

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 25th April 2012 at 7.15pm

In the Chair: Cllr A. Marsh

Present: Cllr A. Bayless, Cllr D. Harman, Cllr K. Marsh, Cllr K. Pegram, Cllr S. Theobald, Cllr. A. Thurgood, Cllr R. Watkins

Officers: Mrs. T. Grainger (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: Thirteen plus Cllr. J. Roberts (Essex County Council)

12/13.001 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest

A local resident, with a smallholding in Middle Road, reported that since 25th February 2012 vehicles have been coming to his premises on a weekly basis on Friday and Saturday nights, to steal eggs. He has twice dialed 999 but unfortunately the police could not find him. He has gone to the trouble and expense of installing CCTV which has caught the perpetrators on four different occasions and he has given the index numbers of the cars to the police but at this time nothing had been done. He has various file reference numbers from the police. He also mentioned that other Middle Road residents had complained to him that their cars were being 'egged'. Cllr A. Marsh responded that he, together with other local residents, has reported a range of incidences over the years in this area and has had success with the police arresting drug dealers. However, this success rate now seems to have broken down with police being unable to distinguish between properties in that part of our rural area. Cllr Theobald said that a resident had reported to him the fact that his house was being targeted with eggs. Another resident said he knew of a local theft where the police had not responded a week after the incident. Cllr A. Marsh asked for details of this incident. Cllr Watkins suggested the Parish Council write to the new Police Chief in Brentwood regarding this issue and all Members agreed to this. Cllr Roberts suggested a copy to Cllr Anthony Jackson, Chairman of the Essex Police Authority.

A resident reminded Cllr A. Marsh that as mentioned in the January 2012 meeting, his neighbour would like to put a commemorative bench on the Diamond Jubilee Orchard site. He also asked the progress so far in securing the Commemorative Book. Cllr A. Marsh will respond when he has more information.

12/13.002 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Sheila Murphy who was on a family holiday and Cllr Linda Golding who attended but was unable to gain access to the building. **Apologies were accepted.**

Proposed: Cllr A. Marsh **Seconded:** Cllr Bayless **All agreed**

12/13.003 Minutes

It was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th March 2012 be accepted as a true record and signed by Cllr A. Marsh, Chairman with the following small amendment:

11/12.195 Olympic Flame

“It has been decided that there will be two separate parts to the day,” should read “two phases to the day,”

Proposed: Cllr Bayless **Seconded:** Cllr A. Marsh **All agreed**

12/13.004 Progress Report from the Clerk

Agenda Point 11/12.176 Herongate Museum

The Clerk contacted Dominic, the builder, regarding his estimate to repair the roof of the Museum and he will do the work in three to four weeks.

12/13.005 To receive Members’ declarations of interest in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

12/13.006 FINANCE

(a) Cheques signed since the last meeting:

Payee	Cheque No,	Amount
None		

Cheques signed at this meeting:

S. Murphy	601	£89.99
Administration	602	£444.61
HMRC	603	£79.92
EALC	604	£556.77
Brentwood Borough Council	605	£714.01
SLCC	606	£110.00
Administration	607	£666.21
Essex Pension Fund	608	£225.36
SJK Planning Ltd	609	£250.00
Vision Computing (Essex) Ltd.	610	£130.00

(b) Bank Reconciliation as at 25.04.12

Current Account	£14,365
30 Day Investment Account	£3,843
Investment Account 1.55%	£50,000
Investment Account 1.70%	£15,000

Proposed: Cllr Harman **Seconded:** Cllr Theobald **All Agreed**

12/13.007 Parking Restrictions at Hernshaw, Herongate

Residents outlined their concerns regarding the proposed parking restrictions of double yellow lines 15m either side from the junction of the A128 in Hernshaw, Herongate. Most residents object to these proposals with a few exceptions. Letters of objection have been mailed with one resident having emailed on two occasions without receiving a response. Residents feel that they should have been consulted on this matter so that an amicable solution could be found, instead, if the restrictions are put in place, they will have to park their cars on the A128, causing chaos or in side roads opposite, causing further congestion. There was a recent meeting of residents with Cllr S. Murphy and Cllr. L. Golding attending. Cllr A. Marsh suggested that residents keep on putting forward their concerns. An email representing residents’ concerns will be sent by the deadline for response on 26.04.12.

Cllr Roberts mentioned that power has been removed from the Borough Highways Panel and a new County Council Panel consisting of four Brentwood Borough Councillors and four County Councillors has been

constituted. The first meeting will be in May but any plans in transition will be completed as previously agreed.

12/13.008 IT

- (a) Cllr Harman outlined the proposals of the new website, details of which had been previously emailed to Members. It was agreed that the Council needs a website that is efficient and accessible.
- (b) Members approved the estimate of £650.00 from Vision Computing (Essex) Ltd. with a deposit cheque of £130.00 being issued that evening.

Proposed: Cllr Bayless Seconded: Cllr K. Marsh All agreed

12/13.009 Crime and Disorder

Cllr A. Marsh informed Members that the base for one of the benches to be installed on Ingrave Playing Fields had been vandalized prior to the concrete setting. The contractor will now replace this base and use a concrete hardener.

Cllr Thurgood reported a burglary which had taken place in The Meadows at 6pm on the previous Friday evening. Fortunately the thief was seen crossing other gardens and left behind the stolen property.

12/13.010 Herongate Village Hall

Cllr A. Marsh reported on the informal meeting held on Monday, 23rd May 2012 of all the nominated representatives of the organisations on the title deeds. The meeting was arranged to discuss if the organisations would be prepared to reconstitute a Board of Trustees for registration with the Charities Commission. The general feeling at the meeting was that the ideal outcome for the hall was demolition and the land returned to greensward. It has been established that the registered owner of the land and building on the title deeds is Brentwood Borough Council. Cllr. L. Golding, representing Brentwood Borough Council, is going to speak with Steve Boyle, Head of Legal and Governance Monitoring Officer, Brentwood Borough Council, regarding this matter and ask that a buildings inspector visit the hall to see if it is dangerous.

12/13.011 Planning

9 Donovans Gardens, Herongate

Cllr A. Marsh commended Cllr Watkins on the way he handled the Chairman of Brentwood Borough Planning Committee regarding the retrospective application for this property. The application was finally refused but the Committee asked if the Parish Council and the applicant could work together to reach a suitable solution to the matter. Cllr Watkins said that we now await another application from the owners, possibly using wrought ironwork instead to make the wall less imposing. Cllr Watkins also spoke about the National Planning Policy Framework under which we had received our first planning application in Pittmans Close. Cllr Watkins would like advice/instruction on NPPF and Cllr A. Marsh said he would write to the Chief Planner.

A list of applications received and determined during March was received and agreed.

Proposed: Cllr Harman Seconded: Cllr Watkins All agreed

12/13.012 Correspondence

A list of correspondence, having been previously circulated, was noted.

Cllr Harman asked about a letter regarding War Memorials and the War Memorial currently situated at St. Andrews Methodist Church frontage commemorating the 1914 – 1918 War. Cllr Marsh explained that he is going to contact the MOD to see if there were any lives lost in subsequent action so that names could be added to the Memorial. The Parish Council has a budget code for War Memorials however there is funding available from outside sources for maintenance.

12/13.013 Reports from Councillors

- Cllr A. Marsh reported that Cllr Golding had spent considerable time keeping an eye on fields abutting the slip road from the A128 onto the southbound side of the A127. Cllr Theobald described

some of the work being carried out on the site. Highways Department are now involved regarding the access onto the slip road, which is 60mph increasing to 70mph. Cllr Golding and Cllr Theobald will both continue to be vigilant regarding this matter.

- Cllr Bayless asked that the notice boards be cleaned and tidied up.
- Cllr Thurgood asked if anybody would be interested in running/supporting a sports themed activity/stall at the Olympic Event. She also asked Cllr K. Marsh about the possibility of securing security/marshaling for the event. The number required to be agreed.

12/13.014 Items from Councillors to be added to the next Agenda

None.

12/13.015 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 22nd May 2012 at St. Nicholas Church Hall, Ingrave, as follows:-

***ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 6.30PM
The Agenda for the Annual Assembly can be set by the Residents.
FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 7.30PM***

12/13.016 Exclusion of the Public

Council approved that pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussions relation to personnel matters.

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed:..... Chairman

Date:.....