

LONDON COLNEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, MORRIS
PLAYING FIELD, ON FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2017, COMMENCING AT 7.00pm

MINUTE NO.	DETAIL	ACTION
	<p>PRESENT Councillors: M MacMillan (in the Chair), K Gardner, D Gordon, H Pakenham, A Osborne, N Mahoney; J Hopkins and C Flynn</p> <p>IN ATTENDANCE Lionel Thatcher, Locum Parish Clerk; Leigh Casling, Grounds Manager & PCSO</p> <p>and</p> <p>5 members of the public</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
66/17	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>No declarations received, if required they will be taken as they arise through the meeting</p>	
67/17	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Received from Councillor J Quagliozzi</p>	
68/17	<p>MINUTES.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3 March 2017 had been previously circulated. It was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.</p>	
69/17	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>To receive updates on matters arising from the minutes of 3 March 2017.</p> <p>49/17 Exercise Class. It was agreed to allow up to £500 towards the costs, this sum to be taken from the functions/events budget.</p> <p>51/17 Litter collection. This takes place tomorrow. Councillor Hopkins thought people might be reluctant to attend due to the presence of Travellers in the village.</p>	<p>JA</p>

	<p>53/17 Groundsmen schedule of winter work. The Grounds Manager suggested this item be taken later with his report.</p> <p>54/17 Caledon Centre heating. Quotes are awaited.</p> <p>54/17 Napsbury CCTV. This has been ordered and installation is awaited</p> <p>58/17 c) First Aid Course. Confirmed as being arranged for 10 May.</p> <p>58/17 e) Locum Clerk. The Clerk reported that two applications for the post of Temporary Clerk had been received, neither of whom had council experience. It was agreed to extend the closing date for applications and to ask the Locum Clerk to continue for a further month.</p>	<p>LC</p> <p>AH</p>
<p>70/17</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>a) Letter from Herts County Council notifying their intention to introduce 20mph speed limit zones on various roads in the area of Five Acres. Councillor Gordon said that these roads are around the school and the County Council is currently consulting on introducing the limits around two other schools.</p>	

<p>71/17</p>	<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT</p> <p>The PCSO reported that there is a lot of anti-social behaviour around Haseldine Rd where youths gather. Groups of 20 or more teenagers are not unknown and they are proving to be intimidating to both shopkeepers and members of the public. Councillor Gordon said that this has been a problem for many years and what is needed is a drop-in centre for that age group with trained youth workers.</p> <p>There was a Youth Project meeting last Monday for ages up to 11 years but we need something for older children and perhaps a multi-agency approach.</p> <p>Councillor Pakenham said that she had not seen much of a police presence in the village and thought a greater police presence would help dispel the problem.</p> <p>Councillor Gordon said that the PCSOs need backup from the regular force, since they do not have power of arrest and she has written to Sgt Rory Arnott asking for an increased presence over a sustained period between 6pm and 8pm. It was proposed that should Youth Connections be able to help then money could be found from balances to support this.</p> <p>Mention was also made of the Travellers who had moved into the village and photos had been taken by the PCSOs of the rubbish left by them. It was hoped that section 61 relating to criminal damage and fly tipping could be used to remove them quicker than having to go through the courts.</p> <p>Councillor Gardner said we must keep in touch with SADC so that they continue their part of the process to remove them within 5 days.</p> <p>The Grounds Manager said that he went to court and an order has been obtained requiring them to leave, the worst case scenario being by next Wednesday.</p> <p>Councillor Gordon thanked the PCSO for being present at the school at lunchtime.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>
<p>72/17</p>	<p>QUESTION TIME</p> <p>The Chairman suspended Standing Orders and invited members of the public to ask questions.</p> <p>Several of those present, including traders from Haseldine Rd, expressed their concerns over the anti-social behaviour. They too had been intimidated by the groups of youths.</p>	

	<p>They thought the youths had nothing to do and were bored. The PCSO said she had spoken with parents, but as children become criminally responsible for their actions from the age of 10, there is little they can do.</p> <p>Another member of the public present said that a lot could be learned from the litter pick and that the children should be made to pick up the litter, so that they learn how bad it is. Councillor Flynn said that there are many things for the youths to do in the village and that they need guidance.</p> <p>Standing Orders were reinstated.</p>	
73/17	<p>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT.</p> <p>a)The report from the Community Events Manager was presented by Councillor Pakenham. Hard copies of the report were circulated round the table. She said that there is to be an Events Committee meeting next Tuesday and she thanked the Community Development Manager for all her hard work in organizing the recent events.</p> <p>b)The Chairman confirmed the amount of the donations from the Music Festival to be given to the Peace Hospice.</p> <p>c) The Clerk said that Napsbury Residents' Association had requested free use of the Pavilion for a police liaison meeting on 15 May. This was unanimously approved.</p>	<p>LG</p> <p>AH</p>
74/17	<p>GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE MANAGER'S REPORT</p> <p>The Grounds and Maintenance Manager presented his report. On the subject of the winter maintenance programme he pointed out that each month he provides a schedule of the work being undertaken for each site.</p> <p>The Chairman asked about the fence adjacent to the Walsingham Way playing field which should have been reinstated. The Grounds Manager said that he had recently spoken with the developer and had been assured that the fence would be returned to its original position within four weeks.</p>	<p>LC</p>

