

Herongate and Ingrave Parish Council



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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St. Nicholas Hall, Ingrave on Tuesday, 27th January 2015

In the Chair: Cllr A. Kingsford

Present: Cllr D. Harman (Vice Chair), Cllr A. Bayless, Cllr P. Hawkins, Cllr M. Hannush, Cllr S. Murphy and Cllr S. Theobald

Officers: Mrs T. Grainger (Clerk)

Members of the public: Four plus Cllr J. Squirrell (BBC Ward Councillor)

14/15.160 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest

- A resident complained that a Jet Drains van was regularly seen parking on the grass verge on the opposite side of the road to Peartrees Pond. Also another van parks on the pavement by the hairdresser on the opposite side of the road to St. Nicholas Church. The Clerk will contact Essex Highways to lodge a complaint.
- A resident put forward the idea of adult fitness equipment on the Ingrave Playing Field. She was happy to take this project forward and had already done some research including funding opportunities. The PC was interested in her ideas and will bring this project to the next Playing Field Committee meeting in May.
- Cllr J. Squirrell advised that she would like to donate her BBC Ward allowance, together with money from a BBC Community Committee Fund, to the PC to be used towards the repair of the potholes in Park Lane, Herongate. The PC thanked her and advised that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

14/15161 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr K. Pegram, Cllr N. Amor and Cllr R. Hirst (ECC). Apologies were accepted.

Proposed: Cllr D. Harman

Seconded: Cllr S. Murphy

All agreed

14/15.162 Minutes

- The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th November 2014 were accepted as a true record. Minutes were signed by the Chairman, Cllr A. Kingsford.
- The Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 5th January 2015 were accepted as a true record. Minutes were signed by the Chairman, Cllr A. Kingsford.

Proposed: Cllr D. Harman

Seconded: Cllr M. Hannush

All agreed

14/15.167 SpeedWatch and 20's Plenty

- Cllr Murphy advised that she, Cllr Squirrell and Jane Kelly (resident/co-ordinator) attended a meeting with Trevor Stubbington of the Casualty Reduction Scheme to discuss 20's Plenty. Trevor Stubbington told them that he would not support a 20mph speed limit within the village gates but felt that a variable speed limit would be a better idea. Jane advised that she now has about 200 names on her petition for 20's Plenty plus about 70 on line but she needs 500 to put forward a case. Cllr Kingsford mentioned that information on the 20's Plenty petition would be in the February Newsletter. There was further discussion on the short time available to cross the pelican crossing in Herongate (currently 3 seconds), the possibility of a roundabout at the junction of Billericay Road and Brentwood Road and a change in the 50mph to 40mph on the approaches to the villages. Cllr Murphy also reported that she had made no progress with Enforcements Officers patrolling The Meadows and Peartrees.
- Cllr Kingsford reported that he had received no response from the Police regarding further sites for SpeedWatch.

14/15.168 Herongate Village Hall

- a) Cllr Kingsford reported that BBC had sent a letter to the previous Chairman/Councillor (Alan Marsh) and Cllr Murphy regarding the future of the hall. BBC plan to hold a public meeting to assess the feelings of the local residents. Cllr Kingsford suggested to BBC that Ingrave Johnstone School hall would be a suitable location for the meeting. BBC seems inclined to demolish the building at a cost to them of £15,000 unless an alternative project is put forward.
- b) Members agreed that Cllr Kingsford should be co-opted as a representative of H&IPC onto the BBC Herongate Village Hall Committee.

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

14/15.169 Herongate Meeting Dates

Members agreed to change the Herongate meeting dates from a Monday to the following:-
Wednesday – 25th February, 29th April, 24th June, 30th September, 25th November.

All agreed

14/15.170 Crime and Disorder

Since the last meeting in December there have been break-ins in Common Road and Billericay Road – both during the day. Also there are several scams in progress using email and telephone contact relating to BT accounts and Inland Revenue.

14.15/171 Planning

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

Proposed: Cllr D. Harman Seconded: Cllr P. Hawkins All agreed

Cllr D. Harman reported that the Hillcrest application has been called in to go before the whole Planning Committee on 3rd February. The application for flats on Brentwood Road opposite Button Farm is listed for March.

- b) The Brentwood Borough Strategic Growth Options Consultation was discussed. Members decided that there was not enough time to organise a public information meeting and no flyers would be sent out. The Borough advised that they would circulate an information letter to all residents but at the time of the meeting nothing had been received. It was suggested that information on the Consultation could be included in the February newsletter and/or the new PC Facebook page to encourage residents to respond.
- c) Village Plan
 - Cllr D. Harman felt that this was an important project for the Parish Council to give us protection of our area and a voice through to the highest level of Government. Concern

was raised about the cost but much of this can be grant funded. Support has been offered by West Horndon Parish Council who has been building their own Village Plan for the past two years.

- Members approved re-joining the Rural Community Council of Essex at a cost of £55.00 + VAT.

Proposed: Cllr S. Murphy Seconded: Cllr A. Kingsford All agreed

- Members decided that they would all like to meet with Sarah Sapsford, RCCE informally before she was invited to address the full Council at a parish Council meeting. The Clerk to organise a suitable date.

14/15.172 Reports from Councillors

- Cllr D. Harman reported that a **Superfast Broadband** fibre optic cabinet has been installed at the junction of Whitby Avenue and Brentwood Road.
- Cllr P. Hawkins reported that he has now received a copy of an **Emergency Plan** that can be edited and he will bring a draft to the February meeting. He also advised that he will be attending a **Risk Assessment** course in February.
- Cllr S. Theobald reported that the second gate on **Button Common** is due to be installed in February.
- Cllr S. Murphy reported that the residents of The Meadows have asked if the PC will put in wooden posts along the grass verge adjacent to No. 4 in order to prevent the area being churned up by the construction vehicles working there. The Clerk to write to Essex Highways.
- Cllr A. Kingsford reported that the **Village Signs** are now fired and should be installed within the next few weeks. The planning for the **Village Planters** (for which we have a CIF grant of £2,000) is still in progress. The PC has permission from Highways for three sites, Lord Petre has given permission for his sites and we are still awaiting confirmation on the Cricket Green site. The **Jubilee Orchard** replacement trees have been ordered and will be planted in March. The Jubilee Committee will be donating the cost of the trees. Work on the **Herongate War Memorial** will begin in the spring. Cllr N. Amor is still looking into upgrading the **website**. The **newsletter** will be going out early in February and Mrs. Helen Kingsford, Editor, thanked all those who sent in articles.

14/15.173 Correspondence

A list of correspondence for December and January was noted.

14/15.174 Training

No requests for training were made and no reports given.

14/15.175 Items from Councillors to be added to the next Agenda

- To consider wooden posts for the grass area adjacent to No. 4 The Meadows, Ingrave.
- Cllr J. Squirrell's Ward allowance.

14/15.176 Exclusion to the Public – Council to approve, pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the Press and Public be excluded from further discussions.

Proposed: Cllr S. Murphy Seconded: Cllr A. Kingsford All agreed

14/15.177 Pension Policy Statement

Members reviewed and agreed the responses made on the Discretions under LGPS Regulations and the Clerk signed the form.

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

14/15.178 Legal issues

- a) The additional closed agenda points from the Extraordinary Meeting on Monday, 5th January 2015 were accepted as a true record. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman, Cllr A. Kingsford.

Proposed: Cllr S. Murphy Seconded: Cllr A. Bayless All agreed

- b) Further discussions took place regarding legal issues.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

14/15.179 The next meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY 2015 at St. Andrews Hall, Herongate at 7.15pm.

Signed:-----Chairman

Date:-----