

# **MINUTES**

Minutes of Meeting of Woodham Walter Parish Council  
Held in Women's Club, Top Road, Woodham Walter.  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

## **Present:**

Mark Durham (Vice Chairman)  
Angus Neale  
Claire Robinson  
Peter Warren

Others: Jacky Bannerman (Clerk)

Matthew Hodgkinson (Public Rights of Way Officer re: P3)

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**195. Welcome** Cllr Durham welcomed those present to the meeting.

**196. Apologies For Absence** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Colin Warner, Cllr. David Potter and Cllr. James Bunn.

**197. Register of Declared Interests** There were no interests declared, the book was duly signed.

**198. Public Forum** Matthew Hodgkinson who is a Public Rights of Way officer from ECC attended the meeting to inform councillors about the Parish Paths Partnership (P3), this scheme looks to empower the community to look after footpaths and identify problems. P3 can loan hand tools and help arrange working parties. There are no membership costs. Cllr. Warren our footpath officer reported that there are not currently any great issues with the 33 paths in our parish, 14 are on the ECC cutting schedule and landowners are very helpful. Mr Hodgkinson will email information to clerk/Cllr. Warren and liaise in the future as necessary.

**199. Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting Held On 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010.**

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

## **200. Matters Arising**

200.1 Community Led Planning. Information had been read by councillors and it was agreed there are merits to a plan in bigger parishes but it is not justified for a village of this nature. Councillors agree not to proceed.

## **201. Planning – APPLICATIONS**

201.1 HOUSE/MAL/10/00106 2-3 Hop Gardens, Hop Garden Lane  
Replacement extension to the side.

There were no objections, clerk to write accordingly.

201.2 HOUSE/MAL/10/00126 4 Nursery Cottages, Stivvys Road  
Erection of rear conservatory

There were no objections, clerk to write accordingly.

201.3 LBC/MAL/10/00146 Wingtons, The Street  
Re-roof dwelling.

There were no objections, clerk to write accordingly.

## **202. Planning - DECISIONS**

202.1 FUL/MAL/10/00014 Orchard Bungalow, West Bowers Road **APPROVE** (Delegated)  
Alteration to roof to form bedrooms accommodation and replace existing conservatory.

## **203. Other Planning Matters**

203.1 Falconers Lodge. Nothing further.

203.2 Woodham Walter Hall Ruins. Response received that the site can now be treated as Scheduled although a formal decision from Secretary of State is awaited.

203.3 Meadows Barn appeal: Clerk had response from MDC regarding viewing Building Regulations drawings; A letter has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate to reiterate our objections to the application.

**204. To Authorise Any Payments Due** The following payments were authorised and cheques duly signed by Cllr. Durham. Clerk to contact Cllr. Potter so that the cheques can be countersigned.

204.1 e-on – Monthly DD 204.2 A&J Lighting Solutions – Monthly DD

204.3 Clerks Salary + allowance 204.4 Royal British Legion £18

It was noted that the clerks salary was higher this month due to the additional work producing the Annual Report.

## **205. Other Financial Matters**

**206. Report Of The District Councillor** No report available.

## **207. Highways**

207.1 (194.1) Parking outside of The Bell Public House. Licence to Plant. Highways have approved the planting. Clerk has written to utility companies for confirmation. Cllr. Durham will go ahead and purchase/plant.

207.2 (194.16) New road enforcement signage outside School on The Street. Nothing further to report.

207.3 Village Gateways lining. Nothing further to report.

207.4 Sustrans National Cycle Network Signposting. No further correspondence received.

207.5 Clerk has contacted Area officer to arrange Annual inspection. Awaiting appointment.

207.6 Correspondence received from Mr J Durham at Warren regarding road junction at Warren entrance where there was a recent accident. Councillors agree this junction to be included in annual inspection.

207.7 Clerk had received call from Sue Williams regarding poor condition of triangle at junction of Bassetts Lane/Little Baddow Road due to lorries manoeuvring. Agreed to include visit at annual inspection.

207.8 Correspondence received from John Pearce regarding triangle at Curling Tye Green. Clerk to reply.

207.9 Clerk contacted Highways regarding drainage problem on Old London Road near Curling Tye Lane junction. This area is suffering from land drainage problems and highways request we talk to landowner about ditch clearance. Cllr. Robinson volunteered to talk to Ian Fowler.

