



Theydon Bois Parish Council

Parish Office, The Village Hall, Coppice Row,
Theydon Bois, Essex CM16 7ER

Clerk to the Council: Mrs Gloria Mussenden
Minutes Secretary & Assistant to the Clerk: Mrs Sarah Barnes

Minutes of the Parish Council held at The Village Hall at 8.00pm on Thursday 27th June 2013

Councillors Present: Cllrs Philip, Gooch, Howard, Hannibal, Wood,
Young and Hammond

Apologies: Cllrs Vincent, Purkiss, Jones and McDonald

Officers Present: Gloria Mussenden (Parish Clerk & RFO)
Sarah Barnes (Assistant to Parish Clerk & Minutes Secretary)

20. Apologies for Absence.

Councillors Vincent, Purkiss, Jones and McDonald

**21. To discuss & approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30th
May 2013**

The draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30th May 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee.

**22. Declarations of Interest (existence and nature) with regard to items on the
Agenda. Members of the Council are subject to the Local Authorities (Model
Code of Conduct) Order 2007 (SI.2007/1159) (The Revised Code)**

None

23. Public Participation session with regard to items on the Agenda.

None.

24. Correspondence - Clerk's Report

The Clerk explained that a full copy of her report had been circulated to all Councillors and was available from the Parish Office for any residents who may be interested. The Clerk drew particular attention to the following:

- Theydon Bois Horticultural Society: A letter had been received informing that they can no longer plant and maintain the planters but will continue with the upkeep until the end of this Summer
- The North Weald Bus Rally will be held at North Weald Airfield on Sunday 7th July.
- Theydon Bois & District Rural Preservation Society: Bob Day entitled 'A Theydon Boy's Memories' on Friday 12th July at 8pm in the Village Hall.
- Mobile Library: The new dates from 10th July 2013-August 2014 will be displayed on the Village Noticeboards.
- St Mary's Church Flower Festival 2013 will take place over the August Bank Holidays weekend from Friday 23rd August (preview – limited tickets @£10 each) to Monday 26th August. Displayed on Village Noticeboards and Flyers available to take at the meeting.

25. Finance and General Purposes Committee

25.1 Payments made since last meeting were approved.

25.2 The Parish Council's receipt of the Internal Auditor's Report for the year 2012-13 and will be reviewed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at their meeting next week.

25.3 Councillor Hammond wished to join the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Proposed by Councillor Philip – Carried Unanimously.

26. Planning Committee

Councillor Gooch commented on the following:

26.1 The Blunts Farm development was unanimously refused for 4 executive homes to be built in Green Belt.

Cllr Gooch reported that some inappropriate comments and observations concerning the Parish Council had been made by an EFDC Plans East Committee Member during the discussions on an application at the recent Meeting of EFDC Plans East. Cllr Gooch also reported that the District Councillor in question had subsequently apologised to Cllr Philip for his remarks. It was felt that the District Councillor should be invited to attend the next Full Council Meeting and the next Planning Meeting. Cllr Hammond and Councillor Philip defended the Planning Committee and Councillor Hammond thought that an apology should be made.

There are issues with 'Chestnuts' erecting a large double garage as permitted development.

A license application has been received for an Italian restaurant – approval was recommended that it only opened during the evening. The license application has been made for opening from 11am-11pm and no objections have been made. Cllr Hannibal voiced concerns about other restaurants wanting to open from 11am-11pm.

27. Highways and Environment Committee

27.1 Councillor Purkiss was not present, Councillor Hammond reported on the following:

Chris Neilan has been involved in the meetings regarding the verge trees and the committee is waiting for information from the consultation with EFDC. Councillor Purkiss has written to EFDC and is hoping for a good outcome.

The builders at Darlingtons/Banner Homes have made arrangements to park in the Village Hall car park, whilst this is an improvement it was apparent that there was a need to pursue the continuation of double yellow lines.

Councillor Philip advised he had been in touch with EFDC regarding a report in the Guardian that 'Pay & Display' parking was to be implemented in Forest Drive. He had been assured that this was not the case and there would have to be a consultation if EFDC wished to do so.

28. Cemetery Committee

28.1 Councillor Hammond reported that the new hedge had been planted and the committee is waiting for quotes to take the road into the new area. It has been decided that there was no need for a wire fence as the hedge seems adequate. Chris Neilan has visited the cemetery and he recommended that weeding at the base of the hedge would promote good growth as would mulching to prevent re-growth of weeds. The committee is very pleased with the new land.

29. Youth Community Centre

29.1 Cllr Philip reported that the Solicitor has met with the Chair of the Youth and Community Trust and there is no further information as yet.

30. Reports from Representatives

Councillor Howard reported on the following:

- 30.1 The Theydon Seniors event on 14th June 2013 was very successful and more than 50 people attended. The next Theydon Seniors is planned for 20th September 2013 and after the success of the Music Hall, it was suggested that they be invited again for the December event.
- 30.2 The Parish Office has had more than 100 completed questionnaires and more have been handed in at the Chemist. Cllr Howard thought that he would wait a couple more weeks to gather responses and then he would do an analysis – possibly for the next Main Council meeting.

Cllr Philip reported that he had received a call from the Practice Manager and she was upset that they hadn't a chance to review the questionnaire before it was issued, she was advised that we would share the results with her when collated.

31. Any Other Urgent Business for report (without decision)

Please note that no decisions can be lawfully made under this item. The Local Government Act 1972 section 12 10 (2) (b) states that business must be specified; therefore the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for decision.

Cllr Philip reported that on 16th June he attended choral evensong as Chairman of Theydon Bois Parish Council at Chelmsford Cathedral for the Civic celebration of the Diamond Jubilee.

Cllr Hammond reported that Open Garden's Day had been very successful and served over 100 lunches. They have raised approximately £3,600.

Cllr Gooch questioned whether the 541 bus was due to be withdrawn in September. Cllr Wood said that she was not aware of this. Jon Whitehouse reported that the 541 bus had not been mentioned at the transport meeting and that it would be investigated.

Councillor Philip closed the meeting at 8.53pm

Gloria Mussenden
Clerk to the Council

Councillor John Philip
Chair of the Council

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Theydon Bois Horticultural Society: A letter has been received to the effect that the Horticultural Society can no longer plant and maintain the planters but will continue with the upkeep until the end of this Summer. Anyone willing to take this on? All expenses incurred are reimbursed by the Parish Council.

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Gloria Mussenden
Parish Clerk