



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 25th February 2016

Councillors Present: Cllrs Philip (Chair), Howard, Purkiss, Wood and Hannibal.

Apologies: Cllrs McDonald, Vincent, Hammond, Gooch, Jones and Julie Taylor (Parish Clerk and RFO)

Officers Present: Elizabeth Thomas (Assistant Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs McDonald, Vincent, Hammond, Gooch, Jones and Julie Taylor (Parish Clerk and RFO)

2. To discuss and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th January 2016.

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.

None at this stage: See Highways & Environmental Report.

5. Correspondence – Clerks Report

- Friends of Epping Forest – special general meeting at Bancrofts School, Mon 14 March @ 7:30 pm

- Trevor Roberts has given the Parish Office a copy of the Theydon Bois Local History Report 2015; and anyone who wishes to view it can come into the office and do so.
- Senior Safety Day 22nd March, Waltham Abbey Town Hall – we have circulated posters.
- Seniors Spring Party on March 18 2-4, all welcome.
- FW: impact assessment for Townlink, Roadrunner and Olympus services – circulated.
- Murder inquiry: police approached us re CCTV & recent incident in village.
- Landmark Christmas Tree, 1 Theydon Park Road had to be felled February 19th 2016.
- Local Plan members workshop Feb 25 2016 – all welcome.
- Local policing – we have had a letter about new initiatives they have introduced: circulated, and will follow up ASAP by looking at related EFDC webcast and working with EFDC to ascertain if they can do a counter service at Civic Offices.
- Theydon Seniors Summer Party June 10 – School Choir confirmed they can perform.
- Village Lifetime Achievement Award: please consider your nomination and ask others for their ideas: this subject will be on March agenda as an item.
- Village Association have paid their share of the new storage unit – many thanks.
- Drains in Coppice Row/ Piercing Hill junction have been repaired.

6. Finance and General Purposes Committee/Community Liaison Committee

6.1 Payments made since the last meeting were approved. Comment by Cllr Philip: EFDC passed our budget and the precept is agreed, with a 0% rise for Theydon Bois Parish Council and for EFDC also.

6.2 Village Association Memorandum of Understanding: Accepted and signed

6.3 CCTV/ Essential Security: Meeting with Essential will take place Monday February 29th. More next time.

6.4 Neighbourhood Plans: Ongoing. Stage 2 of Green Belt Review Session took place today, looking at various parcels of land that are to be assessed for Green Belt Status. Of the four purposes, two do not apply to Theydon Bois (checking urban sprawl and impact on setting of a historic town). They are looking at any local knowledge we may have that could have a bearing on Green Belt designation in the village. Council is keen to move this forward, difficulties arise because there is not a Local Plan as yet. Parish office will receive documents week commencing 29th February 2016.

7. Planning Committee

No major update this month: noted that there has been no movement re. Sixteen String Jack.

8. Highways and Environment Committee

- The hole on Theydon Road near the Golf Club has been repaired.
- Tree-root damaged pavements in Forest Drive shopping area (near Il Bacio and launderette) have been repaired.

- Landmark tree has been felled (see Clerk's Report) and a ring-barked tree on Loughton Lane has had ivy removed.
- Commuter Parking: A petition from Pakes Way residents has gone to NEPP.
- Commuter Parking: Yellow lines scheduled for The Green this summer.
- Commuter Parking: There have been incidents of eggs being thrown at parked cars, especially around The Green. Residents also report incidents of verbal threat: two residents at the meeting described one such encounter.
- Commuter Parking: Cones have been going missing – Cllr Purkiss stated that the police are aware of this.
- Commuter Parking: Residents who reported verbal unpleasantness have CCTV, which may help our cause.
- Commuter Parking: Lorries have been forcing cars to pass them using pavements, which are beginning to crack.

9. Community Liaison

Christmas Events: Confirmed: the Market on December 2 2016 and the Seniors Party on November 25 2016.

10. Cemetery Committee

There has been a water leak in the cemetery. Affinity Water confirmed it is on our side of the tap in an old iron pipe. It will be fixed soon: one idea is that when the daffodils are finished blooming, we can dig a new trench and fit a new plastic pipe. Cllr Purkiss to research a quote, more next meeting.

11. Reports from Representatives

Buses: Bus service 541 will change in a few months (estimated date 4th April 2016) and will go to Harlow Bus Station. Updates to be circulated when they are finalised: Jim Watts requested a copy to go on the Village Website.

12. Date Of Next Meeting: March 31 2016

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

- Licensing at Il Bacio: license has been granted but they are not to serve alcohol outside after 8pm, as suggested by the police. A lot of conditions apply – Parish Office staff to request a copy of these from EFDC and circulate.

14. Following Agenda items will exclude Public and Press

None.

Councillor Philip closed the meeting at 8.34pm

Julie Taylor

Clerk to the Council

Councillor John Philip

Chair of the Council