



Theydon Bois Parish Council

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

Clerk to the Council: Ms Julie Taylor

Minutes of the Parish Council held at The Village Hall at 8.00pm on Thursday 24th July 2014

- Councillors Present:** Cllrs Philip, Gooch, Young, Purkiss, and Hannibal
- Apologies:** Cllrs Vincent, McDonald, Howard, Wood, Hammond and Jones
- Officers Present:** Ms Julie Taylor (Parish Clerk & RFO)

149. Apologies for Absence.

Councillors Vincent, McDonald, Howard, Wood, Hammond and Jones.

150. To discuss and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th June 2014.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and Councillor Philip would sign at the end of the meeting.

151. Disclosure of Interests (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

152. Public Participation session with regard to items on the agenda.

Youth and Community Center; Roy Newland, representative for the trust. Feels that the trust has made an effort to properly secure the facilities for the future of the trust.

A proposal to take 999 year lease, is not excepted by the trust.

The trust would like the freehold, and from that freehold out of that a leasehold to the scouts.

19 b Forest Resident complaint - Noise issue concerning 19b Forest Drive, the Italian restaurant, noise issue and not enforcing closing the bio-fold doors at 9pm, The doors are being closed when the restaurant shuts. The enforcement office has been around to the

residents home, and has stated that the noise is unacceptable. An enforcement notice was issued. Resident feels that progress is being made, but very slowly.

153. Correspondence – Clerk’s Report

The Parish Clerk reported on the following:

- Reported Homestart at Epping forest closure, through lack of funding, so therefore will be closed on 19th August. CLLR Philip, stated that the Parish has supported them on a number of occasions, but unf
- Cllr Philip did bring this up in district council to see if there was anything that they could do.
- It was discussed that the Parish should write a letter of thanks, stating that we thank them for there hard work.ortunately there

154. Finance and General Purposes Committee

154.1 Payments made since last meeting were unanimously approved.

155. Highways and General Purposes Committee

155.1 Councillor Purkiss reported on the following:

- Highways have surfaced dressed from the zebra crossing to Orchard Drive
- Aware of the blocked drain on the corner of Loughton Lane.
- Likely to lose the Willow on the green, which has been taped off. There is a split in the trunk and is deemed un-safe.
- Parking on the green, positive moves from EFDC, should here more late autumn.
- Allotments looking very good we have some plots available.
- Reported the continuous problems accessing highways. Cllr Purkiss will pursue the matter with EFDC.

156. Cemetery Committee

156.1 No update as present.

157. Planning Committee

157.1 Councillor Gooch reported on the following:

- Sixteen string Jack is closing, we have received some draft plans and artist sketches as to what to build there, public presentation on 1st July 2014. Not had opportunity to discuss this yet with council, there has not been a planning application submitted as yet. They are proposing 13 flats. Members of the council there is an opportunity to discuss with the agent and developer to discuss plans immediately after the public session. Cllr Gooch would like as many Councillors to attend as possible, for initial informal discussions, without making any decision.
- Field behind station, the old allotments. Proposals to potentially build a car park there. No application has been made.

158. 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, attended the Open Gardens on Sunday including Church yard and Allotments. It looks all very good at the moment, around 400 people attended.

159. Following Agenda items will exclude Public and Press

159.1 Staff matters

Job vacancy Minute secretary / Assistant to Parish Clerk. Discussed that 10 hours per week is sufficient. To advertise the post at Theydon Bois Village School, the parish notice boards and Everything Epping Forest website. A date for final applications made for the 30th July 2014, decided that interviews shall commence soon after.

Councillor Philip closed the meeting at 9.31pm

Julie Taylor
Clerk to the Council

Councillor John Philip
Chairman of the Council