## **208. Local Issues**

208.1 **Playground/Bell Meadow Rota.** There were no reported incidents and the book was duly signed.

208.2 **Footpath Officer Report** There was not anything to report this month, other than mud!

208.3 **PCSO Crime Report for Woodham Walter** Clerk has now received following report:

*Having had a good look through the incidents that have happened in your area I am happy to say that there is very little to report! Incidents of note that have occurred since the start of the year are as follows: There have been two Burglary Others where a Generator was stolen from a garage and a theft of tools from an insecure garden shed. There was a theft of hay from a nearby farm, which was also targeted for similar offences last year. A male arrested in the village for being in possession of a small quantity of herbal cannabis and has been issued with a warning. Elsewhere in the Maldon District we have seen a number of Thefts From Motor Vehicles. In the main these have been from vehicles that have been left insecure or that have left valuable items (Laptops, Ipods, Computer Games etc.) on display in their vehicles. We would urge all residents to ensure their vehicles are locked and secure and that all valuable goods are removed or hidden from site. We have also seen a number of Burglaries to sheds which are also left unlocked. We have also had reports of a number of scams in the area. These are mainly via the telephone with the caller stating that you have won a prize and all they need are your bank details so they can pay your winnings into your account. Of course you haven't actually won anything and instead of paying money in they take money out! Hope this helps and I hope to get a regular report out to you. Kind Regards PS 214 Phil Morley*

208.4 **Neighbourhood Action Panel** Date of next meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> March Wickham Bishops. The next meeting in Woodham Walter will be in July.

208.5 **School Report** The school are looking forward to welcoming the Kenyan Headteacher.

208.6 **Allotments Report** Cllr. Neale reported that the group had recently held a successful AGM. The first loan repayment will be paid in due course.

208.7 **Community Speed Watch** Ivor Brearley had informed clerk that this initiative will commence again now that the weather has improved.

208.8 **Litter** Thanks to all who came and helped with the litter pick, we managed to cover almost the entire village (thanks also to adopt-a-road volunteers who helped achieve this in advance of litter pick day). Particular thanks to Cllr. Durham for clearing the road between Warren entrance and Anchor. Also Chris & Tina Wheadon who have cleared Old London Road over two weekends. Discussion regarding purchasing some handihoods and litter pickers to be carried over to next month, clerk to investigate costs.

Flytipping at Falconers Lodge, clerk has received a number of phone calls from residents (one has phoned 3 times!). I have reported it again to MDC but when they visited it had subsequently been cleared.

208.9 **Village Agent** No report received.

208.10 **Annual Parish Meeting & Report** The written report is in production and due at the printer very soon, it will be delivered with the April parish news magazines. Councillors viewed draft copy of report and were pleased with the way it looked. Councillors asked to arrive at the hall by 7.30 if possible to help put out chairs and meet public. Meeting will begin promptly at 8pm. Followed by refreshments. Cllr. Warren confirmed that Tina Warren and June Chandler are happy to serve refreshments. Then the normal April Parish Council meeting will follow.

## **209. Correspondence**

209.1 Invitation to councillors to a meal at Geoff Hicks' house on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm with the Kenyan Headteacher. Cllr. Neale is already attending and other councillors will let clerk know if they are able to attend.

209.1 Southminster windfarm application, various information on circulation.

209.2 Information from MDC regarding Junior Rangers Club.

209.3 Environment Protection Team – available at Burnham & Southminster, information on notice board.

209.4 Fight for our Hospital – clerk to ask shop if they would like to display.

209.5 RCCE Best Kept Village. Councillors confirm that we will not be entering this competition.

209.6 MDC Food Digesters Special Offer information – information on notice board.

209.7 Crime Reduction Panel – 24<sup>th</sup> March.

209.8 Essex & South Suffolk shore Management Review – information on notice board.

209.9 Danbury Parish Council, invitation to attend Annual Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> April. Cllr. Durham to attend.

209.10 Essex Heritage – information to Cllr. Potter

209.11 Mike Woodcraft – former village resident had submitted his memories. This is currently being circulated to all councillors and will be discussed at next meeting.

## **210. Points Of Information**

210.1 Noted recent cars for sale at junction of West Bowers Road/Rectory Road. To be monitored.

**211. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010, 8pm at Village Hall after Annual Parish Meeting.**

Signed

Dated

**Meeting ended at 9.25pm**