

# Herongate and Ingrave Parish Council



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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St. Andrews Hall, Herongate on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.15pm.**

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

**Present:** Cllr D. Harman (Vice Chair), Cllr N. Amor, Cllr A. Bayless, Cllr P. Hawkins, Cllr S. Murphy, Cllr K. Pegram and Cllr S. Theobald

**Officers:** Mrs T. Grainger (Clerk) and Mr D. Tooke-Kirby (RFO)

**Members of the public:** Approx forty plus Cllr R. Hirst (ECC), Cllr J. Squirrell (BBC Ward Councillor) and Cllr P Baker (BBC Chair of Planning & Development Committee)

## **14/15.180 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**

- A resident of Park Lane, Herongate asked what the PC is going to do about the potholes there. The PC has been trying to establish who is responsible for the Lane and will continue to make enquiries.
- Concern was raised about the lack of information from BBC regarding the Strategic Growth Options Consultation. A FaceBook group has been formed called Herongate and Ingrave – Save our Villages to help keep residents informed of possible areas of development.
- Residents from Herongate Tye reported the disturbing news of a horse which was dumped in the Lower Dunton Road and left for dead. Also they have a problem with fly tipping at least once a week. A suggestion was made that a CCTV at the site may deter offenders however this area is covered by Basildon Council. Cllr R. Hirst said he would contact the appropriate Councillor in Basildon.
- Residents from Herongate Tye also reported speeding vehicles along the Billericay Road and lorries using the road which are over the 7.5 ton limit. Speedwatch starts again in a few weeks however some residents felt that this was not operated at the right time of day in order to catch speeders. Some residents offered to accompany the Speedwatch team if they would come out early in the morning when most speeding takes place.
- Another Herongate Tye issue was the area of flooding on the bend by the Olde Dog pub. Cllr S. Murphy reported that there had been a visit from the Water Board who had taken samples to establish if there was effluent or other household discharges in the water.
- Resident, Mrs. Jane Kelly, spoke about the 20's Plenty campaign and encouraged the residents of Herongate Tye to sign up.
- The Clerk to report issues as necessary.



**Proposed: Cllr S. Murphy**

**Seconded: Cllr A. Kingsford All agreed**

**14/15.186 Park Lane, Herongate**

Cllr A. Kingsford explained that Cllr J. Squirrel had allocated her BBC Ward Allowance and money from the BBC Community Committee, totaling £1,335.00, to Herongate and Ingrave Parish Council for the sole purpose of repairing the pot holes in Park Lane, Herongate. Due to time constraints the funds had already been received into the Parish Council bank account by the time of this meeting. However, after taking legal advice from the EALC and NALC, a vote was taken on whether the funds should be returned as the Parish Council has no legal Power to repair roads and this was a non-business activity.

**Cllrs A. Kingsford and D. Harman voted against the funds being returned.**

**Cllrs N. Amor, A. Bayless, P. Hawkins, S. Murphy, K. Pegram and S. Theobald voted to return the funds. The funds will be returned.**

**14/15.187 Village Signs**

Members agreed to allocate an extra £200.00 for the repair of the Ingrave Village sign tiled roof.

**Proposed: Cllr D. Harman**

**Seconded: Cllr S. Murphy All agreed**

**14/15.188 Grass Verge outside nos. 7 – 13 The Meadows, Ingrave**

Cllr S. Murphy agreed to speak with the residents again. This matter was deferred to a future meeting.

**14/15.189 BBC Strategic Growth Options Consultation**

Cllr P. Baker, who was attending, said that he was happy to answer any questions on the Consultation. Most of the residents expressed their concerns that they had not received the BBC Bulletin advertising the Consultation, which was supposed to have been delivered to every household via the Made in Essex free newspaper. The PC had received many assurances from different personnel at BBC that every resident would be notified via a letter/flyer at the beginning of the Consultation but that was not the case and those residents who did receive the newspaper together with the Bulletin only had two weeks to respond out of a possible 6 week consultation period. Complaints were also received regarding the difficulty in actually replying to this large document on line. The PC had voted not to send out a flyer as the BBC was going to do so but included a substantial article in the PC Newsletter which was delivered to over 800 households. However, at this stage it was almost too late. The PC requested an extension to the deadline but was refused. It was felt that the Consultation paper was not valid as insufficient residents had been consulted in the proper manner. Cllr P. Baker said that he would come back to the PC with answers during the week. **The residents asked that it be Minuted that residents at this meeting unanimously agreed a vote of no confidence in the whole process.**

The PC agreed to write to BBC regarding this matter and inform BBC that the PC will be writing to the Local Government Ombudsman regarding the handling of this Consultation.

