



Theydon Bois Parish Council

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

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

Minutes of the Parish Council held at The Village Hall at 8.00pm on Thursday March 26th 2015

Councillors Present: Cllrs Philip, Gooch, Hannibal, Vincent, Howard, and Purkiss

Apologies: Cllrs Jones, McDonald, Wood, Young and Hammond

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Jones, McDonald, Wood, Young and Hammond

2. To discuss and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on February 26th 2015.

Signed as a true record.

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 Planning: Resident of Theydon Park Road spoke re. refusal at EFDC Committee of application for 47a that Theydon Park Road. He stated that the letter of refusal received fell short of what Cllr Jones had said in the meeting, as to her suggestions of where the applicants could go next. He was worried about this as it seems to have cropped up before and the neighbours don't know what to do. Cllr Philip advised the resident to send him the details and he'd check with the planning department; also that suggestions for the "way forward" for applicants are sent in a separate letter than the one announcing the refusal.

Cllr Gooch agreed and advised that he is drafting a letter to the Portfolio Holder at EFDC about issues surrounding accuracy on planning correspondence.

4.2 Planning: Resident reported that letters from Rural Preservation Society given by hand to EFDC Planning Department seemed to have gone astray. Rural Preservation has had queries about parking on the pavements around the village – Essex Highways have told them it was a Parish Council matter: Cllr Philip confirmed that it is not, and that we have met with little success in our queries on this matter other than information on ownership of shopfronts. Cllr Gooch suggested

involving NEPP: Cllr Philip advised that NEPP will be attending EFDC Scrutiny Meeting on April 27th 2015, so we should get a representative to go and speak.

5. Correspondence – Clerks Report

- Playground At Theydon have asked for our usual donation (£1006 this year) for insurance.
- Theydon Bois Local History Report has been received in Parish Office – a letter of thanks has gone to Trevor Roberts.
- John Eaton has sent a letter of thanks re. St Mary's Church.
- Quote for grasscutting received from EFDC - £4015 for the year.

6. Finance and General Purposes Committee/Community Liaison Committee

Payments made since the last meeting were approved.

7. Planning Committee

Councillor Gooch commented on the following:

7.1 47a Theydon Park Road refused at committee: 46 residents from that area attended. Cllr Jones spoke well, and a good discussion followed, with a positive result. The Elms application was passed. Issue re. missing conditions from applications on correspondence has been discussed above.

7.2 This week we got a report from an independent highways consultant: It has not gone to EFDC yet as we await a small amendment. Independent panel says this application has been looked at in a wider sphere. We are awaiting an updated copy of the report and then will send this to Nigel Richardson at EFDC, tomorrow or Monday. It has been helpful – it suggests that there should be a transport assessment done on Station Hill and the access to the Abridge Road, as would happen with a proper planning application.

TfL had closed the road with the aim of bringing equipment there – this is illegal and the police have been told; they will talk to TfL

8. Highways and Environment Committee

Councillor Purkiss commented on the following:

8.1 Can we raise the issue at EFDC of a charge or bond for builders to pay for restoration of pavements after works finish. Cllr Philip advised that we have tried – but if pavements are outside the application site boundary it's not really feasible. Also, it would have to be proven who had created the mess any way. Cllr Philip will raise the issue again however. Cllr Purkiss suggested using "before and after" photos for this system. Cllr Gooch reminded about Piercing Hill development where restoration of the greensward was actually a planning condition.

8.2 TfL have put sensors in station car park in the bays – many car parks have them now, discussion of why this is done.

8.3 EFDC and NEPP met on March 11 2015 about a scheme regarding TROs at the top of The Green – this will go to the next stage.

8.4 Discussed issues around Highways in general and remarked that spending on highways projects has been small.

9. Cemetery Committee

No updates as yet.

10. Community Liaison

10.1 Seniors Event on March 20th 2015: Cllr Howard reported that feedback has been positive – the party was well attended. Cllr Howard thanked the helpers and everyone who brought food and entertainments. Next event is the summer party in June.

10.2 The Community Liaison Committee met about the Christmas Market to review issues that cropped up last year and to start preparation for this year. Any problems will be ironed out sooner rather than

later; also reported that we will have more help this year. This year's event date is November 27th 2015. Cllr Vincent has spoken to proprietors of The Bull and they would be happy to have the Christmas tree there and possibly help with lighting. We are researching a band to play at the event – headteacher at Theydon Bois School is with Fairlop Brass so we shall follow this lead up.

11. Health Matters

- 11.1 Cllr Howard reported on loss of the doctor's surgery on Thursdays – he has written to the governing body and they will refer it to their Essex branch. Wait and see what they reply.
Cllr Howard has spoken to Limes Practice Manager; she would like to attend a meeting here and discuss issues and questions that are arising. Cllr Gooch suggested NHS Choices as a possible point of reference. Cllr Howard will await NHS Essex response and arrange the meeting for the Practice Manager.
- 11.2 EFDC feedback on issues covered.

12. Youth & Community Centre.

- 12.1 Papers from J. Worby have gone to Youth & Community Trust's solicitor (Gerry Smith) and they are being processed now – no major issues so far. The Trust will meet to clarify and rubber stamp decisions; the Youth & Community Trust are changing their constitution about trustees having to be Theydon Bois residents.

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

None.

14. Following Agenda items will exclude Public and Press

None.

Councillor Philip closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Julie Taylor
Clerk to the Council

Councillor John Philip
Chair of the Council