

TERLING AND FAIRSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th December 2006 at 7.00pm, in Terling Village Hall

Present

Mrs. A. Anderson (Chairman)
Mr. R. Sterck
Mr. I. Smith
Mr. C. Cutler
Mrs. S. MacNamara
Mrs. S. Wood
Mr. R. Dixon
Mr. P. Evans
Mrs. M. Galione. (District Councillor)
Mr. M. Lager (Essex County Councillor)
The Clerk
Trevor Lawrence, Tony Lynch (Community Wardens, Braintree District Council)
8 members of the public

- 69** Meeting open to members of the Public:
Trevor Lawrence, the Community Warden Co-ordinator, introduced the area Community Warden, Tony Lynch. He explained that he is only part-time, doing 18.5 hours per week and covers Black Notley and Hatfield Peverel too. He deals with anti-social behaviour, fly-tipping, dog fouling, littering and graffiti. He should soon be able to issue fixed penalty notices. He is available to assist at community events and covers weekends too. He is in close communication with the Police. The Parish Council's role is to report to him matters of concern. The Clerk was asked to advertise all this in the Parish magazine again. The Chairman thanked them both for coming. SS
- 70** **Apologies for Absence:**
Mr. P. Turner
Mr. J. Payne
Mr. P. Harrison
PC Gooding
- 71** **Minutes of the meeting held on November 21st:**
These were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman, with the addition of "which is preparatory to applying for a grant" at the end of paragraph 62.
- 72** **Matters Arising:**
None.
- 73** **District Councillor's and County Councillor's Reports:**
Black and White Notleys will be contacting this Parish Council,

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regarding the current Post Office problems. The suggestions for solutions to the problems are at consultation stage, comments by March 8th, to the Department of Trade and Industry.

At the recent Community Safety Meeting, this Parish was considered an area of low crime.

In the residents' council house ballot, the majority of tenants voted for the housing stock to be transferred to the Better Homes Housing Association. The transfer will take about two years, to get everything finalized.

The Council Tax bill for 2007/8 will only be raised by 3.8%.

Essex County Council is aware that the consultation period for road work is too long and is working to improve it.

74 Chairman's Report:

No report.

75 Councillors' Reports:

SM asked if a reply had been received yet from Wendy Jackson, regarding re-routing the buses to include Gambles Green and Flacks Green, but we are still waiting to hear.

76 Sub-committee Reports:

Finance:

The Precept form for 2007/8 was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that Terling and Fairstead Parish Council should ask for the same as last year, £14,750. The form was duly signed. Elections are due in May 2007, but surplus money will cover these costs.

IS will follow up the contact with the Football Club, to progress this expenditure. RD pointed out that surveys of the field would be necessary for grant applications.

IS

A letter had been received from the Police, suggesting that the Parish Council could obtain extra policing services, in return for match funding of £13,500. It was agreed not to progress this idea.

Environmental and Estate Liaison:

The Chairman will find out from Lord Rayleigh's Farms the preferred positions for benches on the River Walk.

AA

Health and Welfare:

The Clerk was asked to book the ROSPA Inspection for May 2007.

SS

IT and Public Relations:

CC was reminded to submit a bill for the web-site costs.

CC

The Clerk was asked to write to all village organizations, appealing for information for the web-site.

SS

Planning and Highways:

Boyd House, New Road. Application withdrawn.

Willow Cottage, Fuller Street. Change of Use of land from agricultural to garden. A special meeting had been called and all

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interested parties had attended. The Planning sub-committee had agreed that this application could not be supported, because of the impact on the neighbours.

Blixes Farm, Ranks Green. Erection of cattle building. No comment.
Helston, Braintree Road. Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of dwelling with detached garage. The Planning sub-committee supports this application, subject to all permitted development rights being removed and various conditions being imposed while the building work is undertaken.

9, The Estate Yard, The Street. Erection of single storey rear and first floor side extensions, garage and loft conversion. Application refused. A letter, from Clive Twin, had been read out at the last Parish Council meeting and after discussion, it was unanimously agreed to reply that his comments had been noted.

SS

Road Closure, New Road. December 17th. This had been advertised. Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas Applications. These can now be viewed on-line. It was agreed that for the time being, the Parish Council would still like to be sent the notices in paper form. (The Tree Warden would prefer this).

No reply had been received from Essex County Council Highways Department, to the Clerk's letter of concerns, dated December 8th. Some of these concerns have been expressed several times. Michael Lager, Essex County Council, asked for copies of correspondence, so that he can follow up these matters. In future, he would like to be copied in on correspondence. The Clerk will write again, concerning the dangerous bends at Halfway Houses, the hazardous well below the triangle of grass on River Hill and the potholes across the Parish.

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77 Clerk's Report:

The Clerk had worked 30 hours over 4 weeks.

The Chairman took the Circulation envelope, to study.

The replacement swing seat had been ordered and received and the Handyman will fix it soon.

CM

78 Village Design Statement:

The Committee had met on November 22nd and December 13th and had agreed to meet with representatives from Great Bardfield's successful Village Design Statement team. They were also hoping to get ideas from 5 other successful teams. Paul Tritton had offered help on historic buildings in the Parish. Another meeting had been arranged for January 17th and a public meeting on February 7th, to keep the Parish informed.

79 Co-options:

Three parishioners had expressed an interest in becoming Parish Councillors and filling the vacancies for Fairstead: Trevor Lewis, who lives at Ranks Green, Carolyn Godfrey, who lives in Terling and is on the Village Design Statement Committee. Both of these are long-standing residents and Daren White, who has lived in Fuller Street for just over a year. It was agreed to have a written ballot and the Clerk had prepared ballot papers. As a result of this, Trevor Lewis and Carolyn Godfrey were co-opted and issued with the necessary paperwork.

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80.1 Correspondence received:

EALC: Several Courses, including one on Village Design Statements and one on Web-sites. These were given to the appropriate Councillors.

Matthew Sanctuary, Trading Standards Operational Manager: To ask the Parish Council to monitor traffic on weight restricted roads. The Clerk was asked to query how we would identify these roads and how we would know the weight of lorries. SS

Linda Hadley, Braintree District Council: Parish Clerks' Forum on February 22nd, 2007. The Clerk will be away, but will ask for information to be sent after the forum. SS

Mark Aldous, Braintree District Council: Information on Sports funding. IS will contact him, to see if he can offer advice for the Football Club. IS

80.2 Correspondence issued:

Andrew Harris: To answer his queries at the last Parish Council meeting.

Mrs. Riley, Rileys: Letter from the Chairman, regarding her recent Planning Application and letter from the Clerk, cancelling the venue for the Parish Council's Christmas buffet.

Essex County Council: To query why the Parish Council has not been consulted on the proposed bye-pass options, when they run so close to the Parish. Buffet Invitations.

Essex County Council, Highways Dept.: Various matters of concern.

The Clerk, Hatfield Peverel Parish Council: To discuss dates for the next Cluster meeting. It was agreed to wait until after the May elections and the AGM.

Mobile Library Service: Questionnaire.

Braintree District Council: To inform the Council that we will not require an Activities Day in the Summer Holidays, 2007.

81 Any other business:

The grass at the top of the Dismals, opposite Terling School, is being eroded by parents' vehicles. The Handyman will investigate. CM

Concern was expressed on the future of Terling Post Office and Stores. It was agreed that the Chairman would make an appointment to see the MP and the Clerk would write to the Post Office, asking for clarification on criteria for Post Office closures, before deciding what course of action to take. AA
SS

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, January 30th, 2007.

Monday, March 12th, 2007.

Both these meetings are at 7.00pm, at Terling Village Hall.