



Theydon Bois Parish Council

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

Clerk to the Council: Ms Julie Taylor
Secretary & Assistant to the Clerk: Mrs Elizabeth Thomas

Minutes of the Parish Council held at The Village Hall at 8.00pm on Thursday September 24th 2015

Councillors Present: Cllrs Philip, Gooch, Howard, Purkiss & Hannibal (later in meeting)

Apologies: Cllrs Hammond, McDonald, Vincent, Wood & Jones

Officers Present: Julie Taylor (Parish Clerk and RFO)
Elizabeth Thomas (Secretary & Assistant to Parish)

1. **Apologies for Absence**
Cllrs Hammond, McDonald, Vincent, Wood & Jones
2. **To discuss and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on July 30th 2015.**
Signed as a true record by Cllr John Philip.
3. **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
4. **Public Participation Session with regard to items on the Agenda.**
4.1 Local Plan Green Belt Review: Resident asked when second phase will begin. Cllr Philip does not have a definite date yet.
5. **Correspondence – Clerks Report**
 - Seniors Party: 22 attended, all had a good time, thanks to helpers. Frank Foster House could not attend due to transport issue – but we are assured this is a one off problem. We hope for a good turnout at the Christmas Party.
 - Office Storage: the new unit is ready and we request volunteers to put up shelves. EFDC to advise about what should be shredded and what kept – Parish Office to organise. Noted that access to the unit may be awarded: councillors to evaluate.
 - Bus Services: Essex County Council are doing a public consultation and a survey about public transport in the area. We are putting posters to this effect all around the village – please give your feedback, it is much needed.
6. **Local Plan Green Belt Review**
This has been raised at the last EFDC Cabinet – Stage 2 is imminent and Cllr Philip to report back when he has the date.
7. **Finance and General Purposes Committee/Community Liaison Committee**
Payments made since the last meeting were approved.
8. **Planning Committee**

Councillor Gooch commented that as far as planning goes it has been a quiet summer.

- 8.1 Sixteen String Jack : this is going to appeal, Cllr Gooch has lodged objection, we await inspector's verdict.
- 8.2 Theydon Hall Lodge application for new chalet: we objected and it has been refused.
- 8.3 Marcris House: this has been earmarked for closure and redevelopment so we have had pre-application meeting with the developers, as advised by EFDC. It is on the edge of the village in an area that may have traffic issues, and we have concerns about this similar to those with Sixteen String Jack. We await their Full Plan application.

9. Highways and Environment Committee

- Belisha beacon post was hit by traffic last week: this has been reported.
- Parking bays in The Avenue have been suspended.
- Theydon Park Road & Dukes Avenue have been resurfaced: excellent.
- Fingerposts: the paint on some of these has been damaged by people sellotaping notices to them. Please tell Parish Office if you see anyone using tape on fingerposts from now on.
- Banners on the railings: still going on – it's a Highways matter but please ask EFDC for their advice – it might come under Enforcement.
- Leaky tap on the allotments: this is going to be fixed very soon.

10. Cemetery Committee

No new developments to report.

11. Community Liaison

11.1 Christmas Market: So far:

- Stall holders old and new are on board
- Band and School Choir have been booked in.
- Cllr Vincent is meeting with shopkeepers.
- Paperwork for road closure is in progress
- Police to be there on the night – Parish office to contact Andy Cook
- No Parking signs to be arranged
- Cllr Philip – please identify shops we can pull power from
- Belgique: need to check if they will be open for the Grotto

11.2 Christmas Market Charity: Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Trust proposed and accepted as this year's charity.

12. Health Matters

- Consultation: a document is out at the moment re: stroke services at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. Proposed to have acute services for our area based in Queens Hospital Romford, then after 72 hours, rehabilitation will take place in Harlow at the Princess Alex. Consultation closes October 20 – more info in Parish Office.
- Overspend: Princess Alex Hospital has an £81m overspend – they are looking at integration of health services in West Essex. Discussion in progress about this now, plus workshops at Excel Centre. The same is happening in Basildon, Chelmsford & Southend.
- Devolution: Suggestion has been raised as to a Greater Essex area – no abolition of councils is expected.
- NHS/ Limes /GPs/ TBPC Meeting: Earmarked date is November 12 2015 at 8pm (after Planning at 7). Cllrs Philip & Gooch are happy to attend – publicity to go out asap.
- Bus Consultation: covered.

13. Village Association

- Constitution has been changed & agreed.
- VA would like TBPC to be trustees - Cllr Philip happy about this and will write to them to agree. Unanimous agreement that Cllr Howard to be our rep, at least until after the election in May.

14. Dates Of Next Meetings:

- October 29 2015
- November 26 2015

15. Any Other Urgent Business for Report (without decision)

- Trees – resident reported issue of low branches obscuring vision on corners for drivers. Hedges in Orchard Drive pointed out especially. Hedges are private property and trees are Highways concern; however when this cropped up on Hornbeam Road the tree wardens reported it. Cllr Purkiss to key tree wardens in on this new occurrence too.

- NHS Meeting Venue: Oak Hall has a PA system – we have experienced difficulties with this in the past but whatever room we use Cllr Howard will make sure there is a PA setup on the night.

16. Following Agenda items will exclude Public and Press
None.

Councillor Philip closed the meeting at 8.35pm

Julie Taylor
Clerk to the Council

Councillor John Philip
Chair of the Council