

TERLING AND FAIRSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th February 2008 at 7.00pm. at Terling Village Hall.

Present:

Mrs. A. Anderson (Chairman)
Mr. R. Dixon
Mrs. S. MacNamara
Mrs. C. Godfrey
Mr. I. Smith
Mrs. P. Bird
Mr. T. Lewis
Mr. D. White
Mrs. S. Stewart (Clerk)
Mr. C. Marshall (Handyman)
Tony Lynch (Community Warden)
PCSO Nikki Doubleday
3 members of the public.

Apologies for Absence:

Mr. C. Cutler
Mr. A. Meyer
Mrs. M. Galione (District Councillor)

79 Meeting open to members of the public:

A member of the public asked why the street lamp in the Dismals was taking so long to connect. The Clerk explained that the lamp was erected on January 15th and EDF was sent a cheque immediately for the amount, quoted for in May, which had been confirmed. EDF had just informed the Clerk that this would not be enough, because a longer cable would be required. Another £1001.00 would be needed. The Parish Council felt that this information should have been communicated when EDF disconnected the original lamp, as the engineers must have known the circumstances at the time. IS will draft a letter for the Clerk to send. This will, of course, delay the connection of the lamp.

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80 Co-option:

The Clerk had spoken to Mrs. Alder, whose name had been put forward, at the last Parish Council meeting. She had said that she would be willing to serve as a Councillor, and had told the Clerk of her previous work as a Councillor, in Writtle. It was decided to invite her to meet the Councillors, before the start of the next Council meeting, after which a vote will take place.

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81 Minutes of the Meeting held on January 15th, 2008:

These were unanimously approved.

82 Matters Arising:

The Community refuse vehicle, which had visited the Parish on January 19th, had been well used in both locations, Orion Scaffolding Yard at Fuller Street and the Dismals, Terling.

The mole catcher had caught three moles, in the Children's Playground and had recommended that the Parish Council do not enter an annual contract, but contact him when there is a problem again. This was approved. The cost for this service was £130.00.

CG had found out that Recycling bags can be obtained from the library at £2.00 each. Once a year, in the spring these are available in bulk and it was decided to wait until then, because they could be free and then made available at Terling Stores.

83 PCSO Nikki Doubleday's Report:

Two drivers had been apprehended for offences and an attempted burglary had been reported. A garage window had been damaged and several smaller incidents had been reported. Parishioners should be aware of bogus callers and door to door salesmen, and ask for ID. A successful Beat Surgery had taken place at Terling Stores and two more had been arranged for March 6th and April 3rd, both from 16.00 until 18.30. Posters will be displayed. A letter had been received from a parishioner, complaining about drivers and litter in Fairstead Road. PCSO Nikki Doubleday will visit the parishioner and the Community Warden will see to the litter. The Parishioner also complained about the state of the post box area at Fairstead. The Clerk will write to the post office. TL requested a random speed check at Ranks Green at commuting times and PCSO Doubleday will organise this.

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84 District Councillors' Reports:

Mrs. Galione had sent a copy of a letter, which she had sent to the Planning Department of Braintree District Council, regarding the planning application problems at Great Warley Hall.

85 Chairman's Report:

Philip Palmer of the football club is liaising with Lord Rayleigh, regarding plans to create a viable club for local youngsters.

Lord Rayleigh's Farms had assured the Chairman that hedge flailing is the correct procedure and is done at the recommended time of year, on a two year rota.

The Chairman will try and contact Paul Humphries soon.

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86 Councillors' Reports:

TL was pleased that the Handyman had moved the notice board and litter-picked at Ranks Green. He and Colin Adams will now discuss the location for the proposed bench.

DW reported that there were still highway's problems at Fuller Street: water running down the road, the 30mph sign, which had

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come down, had not been re-erected, the Fuller Street and Fairstead place-name signs are still outstanding, a large pothole is still dangerous, and a barrier in Ranks Green has been knocked down by a lorry. The Clerk will report these and other highways matters to Essex County Council. The Handyman has made doors for the Fuller Street notice board. The Coronation bench there is quite dilapidated. It was agreed to make enquiries about a new bench, with the possibility of incorporating the carving from the old bench. CG told the meeting that wheely bins are coming to the Parish soon, 140L. or 180L., collected fortnightly. Braintree District Council will be writing to all householders. CG had attended a Rural Community Council of Essex Green Village Conference, which had been very informative. Galleywood had been a flagship for many projects. PB said that parishioners were impressed with the two new saltboxes, which Essex County Council had replaced.

87 Sub-committee Reports:

Finance:

The new street lamp and the lamp at Terling Ford had been insured for their replacement value. The new lamp had been paid for, but the installation cost is still outstanding.

Because of it being the Cricket Club closed season, The Chairman, Nigel McKenzie, had been unable to find a coaching course for youngsters, as had been agreed. The Parish Council approved that the money for this could be held over into the next financial year.

