

# Herongate and Ingrave Parish Council



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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St. Andrews Church Hall, Herongate on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.15pm**

**In the Chair:** Cllr A. Marsh

**Present:** Cllr A. Bayless, Cllr D. Harman (Vice Chair), Cllr A. Kingsford, Cllr P. Hawkins and Cllr S. Murphy – with apologies for late arrival

**Officers:** Mrs. T. Grainger (Clerk)

**Members of the public:** Two

## **13/14.042 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

- A local resident expressed concerns regarding the speed of traffic and aggressive driving on the A128 together with difficult access onto on the A128 from the Billericay Road. It was reported that there is also support from other residents on this matter. Cllr Marsh related the history of the A128 and M25 and how the Parish Council has campaigned over the years to put in a mini roundabout at the junction and clarify speed limits. ECC changed the layout of the junction 3 or 4 years ago but say there is no funding available to make any further changes. The Parish Council is aware of the feelings of the residents but has taken this problem as far as we can. We have organised VA signs at either end of the Parish and would welcome any suggestions to improve the situation. The resident wants to take this matter further with the support of the Parish Council. Details of our ECC Councillor Roger Hirst and the Community Speed Watch were given.
- The current situation regarding the Herongate Village Hall was raised. Cllr A. Marsh outlined the background. The Parish Council is still awaiting a decision from the Borough. The resident offered support with matters pertaining to this matter.

## **13/14.043 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Stuart Theobald, Kelly Pegram, Roger Hirst (ECC) and Linda Golding (BBC).

**Apologies were accepted.**

**Proposed:** Cllr Marsh                      **Seconded**    Cllr Kingsford                      **All agreed**

## **13/14.044 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were accepted as a true record and signed by Cllr Marsh (Chairman).

**Proposed:** Cllr Bayless                      **Seconded:** Cllr Hawkins                      **All agreed**

**13/14.045 Progress Report from the Clerk**

There were no matters to report

**13/14.046 To receive Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**13/14.047 FINANCE****(a) Cheques signed since the last meeting**

Payee	Cheque No,	Amount
J. Penkul (Newsletter)	714	£200.00
E.ON (Museum Electricity)	715	£27.33
<b>Proposed: Cllr Harman</b>	<b>Seconded: Cllr Marsh</b>	<b>All agreed</b>

**(b) Cheques signed at this meeting**

Payee	Cheque No.	Amount
Doppler Press (Newsletter)	716	£406.00
Administration	717	£510.46
HMRC	718	£71.38
Administration	719	£408.49
Essex Pension Fund	720	£191.30
<b>Proposed: Cllr Bayless</b>	<b>Seconded: Cllr Kingsford</b>	<b>All agreed</b>

**(c) Bank Reconciliation for April**

Current Account	£6,029	
30 Day Investment Account	£3,844	
Investment Account 2.44%	£25,000	
Investment Account 1.80%	£20,000	
Investment Account 1.00%	£10,000	
<b>Proposed: Cllr Marsh</b>	<b>Seconded: Cllr Harman</b>	<b>All agreed</b>

**(d) To appoint a new cheque signatory**

It was proposed that Cllr D. Harman be the new cheque signatory.

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

**13/14.048 Billericay Road and Billericay Road Bus Service**

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

**13/14.049 Litter Bins**

Cllr Hawkins reported that he had not yet been in touch with the Borough regarding ownership of the strip of land in Thorndon Gate, however he had taken photographs and may have identified the public verge where a bin might be positioned in this road. Cllr Marsh will take the photos to the Borough to seek their agreement to this siting. Cllr Marsh also advised that he had spoken with the Borough who still feel that the original site identified outside the allotments in Middle Road was the best place to place this bin. However, it may now be several months before the work is carried out.

