

Little Horkesley Parish Council

meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10 October

Present: Maria Oats (Chair)
Chris Exley
Hannah Taylor
Chris Jacobs
Roger Drury (Councillor/Clerk)

With Michael Scales.

Apologies were received from Cllr Nigel Chapman (CBC Rural North).

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest were declared in relation to agenda items.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September, including Chris Exley's email; of 25/9, were agreed as an accurate record.

2. Management of the Council

a. Chris Jacobs was welcomed as a new co-opted member of the Council, signed the Acceptance of Office Form and lodged her Notice of Registerable Interests – the Clerk agreed to raise whether her husband's relationship to the Council ought to be covered in this with Andrew Weavers, CBC Monitoring Officer.

Michael Scales was welcomed in his observer role.

b. The allocation of responsibilities between Councillors was discussed and the attached amended list approved – this will be revisited when Christine Jacobs' areas of particular interest are established.

3. Clerk's Report

a. Affordable Housing

The basis of the discussion was Chris Exley's attached email of 9/10 outlining the two Housing Associations (HA) under consideration.

Other points made:

- Close contact throughout the process with RCCE was essential;
- The two HAs would have the opportunity to "pitch" to the full Council;
- The properties would be affordable e.g. 80% of the market rentable value;
- The HAs would lead in the identifying suitable plots of land and negotiations with land owners.

It was agreed that keeping the community informed was an important part of the process and to that end Chris Exley would draft a piece for the Parish Magazine to update on progress and emphasising that the area of land required was minuscule.

The Clerk was asked to follow up with the Council's Insurance Company whether the policy covered fines that could be levied by the Information Commissioner in relation to breaches of the Data Protection Act.

b. Emergency Response Assistance Plan

The Data Protection Act implications of the Plan were discussed and the attached letter of Consent should be circulated to everyone in the community before names could be included in the Plan.

The timescale should be:

- This Autumn Maria Oats to finalise the letter – Roger Drury to set areas individual Councillors would distribute to;
- Review of the Plan to commence after consent had been given in the New Year.

c. Playing Field

It was reported that equipment had been painted by Stuart Mosley and looked excellent and that the fence would be budgeted for and repainted in 2018/19.

The illness of Gerry Munson was a concern and priority must be given to finding another contractor now unless Gerry could complete a final cut of the year—Hannah Taylor to investigate alternatives but a self- help option may be needed.

d. Roads & Verges

Highways have inspected various potholes in Water Lane and some repairs effected – their long term plans are not however known.

e. Little Horkesley PC Website

The website was fully up to date for the 2017/18 Financial results and further updating on roles of the individual Councillors would follow.

f. Superfast Essex

The slide show from a Parish Council meeting seemed to show a large amount of work being done by Gigaclear to the north of Colchester in 2019 including 151 km of cable laying.

Michael Scales reported that in view of the unreliable service he receives from County Broadband, which does not measure up to their stated standards, he had had discussions with Gigaclear on expanding their proposed cable laying in the village to include Vinnesse Road.

It was noted that no information was available on the costs of linking into the Gigaclear system or services available.

4. Planning

a. Application No: 182207 Westwood Home Farm, London Road, Great Horkesley

Although this application for business use of out buildings was not within the parish it was noted that Westwood Park appeared to be reviving the concept of a Centre for business.

b. Application No: 181348 Old Barn Cottage, Water Lane, Little Horkesley

The mention in the application to Community Infrastructure Levy related to a charge to the applicant whereby money goes to CBC for wider use.

c. Application No: PP-07199335 Essex & Suffolk Gliding Club

The application to extend the use of the airfield by Touring Motor Gliders (TMG) was noted – no adverse comment had been received and there was no basis for objection.

d. Amendments to the National Planning Policy Framework

No useful comments made.

5. Finance

a. The Quarterly Report showed a satisfactory surplus of £8,635.21 was noted although a significant invoice from CBC of £750+ for the rebarbing of the playground was outstanding.

b. The following payments were approved:

- RCCE £92.71 – postage on the Affordable Housing Survey;
- Stuart Mosley £395 – repainting the play equipment;
- A P Jacobs £100 – Playground monitoring.

6. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted;

- DV&SV Project AONB September Update;
- EALC September County update;
- EALC Legal Update
- RCCE Essex Warbler.

7. Items for the Next Agenda

..... (Maria Oats - Chair)

..... (Date)

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 November.