

**PRESENT**

All members of the Parish Council were present at the meeting.

Mrs. P. Herbert was also present in her capacity as Clerk together with Cllr. C. Siddall (BDC), P.C. Andrews and PCSO Thorne.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G. Spray

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr. Williams declared a personal interest in the planning applications for the East of England Cooperative Society as he received a pension from the company.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

P.C Andrews spoke about recent incidents of antisocial behaviour in the village and the measures which were being taken to deal with the matter.

**4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

The Minutes of meetings held on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2009 and the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2009 were approved and signed.

**5. CLERK'S REPORT:**

- a) **A120 Braintree to Marks Tey:** Copies of replies received from the County and District Councils to the letter objecting to the withdrawal of this scheme were circulated to members for their information. It was agreed that a copy of the Parish Council's letter should be sent to the MEP.

**6. PLANNING:**

- a) **Decisions reached:** Members noted the following:

*09/00796/FUL & 09/00797LBC – Erection of 900 mm fence around patio area  
And new paving to match existing within the fence line – Colne House, Station Rd.* Refused

*09/00784/FUL – Change of use from B1 to Therapy Centre (Use D1), Suite B,  
Earls Colne Business Centre, The Airfield* Granted

*09/00874/FUL – Erection of single storey side extension – Robins, Hayhouse Rd.* Granted

*09/00933/FUL – Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of single storey  
extensions to form family room and kitchen – Rosita, Curds Road* Granted

*09/00906/FUL – Minor revisions to design of previously approved extension and  
Use of roof space for living accommodation – 1 York Road* Granted

- b) **Current Applications:** Mrs. Barrett reported on the following planning applications:

***09/01071/ADV & 09/01072/LBC & 09/01079/FUL – Display of non illuminated external signage and addition of security grille and side panel – East of England Cooperative Society Ltd., 31 High Street***

Members objected to this application on the grounds that the security grille should be placed on the inside of the door where it would be less obtrusive and that the proposed window vinyls were out of keeping with the character of the building.

***09/01114/FUL & 09/01115/LBC – Erection of single storey rear extension and replacement of dilapidated garden wall – The Old Manse, 13 High Street***

Members had no objections to this application.

***09/01131/FUL & 09/01132/LBC – Installation of a high efficiency air source heat pump system to provide heating and hot water, replacement of existing oil tank with outside unit and installation of an indoor heat exchange – Nightingale Cottage, Nightingale Hall Road***

Members had no objections to this application.

***09/01147/FUL – Erection of a detached double garage with separate workshop and log store built into rear – Bartholomews Cottage, Coggeshall Road***

Members had no objections to this application.

***09/01144/FUL – Retention of log cabin for the sale of equestrian supplies – Broomfield Nurseries, Coggeshall Road***

Members objected to this application on the grounds that this was the second retrospective application for this site and members queried whether the existing business could be extended without the submission of a change of use application.

***09/01193/LBC – Proposed replacement of missing and worn terracotta floor tiles in shopfront porch with identical tiles in both size and layout – 74 High Street***

Members had no objections to this application.

Mr. Curtis reported on the following tree application:

***09/00203/TPOCON – Work to Horse Chestnut, London Plane and Leylandii – Boardes House, York Road***

Members had no objections to this application.

- c) **Essex Air Ambulance:** Members noted that the planning applications relating to the proposed relocation of the Air Ambulance to Earls Colne would be considered by the District Council's Planning Committee at their meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

**7. MEMBERS' REPORTS:**

None received

**8. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL**

- a) **Raised bus stop kerbs:** The Clerk reported that the County Council had advised that they had investigated the possibility of installing raised bus stop kerbs in Upper Holt Street and, following a site survey, had established that a raised kerb could be installed on the southeast side, adjacent to the bus shelter, but that there was not enough space on the northwest side as the installation would cause drainage problems to the adjacent property. The raised kerb to the southeast side should be installed by the end of the year.

- b) **Vehicle Activated Sign – Church Hill:** The Clerk advised that the sign had been installed that day.
- c) **Children`s Centre:** The Chairman volunteered to attend the Braintree NE Children`s Centre Focus Group Meeting which would be held at the Children`s Centre in Earls Colne on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September between 1000 and 1230.
- d) **Waiting Restrictions – Park Lane:** The Clerk reported that, due to a large number of objections to the proposed waiting restrictions, a report was being prepared for submission to the Director for Highways and Transportation for his consideration and decision as to whether to proceed.
- e) **Temporary Road Closure – Church Hill junction with Park Lane:** Members noted that the road would be closed from 0930 on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October until 1700 Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Alternative routes would be as for the previous closure.

## 9. BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL

- a) **Emergency Planning Awareness Evening:** Mr. Tracey reported on a meeting which he had attended on 10<sup>th</sup> September which had primarily been concerned with flooding. Mr. Tracey was drawing up a draft Emergency Plan for the village for consideration by the Parish Council. It was suggested that this could be a subject for discussion at the next Parish Cluster meeting as it would be helpful if the parishes` plans linked together.

## 10. ALLOTMENTS

- a) **Proposed allotments – Newhouse Road:** Members received a report from the Working Group on a meeting which had taken place on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and Mr. Curtis and Mr. Tracey reported verbally on a meeting of prospective allotment holders which had taken place on 9<sup>th</sup> September. This meeting had been well attended and a further meeting would be held to appoint an Allotment Club committee and allocate plots.
- b) **Greenfields Housing Association – De Vere Road Proposal:** Cllr Siddall would ask Cllr Spray to provide a report on what Greenfields was proposing with regard to the land behind the garages in De Vere Road which they were suggesting could be used for allotments.

## 11. REQUEST FOR DOG WASTE BIN

Members considered a request from a member of the public that a dog bin be installed at the Burrows Road end of Footpath 18 where she claimed dog walkers left dog foul bags stuffed in the hedge. It was agreed to purchase a bin subject to the Dog Warden agreeing to empty it

## 12. HEART OF THE VALLEYS - COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER TEAMS

Members considered a request for annual funding received from this charity, but members felt that they should adhere to their policy not to make donations to charities from money received from the taxpayer as they felt that individual parishioners should have the choice of whether or not to contribute. It was there agreed that no donation should be made.

## 13. EALC

- a) **Training:** No-one was available to attend the Law and Procedures Course on the 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## 14. CORRESPONDENCE FROM E.C. TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Correspondence had been received from the Twinning Association inviting a Parish Council representative to attend the welcome reception and address the guests from Nonancourt when

they visited Earls Colne the following year. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman both agreed to attend the reception on 30<sup>th</sup> April and the Clerk was asked to enquire whether other members of the Council could also attend.

**15. VILLAGE HALL**

- a) **Village Halls Conference:** It was agreed not to attend this conference on 10<sup>th</sup> October as it was primarily concerned with Halls which were run by charitable trusts.

**16. FINANCE:**

- a) **Payment of Accounts:** For schedule of payments see Appendix 1
- b) **Completion of Audit:** The Clerk advised that the audit of the Parish Council`s accounts for 2008/9 had been successfully completed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN