

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, 27th February 2013 at 7.15pm

In the Chair: Cllr A. Marsh

Present: Cllr D. Harman (Vice Chair), Cllr A. Bayless, Cllr A. Kingsford, Cllr S. Murphy, Cllr A. Thurgood and Cllr S. Theobald

Officers: Mrs. T. Grainger (Clerk)

Members of the public: Cllr J. Roberts (ECC) and two members of the public

12/13.145 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest

No issues were raised.

12/13.146 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr K. Pegram. **Apologies were accepted.**

Proposed: Cllr Marsh Seconded Cllr Harman All agreed

Cllr Marsh reported that Cllr R. Watkins had resigned.

12/13.147 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd January 2013 were accepted as a true record and signed by Cllr Marsh (Chairman).

Proposed: Cllr Murphy Seconded: Cllr Kingsford All agreed

12/13.148 Progress Report from the Clerk

Report on matters arising from Minutes dated 22nd January 2013:

- **12/13.123 Public participation session**

Lent Invest – I have been unable to organise anything with the Church or the School PA regarding Lent Invest as they already have other commitments. Cllr Marsh has suggested we take this forward. Gary Raynor, our Guest Speaker, has sent me a link to www.communications&independentage.org for a free booklet called a Life Improving Wise Guide aimed at our older residents. I will arrange for this to be added to our website.

- **12/13.126 Progress Report**

Point 2 – Ingrave Sign: I have now received information from Essex Highways and it appears that moving the sign will not be the case of straight forward permission. I have been sent an application for a street works licence and the cost to ECC will be either £775 for a 5 year licence or £875 for a 25 year licence. Cllr Marsh and I are looking into this further.

- **12/13.140 Reports from Councillors**

I have been unable to obtain hard copies of the leaflet “Your Dog in the Countryside” however I now have a pdf version which will go on our website.

12/13.149 To receive Members’ declarations of interest in items on the agenda

There were no Declarations of Interest.

12/13.150 FINANCE

(a) Cheques signed since the last meeting:

Payee	Cheque No,	Amount
None		

(b) Cheques signed at this meeting

Payee	Cheque No.	Amount
SJK Planning	689	£168.00
Administration	690	£649.69
Administration	691	£474.64
HMRC	692	£88.13
Essex Pension Fund	693	£228.30
Cheques Cancelled	694 & 695	
E.ON	696	£24.40

(c) Bank Reconciliation for February

Current Account	£13,696
30 Day Investment Account	£3,844
Investment Account 2.44%	£25,000
Investment Account 1.80%	£20,000

Proposed: Cllr Bayless Seconded: Cllr Kingsford All agreed

12/13.151 Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

(a) Standing Orders approved.

(b) Financial Regulations approved.

Proposed: Cllr Harman Seconded: Cllr Bayless All agreed

12/13.152 Crime and Disorder

There were no incidents to report. Cllr Murphy spoke about a presentation she and Cllr Kingsford had attended at the Council Chambers called “Operation Albatross”, which is a new method of community policing that is being piloted in Brentwood by Essex Police. The concept is to enlist Capable Guardians from local residents, who will be given high visibility jackets to wear when they are out and about, to report on any suspicious activity and possibly deter crime by their presence. Nobody will be expected to intervene but simply alert the authorities as necessary.

12/13.153 Dog Bins

The idea of a litter/dog bin in Middle Road (Northward) together with the possibility of another at the entrance to the path between the Golf Course and Thorndon Hall in Thorndon Gate was agreed in principle. No costs were available for the meeting, however this is in hand. This item will be discussed at the next meeting

12/13.154 Annual Parish Assembly 28th May 2013

Further to Operation Albatross mentioned above, Cllr Murphy suggested that the Council invite Guest Speaker/s to talk about how working together we can create a safer community. Cllr Murphy to follow this up.

12/13.155 Planning

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

Proposed: Cllr Harman Seconded: Cllr Bayless All agreed

12/13.156 Correspondence

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

12/13.157 Training

No requests were made.

12/13.158 Reports from Councillors

- Cllr Theobald mentioned that on Sunday mornings at about 9.15am Gypsies/Travellers were racing their ponies and carts along the A127 by the Halfway House and blocking off the traffic, forcing vehicles up the slip road. Cllr Murphy said she would report this to CI Paul Wells. Cllr Theobald also reported he had heard that the land off the slip road to the A127 eastbound was going to be used for car boot sales, commencing in the spring.
- Cllr Murphy advised that there would be a meeting regarding the Sunday Bus Service on 7th March and she would report again at the next meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr Marsh said he would be interested to know Doddinghurst's position. A member of the Public stated that the 565 bus service was not reliable. Cllr Murphy also reported that she was going to attend a meeting with Ingrave Johnstone School to discuss their 100 year centenary celebrations. She asked if the Parish Council would like to be involved and will email all Councillors for their ideas.
- Cllr Harman spoke about the good progress in obtaining Superfast Broadband. He has been in contact with the Project Management Officer, Next Generation Access, ECC and has arranged for a representative to attend the Parish Council meeting in March as a guest speaker to make a presentation on ECC Superfast Broadband Communications. A more detailed report is available from the Clerk. Posters will be displayed advertising this presentation.
- Cllr Kingsford advised that the work on Peartree Pond to clear the weed was going ahead and the pond and surrounding area would be maintained for 8 months of the year on a 2 year contract. Cllr Murphy (BBC) offered £600 from her Ward fund to support the pond clearance. This was gratefully accepted. Cllr Kingsford also stated that he had had further copies of the plans printed for the redevelopment of Button Common which would now be going out for tender.
- Cllr Marsh reported that both he and Cllr Murphy had been approached in the form of a letter and brochure by the owner of the land opposite Button Common. The owners have had a pre-application meeting with the Borough regarding the development of the land to build 6 houses. There is going to be another pre-application meeting on 11th June. The Parish Council has issues that this is green belt land and not brown fields as suggested. Cllrs Marsh and Murphy will take this matter up with the Borough.

12/13.159 Items from Councillors to be added to the next Agenda

None were requested.

12/13.160 The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26th March 2013 at St. Nicholas Church Hall, Ingrave, commencing 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed:..... Chairman

Date:.....