

Herongate and Ingrave Parish Council



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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St. Andrews Methodist Church Hall, Herongate on Wednesday, 23rd November 2011 at 7.15pm

In the Chair: Cllr A. Marsh

Present: Cllr A. Bayless Cllr S. Theobald
Cllr D. Harman Cllr A. Thurgood
Cllr K. Pegram

Officers: Mrs. T. Grainger (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: Three including Ken Wright (former Councillor), one member of the Press and Cllr J. Roberts

11/12.122 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Ken Wright advised Members of the sad passing of Muriel Watkinson who died on 1st November 2011. Muriel was a well-known figure in the community and Cllr A. Marsh passed on the condolences of the Members to her friends.

Ken also mentioned that the builders at Ingrave Johnstone School seem to be churning up the footpath running alongside the school towards Peartrees. Cllr A. Marsh said that he would ask a Highways Inspector to take a look. Cllr Harman to follow this up.

On another point Ken spoke of the Remembrance Day Ceremony and reported that just under £1,000 was raised from the poppy collection between the two villages. Cllr A. Marsh suggested that next year the Parish Council should be represented at the Remembrance Day Parade.

11/12.123 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Maclellan who had to attend another Council meeting, Cllr Murphy who had to attend a Highways Localism Panel meeting on behalf of the Parish Council and Cllr K. Marsh who was detained in London. **Apologies were accepted.**

11/12.124 MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting dated 25th October 2011 be approved with the following amendments:

11/12/119 Reports from Councillors

- Cllr A. Marsh spoke about the planned redevelopment of Button Common. Cllr Theobald had a telephone conversation with Lord Petre who is in favour of the changes providing the site is still secure. A member of Lord Petre's Manorial Court is holding £1,000 which will be used towards the cost of the works for the Golden Jubilee.

official position of this development. Cllr Bayless mentioned that he had heard a rumour that the Esso Garage in Ingrave wanted to put in a mini market. Cllr. A. Marsh asked Cllr. Watkins to check on this also.

11/12.131 HERONGATE TYE

- (a) Cllr Roberts has been pressing on with the provision of a school bus service to Herongate Tye. The existing bus provider, Nelson, say that their current bus is too big to travel down to Herongate Tye and turn around. He is pushing to get an extra smaller bus from them.
- (b) Cllr A. Marsh reported that the provision of the school bus was being discussed at the Highways Localism Panel meeting being held that evening. The Highways Rangers have not yet cleared the area in question but he was hopeful that this would be completed before the next meeting. Cllr A. Marsh thanked Cllr Roberts for all his efforts in these matters to date.

11/12.132 HERONGATE MUSEUM

In the absence of Cllr Murphy this matter was deferred until the next meeting.

11/12.133 HERONGATE VILLAGE HALL

Cllr A. Marsh reviewed developments so far. Cllr Pegram has made good progress with her investigations and established that the Diocesan Office in Chelmsford may be willing to release the covenant on the property completely. At the moment Brentwood Borough Council is registered as Custodian Trustee but has no legal interest in the property. The Parish Council is trying to set up a group of Trustees and has written to nearly all of the registered appointing organisations listed on the conveyance document asking them to propose a representative to decide the fate of the hall. Cllr A. Marsh asked that when the Trustees come forward Cllr Pegram seeks further advice from the Borough's legal department.

11/12.134 IT

- (a) Cllr Harman has given an off line copy of the Parish Council website to Vince Penkul to see if he can help with development. One issue highlighted was that when the Borough introduced the new planning software the links between the Borough and the Parish website were lost.
- (b) Cllr A. Marsh discussed the possibility of holding a Technology Swap/Recycle Day where residents could bring along old technology they no longer required and others could pick up pieces they could use. Any leftover equipment would be taken to a Disposal Services Authority site. He is in discussion with this organization regarding how to progress this idea.

11/12.135 SUNDAY BUS SERVICE

In the absence of Cllr Murphy this matter was deferred until the next meeting.

11/12.136 LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

Cllr A. Marsh explained that the tree was now in place and the lights were going to be put up the following day. The Christmas Card competition had taken place and Cllr A. Marsh presented Members with the cards to pick a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The winner will be asked to turn on the lights and the winning card will be printed next Christmas for residents to use.

11/12.137 COUNCILLOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Cllr A. Marsh explained that the recruitment of a Project Development Officer was not feasible at the moment. He asked to spend some time with Members in the New Year to see what could be achieved.

11/12/138 LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Cllr A. Marsh reported on the resident in Middle Road who is trying to set up a residents' organization for Middle Road/Common Road. Cllr A. Marsh said that he would like the Parish Council to help improve and intergrate with all the local organisations.

11/12/139 OLYMPIC TORCH

Cllr K. Marsh will chair a committee of volunteers and several people/organisations/clubs have expressed their enthusiasm and interest. Cllr A. Marsh asked for volunteers to help with ideas for events and maybe to help with the organization. Both Cllr Thurgood and Cllr Theobald offered to help. Ideas for the event are to be reviewed at the next meeting.

11/12.140 CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr A. Marsh announced that he had received through the Newsletter email two replies in support the salt bins. Priestsfield residents would like their own salt bin.

A resident from St. Nicholas Grove has emailed regarding signs – 1. A rusting road sign which will be brought to the attention of the Highways Department and 2. The Ingrave Village sign which he asked be moved nearer the road, however this is not possible as that would place it on council land.

11/12/141 TRAINING

Localism & Planning Day This course is now free. Cllrs, Bayless, Harman, Watkinson and Thurgood expressed an interest.

11/12.142 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- Cllr Harman mentioned that he had been in touch with Highways regarding the hedges alongside St. Andrews Methodist Church and these had now been cut back. Also the lamp on the corner of Thorndon Gate and the A128 had now been repaired.
- Cllr Bayless reported that he had had no luck in getting the two AS signs in Herongate repaired and this matter has been passed onto Cllr Roberts.

11/12/143 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Herongate Museum
- Sunday Bus Service
- Olympic Torch
- Bus service to Shenfield Station

11/12/144 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 24th January 2012 at St. Nicholas Church Hall, Ingrave commencing at 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed:..... Chairman

Date:.....