



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Wednesday 1st April 2015
in the Parish Council Rooms, West Street
Rochford, commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. J. Ashton, D. Avery, J. Bond (Chairman), D. Brown, J. Cottis, Mrs. G. Gibson, J. Gibson, Mrs. J. Stanton, Rev. P. J. Stanton, Mrs. M. Weir, . A. Williams (part)
In attendance: County Cllr. C. Seagers
Clerk: Mrs. J. V. Rigby

The Chairman welcomed Ms. P. Callender from RDC who gave a brief presentation on the Keep Safe Campaign which will be launched in Rochford in May.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Callender for attending.

154/14 **Apologies for Absence/Notification of Casual Vacancy**

154/14.1. Apologies were received from Cllrs. R. Bacon (illness), Mrs A Simpkin (personal reason); L. Bruncker (personal reason) Mrs C Brewster (injury) A Williams arrived late to the meeting due to an illness in his family.

154/14.2 It was reported that Mr. I. Andrews had resigned from the Parish Council and casual vacancy procedures will be commenced.

155/14 **Declarations of Interests:**

Cllrs. Rev. & Mrs. P. J. Stanton declared an interest in Agenda Item 16 (planning) by virtue of their daughter living opposite the applicant site.

156/14 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd March 2015**

The non-confidential minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

157/14 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman reported that the Farmers Market in March went well, and reminded members about the Litter Pick on the Anne Boleyn Estate on 12th April and the St Georges Day Civic Service on 26th April. ...

158/14. **Finance**

158/14.1 The payments for the period 1st to 28th February 2015 were approved.


158/14.2 The non-confidential minutes of the Finance meeting held on 11th March were received and ratified.

158/14.3 The letter from the Financial Ombudsman was received and discussed. Cllr. D. Brown proposed, seconded by Cllr. Rev. P. J. Stanton, that a Without Prejudice offer of 50% of the total charge is made. This proposal was **Agreed**.

159/14 **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk presented her report, which included:-
A list of events she had attended.

- Events/training planned for the coming month.

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160/14 **Questions from the Public:** There were no members of the public present.

161/14 **Report from District/County Councillors**

County Cllr. Seagers reported on County Issues, including various Highways Issues around Rochford. A list of problem areas, particularly around the Anne Boleyn Estate will be forwarded to Cllr. Seagers. **Clerk to send list**

A verbal report on RDC matters was given.

162/14 **Training**

162/14.1 Notification of the following training courses was received:-

The following courses are available from EALC.

- Cemetery Sexton – Dunmow – Half Day – 19th May 2015
- Risk Assessment – 25th June 2015 – Dunmow – full day. **Clerk to attend.**

162/14.2 The following reports on courses attached were received:-

- A verbal report on the SLCC Practitioners Conference
- A report on the SLCC Training Day and AGM
- A report on the Police Conference - Further research on PCSO funding will be sought by the Clerk.

162/14.3 Management Planning Day

It was **agreed** to hold a workshop to set the Parish Council's Management Plan for the coming year in September. **Clerk to provide suggested dates at next meeting.**

163/14 **Questions (pursuant to SO 7:1) and Reports of Committees.**

163/14.1 Planning Committee – The unapproved minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2015 were received.

163/14.2 Community Projects Committee The unapproved minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2015 were received

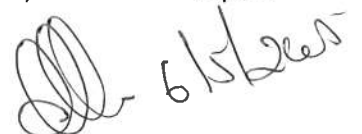
163/14.3 General Purposes Committee - The unapproved minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2015. Cllrs. J. Bond, J. Ashton and A Williams will attend the plot inspections on 11th April.

163/14.4 Parish Pump.

Cllr. A. Williams will contact the deliverer to find out on progress. He also mentioned that the leaflets promoting the litter picking day will be delivered on Tuesday 7th April.

164/14. **Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies**

- a) Rochford Hundred Assn. Of Local Councils - Cllr. D. Avery, Clerk. No meeting. The Clerk gave an update on the situation regarding Crucial Crew.
- b) Old Peoples Welfare Committee - minutes were available.
- c) Rochford & District Chamber of Trade – Cllrs. J. Ashton, A. Williams, Clerk – No meeting. The Clerk was requested to contact the Chamber of Trade to confirm the Parish Council's position regarding the Christmas Lights.
- d) Passenger Transport Forum - Cllr D. Avery. – The report of the meeting held on 9th March was received. .
- e) Police Community Meeting – Cllrs. J. Gibson, L. Bruncker, Clerk. – A report on the meeting held on 18th March was received.

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- f) Wallasea Island Project Liaison Group – Cllr. Rev. PJ Stanton No meeting
- g) Larger Local Councils Forum – Cllr. D. Avery, Clerk – No meeting.
- h) P3 – Cllr. A. Williams – No meeting
- i) Rochford Town Team Cllrs. Mr. & Mrs. Gibson, Clerk – A verbal report on the meeting held on 23rd March was given The next meeting will be held on 20th April 2015 location to be arranged.

165/14 Correspondence

The following was received and noted:-

- Newsletter from Essex Fire & Rescue Service (**for information**)
- Letter from Mr. A. Bugeja. A letter of appreciation had been sent to Mr. Bugeja thanking him for his help to the Parish Council.
- Letter from Rt. Hon Eric Pickles MP regarding VE Day 70th Anniversary
- Email regarding the Cycle Path in Hall Road (**refer to General Purposes Committee**) Clerk to contact **Hawkwell Parish Council to enquire whether we could submit a joint application to the LHP.** RDC Equality Policy (**refer to Staffing Committee**)
- EALC Legal Update (**for information**)

The following publications were available.

- EALC Mailing
- OPW Minutes
- Essex Links

166/14 Any motions received in the order of proper notification –

167/14 Streetlighting Outages/Highway Issues –

It was reported that the light in Somerset Avenue has still not been connected. .
It was reported that the lights in the Market Square were still faulty.

168/14 Consultative Documents - none


169/14 Planning Applications

The following Planning Applications were considered:-

15/00148/FUL 6 Mornington Ave Rochford
Single storey rear extension **Members had no objections to this application.**

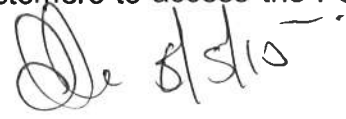
14/00833/FUL **Pembroke House Sutton Court Drive**
Construction of a single storey extension to create mobility scooter store and provide ramped access **Members fully supported this application .**

15/00135/FUL **Land Adjacent Sovereign Heights Weir Pond Road Rochford**
Construct Two Storey Pitched Roofed Rear Extension and Part Single Storey Rear Extension, provide External Staircase and Balcony and Convert Resulting Building into One 1-bedroomed and One 2-bedroomed Flats with Parking – **Members had objections to this application on the grounds of Overdevelopment of the site, together with what appeared to be inadequate parking provision.**

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License Application – Martins, West Street, Rochford

Members had very strong objections to this application, as there are already problems with underage drinking in the Town Centre, with at least four outlets in the vicinity selling alcohol. In addition, this particular shop is overcrowded with goods and any additional displays would cause problems for less abled customers to access the Post Office at the back of the shop.

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