

BRICKENDON LIBERTY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Brickendon Liberty Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 22 January 2009, at 7.30 pm in the Fanshaws Room, Brickendon.

*Cllr T J Barnard

*Cllr Mrs A N Downes

*Cllr G R Irwin (Chairman)

*Cllr L J Kotting

*Cllr J C Lambie

* denotes present.

In attendance: 2 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PARISHIONERS' COMMENTS

(i) Fanshaws Room – Chairs

Miss Retallick expressed her concerns regarding the periodic removal of the chairs from the hall which compromised the running of the whist club.

(ii) Parking at the Station

Cllr Lambie raised again the problem caused by the indiscriminate parking of vehicles in the vicinity of Bayford Station. The decision by Network Rail to charge for the use of the car park was resulting in motorists parking dangerously on the public highway.

The Chairman stated that this was a Police matter and he suggested that individual letters of complaint be forwarded to the Police.

(iii) Sustainable Community Strategy Consultation

Cllr Lambie informed members that he had attended the above seminar on Wednesday 21 January 2009.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER 2008

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the last meeting held on 27 November 2008 be accepted as a correct record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

5. MATTERS ARISING

(i) Land – Wormley West End

Cllr Mrs Downes informed members that she had obtained Estate Agents' particulars with regard to the sale of 5.5 acres of the total of 12 acres in the ownership of Mr Smith.

Cllr Mrs Downes had spoken to Mr Paul Dean to enquire what steps had been taken to seek the removal of the hardcore which had been laid in contravention of planning control. No response had been received, but having spoken to Mr Glyn Day it had been established that an enforcement notice had been served on Mr Smith.

The Chairman referred to a letter received from East Herts Council confirming that there was only one SSSI in the Parish. The Chairman stated that this was factually incorrect and he referred to land in Wormley West End in the vicinity of Mr Smith's land which he believed to be an SSSI. The Clerk was asked to request East Herts to revisit the earlier enquiry made by the Parish Council.

6. PLANNING

Members referred to the attached planning document (see Appendix A) and considered the applications awaiting comments. RESOLVED as follows:

(i) No objections were raised on the following applications:

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| 3/08/2105/FP/JS | Change of use of land to residential garden at The Studio, Broxbourne Common, Broxbourne. |
| 3/08/2130/FP/MC | The formation of a gravel surfaced overflow parking area at the Institute of the Motor Industry, Fanshaws Lane, Brickendon. |
| 3/08/2129/FP/MC | The provision of low level lighting on 0.90m high posts along the section of existing drive and footpath which gives pedestrian access to the buildings at Fanshaws from the public highway at the Institute of the Motor Industry, Fanshaws. |

(ii) Objections were raised on the following application:

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| 3/08/2124/FP/MC | Change of use of one residential unit to include partial demolition and refurbishment of existing paddock including new internal partitions, openings and rooflights and construction of glass link between two paddocks on site adjacent to Highfield Farm, Mangrove Lane. |
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7. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(I) Highways Report – 24 January 2009

Cllr Kotting tabled the attached report (See Appendix B).

(II) Other matters raised

(i) Village Green

Members had been circulated with a copy of a plan of the Village Green, which indicated that the track to the Golf Club was not part of the Green. The Chairman stated that he would arrange to visit County Records to confirm the position on the Commons Registration register.

(ii) Clements Farm

The action of the owners in laying hardcore had created a situation which resulted in the ponding of water onto the highway.

(iii) White Stubbs Lane

Cllr Mrs Downes referred to the recent ditching work which had been undertaken on White Stubbs Lane and she expressed her concern that the rubbish extracted from the ditch had been left on top of the bank instead of being removed.

8. MINUTES OF THE FANSHAWS ROOM COMMITTEE

In the absence of any Minutes Cllr Mrs Downes gave a brief resume of the matters raised at the last meeting.

Discussions had taken place as to whether there would be a fete this year and whether this should be annually or bi-annually – the difficulty being having someone to act as organiser, which was not an easy matter. However, it had been decided to set up a fete committee. It was also felt that, if the fete was to be held bi-annually, in the year that no fete was to be held a number of smaller events could be staged. The decision on the fete would be taken at a meeting to be held on 18 February 2009. The St George's Day celebrations would not take place neither the barbeque. However, it was planned to hold a VE Day celebration on 6 June and it was hoped that the marquee would be erected at the side of the hall. Local residents were keen to get involved with activities in the Parish.

Cllr Mrs Downes stated that there was a lot of enthusiasm in particular among newcomers to the village and one of the suggestions was for a welcoming (resident's curry party) to be staged

Cllr Barnard referred to the problem of securing an organiser for the fete and he felt that the Parish should not lose sight of the good work that had been done by the previous organiser. He felt that it was too much of a task to be undertaken by one person.

9. PARISH PLAN UPDATE

Cllr Lambie tabled for members' information a copy of the attached report. (See Appendix C)

10. SEE – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Members prior to discussing whether a donation should be made, debated the principle of whether this was a matter which the residents of the Parish should be supporting. Reference was made to the Parish Plan and to the fact that one of the actions was to oppose Harlow North and Stansted expansion plans. Therefore, the principle of support had been established.

RESOLVED that a donation of £100 be approved, such expenditure to be sanctioned under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

11. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(i) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the following accounts be duly authorised for payment:

360	Miss J Retallick	£83.88	Litter Agency
361	Broadmead Leisure Ltd	£70.50	Play equipment inspection
362	HCC	£73.71	Equipment and stationery
363	SSE	£100.00	Donation

(ii) Financial Statement

RESOLVED that the contents of the attached statement be received. (See Appendix D)

(iii) Budget Actual Statement

To note the attached statement. (See Appendix E)

12. PRECEPT 2009/2010

RESOLVED that the Precept for 2009/2010 be confirmed at £10,000.

Note: Clerk to discuss with the bank the abatement of bank charges.

13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Provision of Notice Boards.

14. CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Thursday, 26 March 2009, at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.