	<p>The Chairman also thanks the grounds staff for all their efforts relating to the Travellers and thanked the Grounds Manager for attending court in St Albans.</p>	<p>LC</p>
<p>75/17</p>	<p>LOCUM CLERK'S REPORT The Locum Clerk said he did not have a formal report to present, as time has been spent on the many meetings he attended and, of course, dealing with the Travellers. He wished to record his appreciation of all the hard work of the office staff who are working extra hours due to the absence of the Clerk. The Chairman added his thanks to the office staff.</p>	<p>JA/LG/AH</p>
<p>76/17</p>	<p>COMMITTEE STRUCTURE & HANDLING PLANNING APPLICATIONS The Locum Clerk pointed out that in the 8 weeks since he has been here there have been 10 meetings. Some of these failed to produce a quorum. Most of his time is taken up with preparing for meetings, writing agendas etc, attending meetings and writing minutes after meetings. He suggested that it might be worth considering holding Working Parties rather than Committees, since these do not require office input. On the question of planning, there are no fewer than 16 applications for consideration at this meeting, though many are now out of time. He forwards all applications to members of the Planning Committee for their consideration and response but has yet to receive a reply. Councillor Gordon said that we do have a Planning Committee so it is suggested that each week applications are sent to the planning team and that they be invited to comment each week. This was agreed. It was also agreed to consider the question of Working Parties at the annual meeting of Council, possibly giving them a 6 month trial. Councillors Pakenham and Hopkins expressed a wish to attend a planning course, should one arise.</p>	<p>CLERK</p>

77/17	<p>LONDON COLNEY FOOTBALL CLUB The Clerk read an email from a supporter of the Club urging the Council to offer support. It was agreed to publicise the Club with an article in the magazine for the next two issues and to write to the Chairman of the Club, suggesting sessions for youth in the summer. Councillor Gardner said she understands the Club has been offered a free temporary pitch at South Mimms.</p>	LG
78/17	<p>GRANTS The following were approved – a) Kids Project – up to £500, amount to be confirmed b) W.I. - £200 c) Citizens Advice Bureau - £1000 now and consideration of further monies in June. The Chairman said that the dates of CAB presence in the Library and of Police surgeries should be promulgated in the magazine.</p>	JA LG
	<i>Councillor Hopkins left the meeting.</i>	
79/17	<p>FINANCE a) To receive and approve expenditure since the last Council meeting. Members reviewed the expenditure since the last council meeting. Proposed and resolved that the expenditure since the last Council meeting is approved.</p> <p>b) To review the Year to date Income and Expenditure against budget. Members reviewed the year to date Income and Expenditure against budget.</p> <p>The Bookkeeper was asked to show where the carried forward money re tennis courts is shown in the accounts and what is the exact amount.</p>	JA
80/17	<p>TOWN PLANNING MATTERS 5/2017/0779 Ridgeview Lodge Barnet Rd – variation of Conditions.</p>	

	<p>Letter of objection from neighbour was read.</p> <p>5/2017/0383 38 Peter Ave – convert dwelling to flats (HMO)</p> <p>5/2017/0607 Our Lady of Walsingham Church – construct new parish hall following demolition.</p> <p>5/2017/0725 20 Mount View – s/s rear extn.</p> <p>5/2017/0685 Co-op Food, Haseldine rd – shop front etc</p> <p>5/2017/0675 18 Morris Way – s/s front, side & rear extn</p> <p>5/2017/0537 56 Peter Ave – s/s side & rear extn</p> <p>5/2017/0598 14 Harvey Rd – s/s rear extn</p> <p>5/2017/0480 52 Kings Rd – s/s rear extn</p> <p>5/2017/0509 8 Cotlandswick – remove & replace gate</p> <p>5/2017/0593 7 Beningfield Drive – convert garage to habitable space. Recommend refusal due to loss of garage space.</p> <p>5/2017/0300 15 Haseldine Rd – variation of condition 3</p> <p>5/2017/0364 Co-op Food Haseldine rd – illuminated signs</p> <p>5/2017/0495 35 Beningfield Drive – loft conversion</p> <p>5/2017/0678 15 Shenley Lane- new outbuilding & basement</p> <p>5/2017/0868 14 Willoughby Court – s/s rear extn</p> <p>All the above, with the exception of 5/2017/0593 will be returned as ‘no comment’.</p>	
<p>81/17</p>	<p>Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The minutes of the HR Committee of 28 February 2017 were received and noted.. b) The minutes of the Events Committee of 14 March 2017 were received and noted. c) The minutes of the HR Committee of 20 March 2017 were received and noted. d) The minutes of the Environment Working Party of 28 March 2017 were received and it was AGREED to hold the Litter Pick on 8 April 2017. e) The minutes of the Finance Committee of 3 April 2017 were received and noted. f) The minutes of the HR Committee of 3 April 2017 were received and noted. 	
<p>82/17</p>	<p>Member Items</p> <p>The Chairman thought that a competition to find an anthem for London Colney would generate interest and that a cash prize could be awarded to the winner.</p> <p>Councillor Gardner asked when the winner would be revealed and the Chairman said that dates will have to be decided later.</p> <p>.</p>	

<p>83/17</p>	<p>Reports from local Councillors on other local authorities.</p> <p>County Councillor Gordon said that she had attended the Health Scrutiny Panel at Herts County Council. Money has been removed from the budget by the Clinical Commissioning Group and this has impacted on home care services, leaving them with a shortfall. Two wards at St Albans Hospital will also close.</p>	
<p>84/17</p>	<p>REPORTS OF EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED</p> <p>No reports were received.</p> <p>.</p>	
<p>85/17</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting of the Council will be held on Friday 5 May 2017, together with the Annual Parish Meeting, at the Morris Pavilion, White Horse Lane, London Colney, commencing at 7pm.</p> <p>There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 2040 hours.</p>	

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