The Health and Welfare sub-committee will look into purchasing a new piece of equipment for the Children's Playground.

Environmental:

No report.

Estate Liaison:

No report.

Health and Welfare:

It was approved that the Clerk will book the ROSPA inspection in May, for the Children's Playground.

IT and Public Relations:

The web-site has 800 visits per month.

There were no replies to CC's offer that local organizations could feature on the web-site.

CC has contacted County Broadband, for details of their services.

Planning and Highways:

A speed and volume survey will take place in Crow Pond Road.

Ashcroft, Ranks Green: proposed replacement dwelling following demolition and clearing of existing one, together with clearance of redundant barn. No comment, except that any future developments should come under Braintree District Council's remit.

Thatchetty Cottage, Application 1): demolition of conservatory and erection of rear single storey extension, to create ensuite and study.

Granted. Application 2): erection of single storey extension to kitchen. The Planning sub-committee feel that it is not right to demolish walls of old character buildings. CG will visit the owners.

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The property is not listed and RD will find out about spot-listing.

A letter had been received about new planning application forms-1APP. The Planning sub-committee will discuss these.

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The Clerk had written to the Standards Board about Braintree District's Council's way of dealing with Bladon's planning application. The reply had stated that this did not come into the Standard Board's jurisdiction, but the Parish Council could contact the Local Government Ombudsman. It was agreed to do this.

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The Planning sub-committee will draft a letter to Development Control, concerning the possibility of Orion Scaffolding, Fuller Street being developed.

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88 Clerk's Report:

Hours- 41 over 5 weeks.

The circulation envelope was distributed.

There had been no response to the visit of the Youth bus to the Parish.

PC Corringham, Kelvedon Police Station, will soon be patrolling the Parish on a bicycle.

John Payne had given the Clerk a copy of the Council's Standing Orders on a compact disc. He had commented that the standing orders were not up to date. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the EALC to check this.

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The garden waste collection service will recommence in March. Posters will be displayed and the dates will be put in the Parish magazine.

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89 Village Design Statement:

250 questionnaires had been completed and returned- 33%. The replies will now be analysed and this will be reported on at the next Parish Council meeting.

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The draw took place and the winning numbers are all green tickets: 661, 368 and 384. If any prizes are unclaimed, another draw will be held at the next Parish Council meeting.

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The deliverers were thanked and John and Mandy Dickson, for allowing Terling Stores to be the central collecting point.

90 Parish Footpaths:

The Clerk had circulated a report of the meeting, which took place on February 12th, with Tim Gardiner from Essex County Council. The Parish Councillors were sorry to hear that Derek Turner is no longer willing to be involved with the

- footpaths. The Chairman will arrange a meeting with him to see if he would still oversee the Terling footpaths. Discussion followed as to what would be best for the Parish Council to purchase with the £2000 grant, which Essex County Council would give for 2007/8 and then another £2000 grant for 2008/9. After much discussion, a vote took place and it was agreed by a majority of 7/1 to firstly purchase a trailer, to carry a mini tractor, to keep the footpaths tidy. (A tractor would cost around £10,000, so the Parish would have to finance the rest of the project). DW will be responsible for buying the trailer. (He also took information on applying for a grant from the Witham Area Committee). AA
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- 91 Terling Stores and Post Office:**
The information on the leaflets, which were returned, has now been entered onto a spreadsheet and CC, TL and CG will consolidate this. CC
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- 92.1 Correspondence received:**
Braintree District Council, Witham Area Committee meeting: The Chairman took this information. AA
Rural Community Council of Essex, Questionnaire: CG will fill this in. CG
Essex County Council, Notification of a Civic Service at Chelmsford Cathedral: IS will attend. IS
EALC, Course: Roles and Responsibilities.
- 93.2 Correspondence issued:**
Braintree District Council, David Triggs: grant applying query.
Braintree District Council, Development Control: queries re land adjacent to 1, Brookside Cottages, Fuller Street and Garnetts Mead.
Farleigh Hospice: Hops Project- mobile unit visit, suggested dates and contacts.
Community Warden and PCSO Nikki Doubleday: meeting dates.
- 94 Any other business:**
The Chairman told the meeting that she will stand down as Chairman at the AGM.
The Clerk was asked to write to Andrew Meyer, regarding his interest in Terling and Fairstead Parish Council. SS
RD expressed concern regarding the parking at Terling School, especially on the yellow lines. The Clerk will ask PCSO Nikki Doubleday to act on this. SS
Litter Pick, Terling date: Saturday, May 10th.
- The meeting closed at 10.15pm.**
- Next Meeting Dates:**
Tuesday, April 15th, at 7.00pm in the Committee room at The Square and Compasses.
Tuesday, May 20th, at 7.00pm at Terling Village Hall. This meeting will incorporate the Annual Parrish Meeting and the Annual Meeting.
Cluster Meeting to be arranged in June. Terling to host.