**Proposed: Cllr P. Hawkins**

**Seconded: Cllr D. Harman All agreed**

**14/15.190 Annual Parish Meeting**

Members agreed that Emma Callaghan, Restorative Justice Development Manager for Essex Police would be a suitable guest to speak about Restorative Justice at the May Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk will organise this.

**Proposed: Cllr. S. Murphy**

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

**14/15.191 Community Support Plan**

Cllr P. Hawkins reported that he had not had the time to give to this project due to Planning issues and it will be deferred to a future meeting.

#### **14/15.192 Review of Documents**

Members agreed that the documents which should have been adopted at the May 2014 meeting, Draft Standing Orders, Draft Financial Regulations and Draft Risk Assessment would be adopted at this meeting.

**Proposed: Cllr P. Hawkins**

**Seconded: Cllr S. Murphy**

**All agreed**

#### **14/15.193 Standing Orders**

Members were asked to review the 2014 Standing Orders and suggest any changes before the May 2015 meeting. This will be on the March Agenda.

#### **14/15.194 Crime and Disorder**

- The issue of the horse left for dead and the fly tipping in Lower Dunton Road had already been covered in the Public Participation Session.
- Cllr N. Amor reported that somebody was approached by a white van with a blue flashing light and asked to pull over but the person pulled into a petrol station and the white van drove off.

#### **14.15/195 Planning**

a) A list of Planning Applications received and determined since the last meeting was agreed.

**Proposed: Cllr D. Harman**

**Seconded: Cllr A. Bayless**

**All agreed**

- Cllr D. Harman reported that there had been a good turnout at the Planning meeting for the Hillcrest application, 14/01024/FUL and that this application had been rejected by BBC. The next application to stand against is 14/01313/FUL for 19 flats opposite Button Common. It now looks like the Planning meeting for this will be in April. Cllr Harman reiterated the comments made to BBC Planning in objection to this application.
- Councillors went onto discuss the Dunton Garden Suburb Consultation which has an extended consultation period until 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015. It was suggested that a joint response by Herongate and Ingrave PC and West Horndon PC may have more impact. Cllr P. Hawkins asked Members, "Do you agree in principle, based on the projected housing growth and demands, that the Dunton Garden Suburb Consultation should be considered?"

**Members voted as follows: Cllrs K. Pegram, N. Amor and A. Bayless - abstained, Cllrs D. Harman, S. Murphy and A. Kingsford – yes, Cllrs P. Hawkins and S. Theobald – no. Based on this vote, Herongate and Ingrave Parish Council will consider the Dunton Garden Suburb Consultation.**

#### **14/15.196 Reports from Councillors**

- Cllr A. Kingsford reported that he had been in touch with the Stone Masons with regard to progressing the refurbishment of the **Herongate War Memorial** in the spring. He also advised that the **village signs** had been completed. Cllr N. Amor expressed his disappointment in the style of the artwork, however Cllr D. Harman advised that when the PC had tried to change the artwork in previous years it was met with resistance from residents who wanted the signs to remain the same. Also the style of the signs had been approved by Lord Petre. The project for **flower planters** was progressing and the three on Essex Highways land had been approved and the License was on its way.

#### **14/15.197 Correspondence**

A list of correspondence for February was noted.

#### **14/15.198 Training**

No requests for training were made at this meeting. Cllr P. Hawkins reported that the Event Risk Assessment Course booked for 26<sup>th</sup> February had been postponed. Cllr A. Kingsford reported that he was going to attend The Local Council Police Partnership meeting at the EALC on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Cllr A. Bayless expressed an interest in this course.

**14/15.199 Items from Councillors to be added to the next Agenda**

None.

**The meeting closed at 9.45 pm**

**14/15.200 The next meeting will be held on TUESDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015 at St. Nicholas Hall, Ingrave at 7.15pm.**

**Signed:-----Chairman**

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