 7QR

No objection was raised.

17/00234/FUL **Erection of tractor shed for machinery and agricultural materials and supplies.**

Land adjacent to The Vineyard Crown Lane North Ardleigh Essex CO7 7RB

No objection was raised.

17/00250/FUL [Proposed single storey rear extension.](#)  
Hatch Barn Bromley Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7SF

No objection was raised.

17/00256/LBC [Proposed internal alterations to the ground floor, including the removal and erection of stud walls.](#)  
The Mill Station Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7RS

No objection was raised.

17/00271/OUT [Erection of four detached dwellings an associated garaging and parking.](#)  
Land opposite The Old Mission Bromley Road Ardleigh Essex CO7 7SE

The Council had no comment on the change of plans.

17/00287/FUL [Construction of a detached three bedroom bungalow with associated landscaping, vehicular access, and hardstanding.](#)  
Land adjacent The Gables Chapel Lane Ardleigh Essex CO7 7BJ

The Council opposed this application on the grounds that it was outside the village settlement development boundary / envelope and would not be supported by the local plan.

17/00290/FUL [Proposed one and a half storey extension to rear/south-east corner of dwelling.](#)  
Whinstones Crown Lane North Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7RA

No objection was raised.

17/00317/TPO [All trees that are on the edge of the applicant's fields to be cut back to the trunks to approximately 15-18' in height to clear traffic](#)  
Land at Brendons Waterhouse Lane Ardleigh Essex

The Council supported this application.

16/01798/FUL Demolition of garage/workshop, alteration and extension of boundary wall/gates, re-instatement of access to front and permanent closure of access to side of Cypress Cottage; and erection of dwelling to rear. | Site adjacent Cypress Cottage Colchester Road Ardleigh Essex CO7 7NP  
<https://idox.tendringdc.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

Originally discussed at Dec 16 Council meeting.

The Council again opposed this application on the grounds of danger because the driveway access to the A137 is at bend in the road which is blind to and from traffic from the Lawford direction. The location is also near local shops and on a main walking route to the Primary School which means that pedestrian traffic would be high and visibility poor.

It was decided to write to the owner of Blacksmiths Lane as they may not be aware of the planning application.

**Appeals:** No New Appeals

**Decided** The following were noted.

**Approvals:**

16/02006/DETAIL [Variation of condition 1 of application 16/00325/DETAIL to replace approved drawing no. 003 Rev F with 003 Rev H.](#)  
Land at Ingrams Piece Ardleigh Essex CO7 7PZ

17/00040/TPO [T4, T6, T10 - 3 No. Holm Oak - overall sympathetic crown reduction.](#)  
Ingrams Piece Ardleigh Essex CO7 7PZ

16/02053/FUL [Ground and first floor extensions to provide bedroom and kitchen space.](#)  
2 Waterhouse Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7TE

16/02052/OUT [Outline proposal for the erection of two detached dwellings.](#)  
Land opposite The Old Mission Bromley Road Ardleigh Essex CO7 7SE

16/02014/OUT [Proposed erection of four detached dwellings and associated garaging.](#)  
Land at Cherrytree Farm Harwich Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7LT

16/01782/FUL [Garden outhouse replacement comprising of potting shed, storage room and garden office space.](#)  
1 Ardleigh Court Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7LA

17/00228/AGRIC [Erection of agricultural barn for use as hay bales and agricultural equipment storage.](#)  
Old Shields Farm Waterhouse Lane Ardleigh Essex CO7 7NE

17/00056/OUT [Outline application for the erection of two detached dwellings and associated garaging and parking | Land at Nobbys Place Crockleford Hill Bromley Road Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO4 3JG](#)

**Refusals:** The following were noted.

16/00726/OUT [Removal of condition 4 of application 15/00669/OUT - Concerning implementation of adjoining commercial development.](#)  
Suite 3 Crown Business Centre Old Ipswich Road Ardleigh Essex CO7 7QR

**To Be Decided by Another Authority:** The following were noted.

17/00243/CMTR [Variation of condition 2 of application ESS/18/07/TEN -To reduce the number of phases from 3 to 1.](#)  
Martells Quarry Slough Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7RU

17/00244/CMTR [Proposed new mobile mineral washing plant.](#)  
Martells Quarry Slough Lane Ardleigh Colchester Essex CO7 7RU

17/00201/CMTR [Retrospective application for a change of use to allow importation of Inert Materials for treatment to produce recycled construction materials.](#)  
Crown Quarry Old Ipswich Road Ardleigh Essex CO7 7QR

**17/051 Churchyard & Cemetery**

**17/051.1 To receive reports and consider any decisions on expenditure.**

The Council authorised tree repair work after the damage caused by Storm Doris. It was also noted that paths need spraying and a light pole is damaged. The removal of a dead tree in the corner of the churchyard would need to be subject to tender.

**17/051.2 To decide future Cemetery Fees and Rules & Regulations.**

The draft revised fees were reviewed and rounded for ease of use and agreed. These new fees will come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

**17/052 Recreation, Play and Open spaces Colchester Road play area**

**17/052.1 To receive reports on condition of area and identify any health and safety risks and consider any decisions for expenditure.**

It was agreed to authorise Andy Bruce to repair the Nest Swing on the Millennium Green.

**17/052.2 To receive an update on the Colchester Road Play Area.**

The Council is still waiting for advice from Andy Bruce regarding a safe and complete specification to complete the fencing and ground works but as the grass has now grown and the weather is improving it was agreed to open the play area until further works can be arranged.

**17/053 Environment and maintenance**

**17/053.1 To receive reports and consider any decisions for expenditure.**

It was reported that the double yellow lines on the Old Ipswich Road were being ignored. The Council agreed to get photographic evidence in order to seek enforcement.

