



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 24th March 2016

Councillors Present: Cllrs Philip (Chair), Purkiss, Wood, McDonald, Vincent, Gooch, Jones and Hannibal.

Apologies: Cllrs Hammond & Howard

Officers Present: Julie Taylor (Parish Clerk and RFO), Elizabeth Thomas (Assistant Clerk)

357. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Hammond & Howard

358. To discuss and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th February 2016.

Signed as a true record by Cllr John Philip.

359. 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

360. Public Participation Session with regard to items on the Agenda.

- Resident Comment: Re: Green Belt Review and workshops, Ken Bean (EFDC) and Rural Preservation discussed article in Epping Forest Guardian. Concerns aired about consistency of advice given about the consultation.
- Council Comment: No consultation – rather, a general advice-gathering exercise, as maps went out for input from people who know about the area.
- Resident Comment: Other town councils have done different things regarding the review.
- Council Comment: TBPC went to workshop and gave input. Local Councils Liaison Committee is coming up, (March 29 2016) and there will be further discussion. Cllr Gooch to attend. When there is a consultation, people will be informed.

361. Correspondence – Clerks Report

- Fair on the Green: Children's fair will take place at the end of July, as per 2015. NB this to go on website.
- EFDC Grass Cutting: invoice is in, price has risen.
- Playground at Theydon Insurance: requested, to be paid from donations budget. We will ask them for the bill once it has been done – new rubric is to pay first.
- Local Buses: Changes in Service, Cllr Wood to report later.
- Green Belt report circulated.
- Vandalised tree in Baldocks Road: possible criminal damage, police need to look into this, residents need to be aware about what to do about street trees.

362. Finance and General Purposes Committee/Community Liaison Committee

362.1 Payments made since the last meeting were approved. Payment for grass cutting – not at this meeting.

362.2 CCTV/ Essential Security: Agreed contract was OK and all cameras working; full maintenance to take place three times a year and spot checks at least every month. We can take this online to get police involvement.

- Playground camera link isn't reliable, we could have a recorder there and use the link to allow the Green and playground cameras to beam to Village Hall.
- We would like to upgrade the camera at the crossing by The Bull – police can then see this live.
- We need something to cover the blind spot on the corner by the watchmaker's.
- Police suggested high-definition cameras – cost?
- We are on The Bull's internet, so we can have a dedicated connection (BT perhaps)
- Suggested that we get Buxton Trust involved in the tennis courts area.
- Cllr Vincent to email Essential to get report. Cllr Philip set aside £2k to carry forward to next year.

362.3 Neighbourhood Plans: should be up and running with committee by the middle of the year.

363. Planning Committee

- Sixteen String Jack appeal: Planning Inspectorate dismissed appeal on bulk and depth of building and detriment to neighbours and the area as a whole. Lack of parking not a factor though. We await next move by agents.
- 119 Theydon Park Road appeal: Dismissed, for reasons other than planning officer's. Cllr Philip to see Nigel Richardson at EFDC about this.
- 23 Piercing Hill: refused under delegated powers.
- Marcris House: refused under delegated powers.

364. Highways and Environment Committee

- We have asked Biffa to reduce trash at Station Hill (fly-tipping) – agreed.

- Epping Lane has signed up again – good.
- Belisha beacon not fixed yet – we are on the case.
- TBPC liaised with Biffa and Highways to get reinstatement of kerbs in Hornbeams. Highways say they can't do this, meetings can't be arranged and remedial work is "not required". EFDC level councillors have experienced similar issues, Cllr Philip to bring this up in Any Other Business at the next Local Councils Liaison. Ongoing.
- NEPP and parking on the Green – we are inviting local police to see the situation at 4pm very soon.

365. Community Liaison

Christmas Events: Mediterranean Plants will provide a Christmas Tree for us – Epping Forest to give permission too. We will get battery-operated lights for this (they last 28 days).

366. Cemetery Committee

- Topple test carried out.
- Leak is fixed – we await the bill.
- Abandoned car has been removed.

367. Reports from Representatives

Buses: Bus service 541 to become 418 & 418b on April 11.

- Will run from Loughton via Debden, Abridge, Epping Station, St Margaret's and Theydon Bois to Harlow.
- Posters to follow - we will display these on notice boards.
- We await timetables from Galleon. Essex County Council will not change the timetables on the stops.
- Jim Watts to put timetables on the Village Website.
- Notice board at Forest Heights to be fixed.

368. Date Of Next Meeting: April 28 2016

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

None

370. Following Agenda items will exclude Public and Press

- Lifetime Achievement Award: proposed John D Padfield.
- Special Award suggested – SaileshDawda of Theydon Bois Pharmacy.

Councillor Philip closed the meeting at 8.58pm

Julie Taylor

Clerk to the Council

Councillor John Philip

Chair of the Council