**13/14.050 Peartree Pond**

Cllrs Murphy/Marsh have spoken to the Borough requesting temporary "No Parking on the Grass Verge" signs but there is no way the Borough can enforce no parking. Cllr Marsh has also spoken with our local Contractor with a view to putting in wooden posts. The Contractor has agreed to carry out this work and will wait for the 'go ahead'. It was agreed that the Council would wait a while longer to see if the parking persists and if so the posts would go in. It was also suggested

that the Clerk write to PC Joe Andrews to see if the Police can enforce no parking. Cllr Murphy to speak with PCSO Debbie Powis.

**Proposed: Cllr Marsh**

**Seconded: Cllr Kingsford**

**All agreed**

#### **13/14.051 Button Common**

Cllr Kingsford reported that so far he has only received two estimates which he showed to the Council. The various options were discussed and Cllr Marsh asked that the estimates be emailed to him so that he could approach another contractor.

#### **13/14.052 Autumn Pageant**

Cllr Marsh put forward his ideas for an Autumn Pageant/Event. He also said that he would like the Parish Council to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War next year. Cllr Murphy said that she had been offered help to tidy up the War Memorial outside St. Andrews. Cllr Marsh asked the Council to consider his ideas and email any thoughts/suggestions to the Clerk for inclusion in the Agenda for next month.

#### **13/14.053 Crime and Disorder**

- Cllr Marsh reported that it was possible that somebody may have tried to break into Heatleys in Middle Road and an old style jeep was seen in the location at the time.
- Cllr Murphy spoke about the '20 is Plenty' speed calming initiative.
- Cllr Marsh asked for any ideas from the Council to join up with any of the local schemes – Neighbourhood Watch, Speed Watch, etc.

#### **13/14.054 Planning**

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

**Proposed: Cllr Harman**

**Seconded: Cllr Bayless**

**All agreed**

(b) During discussion regarding the BBC Sustainability Appraisal it was resolved that the Planning Working Group should respond to this appraisal on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Harman is now the Chairman of this Group. All other Councillors were encouraged to respond as local residents.

It was further resolved that the Planning Working Group set up a new Village Plan Group and work with those residents who are still interested from the last Village Appraisal. Cllr Hawkins to be Chairman of this Working Party.

It was agreed that Steve Kuschel of SJK Planning could be consulted as necessary regarding planning issues.

**Proposed: Cllr Bayless**

**Seconded: Cllr Kingsford**

**All agreed**

#### **13/14.055 Correspondence**

A list of correspondence, having previously been circulated, was noted. No comments were made.

#### **13/14.056 Training**

Cllr Kingsford expressed an interest in the Greens & Commons and Open Spaces Course scheduled for November 2013.

**Proposed: Cllr Marsh**

**Seconded: Cllr Harman**

**All agreed**

#### **13/14.057 Reports from Councillors**

- Cllr Kingsford reported on the recent email from the ECC Parish Co-coordinator regarding Ash Dieback. It was recommended by Cllr Marsh that any suspect Ash trees should be reported to the BBC Arb. Officer. Cllr Marsh felt we had enough expertise within the villages. Two Councillors expressed an interest in becoming Volunteer Tree Wardens.

- Cllr Kingsford raised the issue of unauthorised gypsy/traveler encampments. There is no official line from the Parish Council. If residents feel there is a problem they should contact the Police.
- Cllr Kingsford spoke about the Orchard Maintenance Day which would go ahead as planned if enough residents expressed an interest. Also regarding the Orchard, Cllr Kingsford reiterated that a resident wanted to sponsor a bench on the Orchard site.
- Cllr Bayless reported that the bridge on the Public Right of Way from the footpath between Middle Road and St. Nicholas Grove had been repaired.
- It was also reported that the infill aggregate for Park Lane was still outstanding.
- Cllr Murphy gave a list of jobs for the August BBC maintenance day.

**13/14.058 Items from Councillors to be added to the next Agenda**

None.

**13/14.059 The next meetings will be as follows:-**

**St. Nicholas Church Hall, Ingrave, Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

**The meeting closed at 10.00 pm**

Signed:..... Chairman

Date:.....