The Council noted that some loading/off loading was taking place on the bridge near Haddocks.

It was reported that a HGV wanting to access the Liverton business travelling from Lawford had executed a 180° at Oak Tree Corner with damage to the grass triangle. It was noted that this is a regular occurrence. Cllr Thompson agreed to raise the problem with Livertons.

It was also decided to include 'Report Fly Tipping' in the Parish Ardleigh Advertiser report.

Cllr Halsey reported on a meeting with ECC regarding local flooding.

The problems leading to the reporting at Forge Court/Ancient House may be as a result of pipes in the culvert which Highways are investigating.

Highways are also inspecting ditches along Back Rd, Frating Rd and culverts/ditches to the rear of properties along the bund at the Solar Farm to see if they can be improved.

Highways are also inspecting road heights to see if surface water is restricted from draining away.

The Council will wait for the results of these inspections.

**17/053.2 To note that a resident has queried ditches in Maltings Farm Lane.**

It was agreed to write to the land owner requesting ditch improvement.

**17/054 Public Rights of Way**

**17/054.1 To receive reports and consider any decisions for expenditure.**

It was reported that the lay-by opposite Peake Fruit should be used for passing as the lane is narrow however a sign has been erected saying that the lay-by is for waiting HGVs. The issue of dangerous waiting HGVs is with Essex Highways but it would be possible for the Parish Council to erect a 'Please use this lay-by for passing' sign.

Cllr Halsey reported on a meeting held with ECC Highways Councillor.

The 'Give Way' signs at the junction of Back Rd, Morrow Lane and Waterhouse Lane will be looked at because of the dangerous junction.

The Council agreed that Cllr Halsey should document and present a proposal to the

TDC Highways Panel to alter the Weight Restricted road coverage which would require HGVs to follow a pre-approved route to and from the quarry.

It was also reported that Highways have an application to remove the national speed limit area on the A137 immediately after the village boundary heading towards Lawford and replace it with an extended 40mph limit.

**17/054.2 To receive an update on Footpath 49.**  
No update received.

**17/055 TDALC**

**To receive any report or minutes from latest meetings.**  
No meeting recently.

**17/056 Contracts**

**17/056.1 To decide the contract awards for:**

- A. .Floral Displays and Watering**
- B. Grass Cutting – Village and Churchyard/Cemetery**
- C. Highways Verges**
- D. Recreation Ground**
- E. Millennium Green**
- F. St Mary The Virgin Church Clock Service**
- G. Street Lighting Contract**

After comparing all of the bids it was decided to award the following village contracts:

A. Floral Displays and Watering	Oak View with S Farrer for weekly water
B. Grass Cutting – Village and Churchyard/Cemetery	JF Tree Specialist
C. Highways Verges	Liverton
D. Recreation Ground	} Bland Landscapes
E. Millennium Green	}
F. St Mary The Virgin Church Clock Service	Continue to use Haward Horological
G. Street Lighting Contract	A and J Lighting

**17/056.2 To approve the tender specification for the Annual Tree Surveys.**  
The draft Tree survey contract specification was approved and would be advertised.

**17/057 Parish Council Financial Report**

**17/057.1 To receive report on Parish Council accounts as at the 28 February 2017.**  
An error on a line name was spotted and will be corrected and the financial statement was accepted.

**17/057.2 Accounts for payment –Cheques/Bacs payments to be approved for payment and signed.**  
The following bills/invoices were approved for payment.

Clerk Pay (inc,PAYE, pension, NI)for hours in Feb 17	£ 557.81 +£5.58 (Pension)
Clerk Mileage .....	£ 63.30
Clerk Stationary & Postage (Feb).....	£ 35.99
JF Tree Specialist - Storm Doris repairs.....	£ 300.00
CPRE Membership .....	£ 36.00
Chair Allowance .....	£ 100.00

Jill Hamblin, Archivist Expenses £ 122.96  
Haward Horological Call out Church clock £ 100.00

**17/057.3 To note that a VAT reclaim was submitted for £8639.61.**  
This was noted.

**17/058 Village Hall**

**17/058.1 To receive reports and consider any decisions on expenditure.**  
None received. The Pre-School have sought quotes for getting the ground works outside fixed and they intend to pursue the current contractor for the monies to have the work corrected or have the work corrected.

**17/058.2 To consider the high level plan for outside grounds work and allocate tasks.**  
The first task in the project to tidy up the Village Hall outside ground works is to set the scope of what is required. A group of Councillors agreed to meet at the Hall to set the scope of the work.

**17/058.3 To note the change of Gas supplier to Opus Energy saving £250 pa.**  
This was noted.

**17/058.4 To decide if further action is required for heating the Village Hall in exceptionally cold weather.**  
No action to be taken at this time.

**17/058.5 To consider new Village Hall Letting Fees for April implementation.**  
The fees list for hall hiring showing an inflationary rise was considered and the Council agreed some rounding and approved the new rates.

**17/059 Village Hall Financial Report**

**17/059.1 To receive report on Village Hall accounts as at the 28 February 2017.**  
The Village Hall financial statement was accepted.

**17/059.2 Accounts for payment –Cheques/Bacs payments to be approved for payment and signed.**  
The following bills/invoices were approved for payment.

Bookings & Cleaning – January..... £ 401.10

**17/060 Information for the attention of the Clerk for the next meeting.**  
The Agenda specifies the business that it is proposed to transact (Local Government Act 1972 Sch.12 para 10 (2) (b) and the Council cannot lawfully decide any matter which is not specified in the Agenda (Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119).

None reported.

**17/061 Meeting Closure & Date of Next Meeting**  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

**Signed by Meeting Chair ..... on .....**