

Herongate and Ingrave Parish Council



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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St. Nicholas Church Hall, Ingrave on Tuesday, 23rd October 2012 at 7.15pm

In the Chair: Cllr A. Marsh

Present: Cllr D. Harman (Vice Chair), Cllr S. Theobald, Cllr A. Thurgood and Cllr R. Watkins

Officers: Mr D. Tooke-Kirby (RFO)

Members of the public: Cllr John Roberts (ECC), Mr Nick Alston (Conservative candidate for the position of Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex police area) and five member of the public

12/13.090 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest

- A resident mentioned that the wooden posts by Meadows Close had been removed and was concerned as to why? Members were unable to answer and Cllr Marsh offered to look into this matter.
- The Ingrave sign also needs attention.
- Another resident raised the issue to the gulley at the junction of Common Road and Middle Road which floods. It seems that residents had tried to call Brentwood Council to be told that the land did not belong to the Borough. Cllr Marsh responded to say that he will take this up with the Borough as he was sure this was not private land.
- Mr. Nick Alston, who is the Conservative candidate for the position of Police and Crime Commissioner of Essex police area at the forthcoming elections on 15th November 2012, gave a brief overview of his candidacy. He recommended that we view www.policeelections.com for full information.

12/13.091 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr S. Murphy who was on holiday, Cllr K. Pegram who is on maternity leave and Mrs T. Grainger (Clerk) who was on holiday. **Apologies were accepted.**

Proposed: Cllr A. Marsh

Seconded: Cllr A. Thurgood

All agreed

12/13.092 Minutes

This matter was deferred until the next meeting.

12/13.093 Progress Report from the Clerk

This matter was deferred until the next meeting.

12/13.094 To receive Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

12/13.095 FINANCE

(a) Cheques signed since the last meeting:

Payee	Cheque No,	Amount
None		

(b) Cheques signed at this meeting

Payee	Cheque No.	Amount
Vision Computing (Essex) Ltd.	650	£37.50
St. Andrews Methodist Church	651	£80.00
Cancelled	652	
Cinnamon Photography	653	£180.00
Show and Event Security	654	£2127.60
Administration	655	£637.68
Administration	656	£319.05
Essex Pension Fund	657	£201.31
HMRC	658	£63.96
Cannell Signs	659	£196.80

Bank Reconciliation as at 23.10.12

Current Account	£6,347
30 Day Investment Account	£3,844
Investment Account 1.55%	
Investment Account 1.70%	£15,000
Investment Account 2.44%	£25,000
Investment Account 1.80%	£20,000

Mr D. Tooke-Kirby (RFO) requested that the Council moves a further £1,000 into the Budget for Tourism to cover Olympic Torch Event cheques

Proposed: Cllr A. Marsh Seconded: Cllr R. Watkins All agreed

12/13.096 New Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests

(a) Code of Conduct.

(b) Declaration of Interests

Cllr A. Marsh suggested that the Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests be adopted by 1st December 2012. If any Members have a problem with this they should make their concerns known to the Chairman and Clerk BEFORE the next meeting on 28th November 2012.

Proposed: Cllr A. Marsh Seconded: Cllr D. Harman All agreed

12/13.097 First Aid Taster Session

The cost of purchasing a mannequin for future First Aid Courses, verbal guide £150.00, was agreed.

Proposed: Cllr S. Theobald Seconded: Cllr D. Harman All agreed

12/13.098 Crime and Disorder

- Members discussed the recent attempted theft of BT cable which left parts of the villages without a telephone connection for several days. The Parish Council is not aware if anybody has been caught for this crime.

- It was reported that somebody driving a silver van with Irish plates has been seen selling tools in villages and the police are interested if anyone has information, especially in view of the recent thefts from garages/sheds recently.
- Cllr S. Theobald reported that there was an attempted theft of the Button Common gate so he has put a farm vehicle there to secure the field as a temporary measure.

12/13.099 Christmas 2012

(a) Cllr A. Marsh proposed a budget of £400 for the Christmas tree. Cllr A. Thurgood to go to Calcott Hall to have a look at the quality of the trees.

Proposed: Cllr A. Marsh Seconded: Cllr D. Harman All agreed

(b) It was agreed that the lighting of the Christmas tree lights should take place on 8th December at 6pm. Cllr S. Theobald to amend the sign if necessary.

(c) A cost of £32.00 for printing 50 Christmas cards was agreed. Cllr A. Thurgood to progress this matter.

Proposed: Cllr A. Marsh Seconded: Cllr D. Harman All agreed

(d) The Christmas card competition will be held again at Ingrave Johnstone School. Entries will be collected by Cllr A. Thurgood and taken to an independent panel comprised of local residents for judging. The winner will turn on the Christmas tree lights on 8th December and the winning card will be printed for Christmas 2013.

12/13.100 Remembrance Day – Sunday 11th November

(a) It was suggested that a donation of £50.00 should be made for the poppy wreath.

Proposed: Cllr R. Watkins Seconded: Cllr S. Theobald All agreed

(b) Cllr Alan Bayless was nominated at the Parish Council's representative for the Remembrance Day Parade in Brentwood.

(c) Cllr A. Thurgood offered to place the poppy wreath on the War Memorial at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, 11th November at 11am.

12/13.101 Herongate Village Hall

Cllr A. Marsh advised that the hall is now registered on the Borough's dangerous structures list although it is not actually dangerous at present. Buildings Control Department has requested a copy of the structural report which the Parish Council commissioned and Cllr Marsh will forward this to them.

12/13.102 Billericay Road

This matter was deferred until the next meeting.

12/13.103 Bus Services

- (a) Sunday Bus Service
- (b) Shenfield Bus Service

These items were deferred until the next meeting.

12/13.104 Planning

(a) A list of applications received and determined during October was received and agreed.

(b) Cllr Watkins to investigate what is happening on the land across the road from Button Farm, Herongate, next to Park Farm where an entrance has been cleared and hardcore laid into the field.

Proposed: Cllr R. Watkins Seconded: Cllr D. Harman All agreed

12/13.105 Correspondence

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

12/13.106 Parish Council Meeting Dates

Parish Council Meeting dates for 2013 were read and agreed.

12/13.107 Reports from Councillors

Cllr A. Thurgood mentioned the weed on Peartrees Pond which had been brought to her attention by a resident. Cllr Thurgood further stated that the route to Herongate Tye along the Billericay Road had not been resolved and the bus company route had not changed either. Cllr A. Marsh said he would progress this with the Borough.

12/13.108 Councillor Training Days

Members did not want to attend any training on the list.

12/13.109 Items from Councillors to be added to the next Agenda

None.

12/13.110 The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 28th November 2012 at St. Andrews Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed:..... Chairman

Date:.....