

**LONDON COLNEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2018
CALEDON COMMUNITY CENTRE, CALEDON ROAD, LONDON COLNEY, 7PM**

PRESENT: Councillors M MacMillan, K Gardner, D Gordon, N Mahony, M Mortuza, H Pakenham (arrived 7.30pm), and A Osborne

IN ATTENDANCE: E Payne, Interim Clerk
Members of the Public
PCSO Hannah Probyn

138/18. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr J Quagliozi (family).

139/18. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 152/18 – Cllr Gardner declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest as a Member of St Albans District Council's Plans South Committee.

No other declarations were received that had not already been notified.

140/18. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 4 July 2018 were received and approved as a true record of the meeting.

141/18. MATTERS ARISING NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising that did not appear on the agenda.

It was proposed and resolved that the Community Safety Report was discussed later during the meeting when PCSO Probyn was available (she arrived at 7.30pm).

142/18. COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

PCSO Probyn reported that there had not been very much anti social behaviour in the village during the summer. She had been present when the unauthorised encampment had tried to gain access to the Morris Recreation Ground and thanked the Council staff for their actions in preventing access.

Number plate theft continues and she has been promoting the use of anti theft screws to prevent this crime.

A member asked if there would be speed monitoring on the Barnet Road which had been promised by the SNT Sergeant. Cllr Gardner reported that there is a Priority Setting Forum meeting scheduled for 19 September and she would take this issue to that meeting. She asked that Members notify her of any other police matters that could be raised at this meeting.

143/18. CORRESPONDENCE

143/18.1 Shenley Parish Council – Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

The meeting received a letter from Shenley Parish Council as part of their statutory consultation process. Cllr Gordon will review the Neighbourhood Plan and comment on behalf of the parish council.

143/18.1 St Albans District Council – Review of Brownfield Land Registry

Members received a consultation document on the review of the brownfield land registry. There are three sites in London Colney on the register. Members did not support the development of the car park in Haseldine Road as it is well used by residents. The Council would expect any planning application for this site to be considered in an open and transparent manner.

143/18.3 Ms Christine Moulster – Request to Use Village Green 20/6/20

Members received the request from Ms Moulster for the use of the village green for her wedding and reception. Members expressed concerns about the private use of the site setting a precedent and that it would impact on public access. They also expressed concerns about the installation of a marquee on the site and when it would be dismantled. The Clerk was instructed to liaise with Ms Moulster and look at an alternative site in the vicinity.

143/18.4 Essex and Herts Air Ambulance – Funding Request

Members received a request from funding from Essex and Herts Air Ambulance. They expressed concerns that this is a service that should be funded from central government and not be run as a charity. It was **RESOLVED** that:

£100 is donated to Essex and Herts Air Ambulance under Local Government Act 1972, Section 137.

144/18. QUESTION TIME

144/18.1 A member of the public thanked the parish council staff for their prompt action in preventing an unauthorised encampment on Morris Recreation Ground.

7.30pm Cllr Helen Pakenham and PCSO Probyn joined the meeting.

144/18.2 A member of the public raised concerns about building works being undertaken to a property in the street where he lives. There have been no planning applications and he is concerned that structural works may have been undertaken which would affect the structural integrity of this semi-detached property. He has complained to the Building Inspector without any success. He was advised by a District Councillor that the work is probably falls under permitted development and that he that he should contact Environmental Health is if he concerned about noise and contractor vehicle parking issues.

145/18. MINUTES

145/18.1 Finance Committee – 12 July 2018

Members received the minutes of this meeting. There was one recommendation to release £5,000 from general reserves and transfer it into Earmarked Reserves for potential legal fees to challenge the possible development of a garden village by Hertsmere BC on the boundary with London Colney. It was **RESOLVED** that:

£5,000 is transferred from General Reserves to an Earmarked Reserves for legal fees to a possible challenge to Hertsmere BC development of a garden village.

145/18.2 Events and Community Committee – 16 July 2018

Members received the minutes of this meeting and there were no recommendations.

145/18.3 Human Resources Committee – 16 July 2018

Members received the minutes of this meeting and there were no recommendations.

145/18.4 Environment and Neighbourhood – 25 July 2018

Members received the minutes of this meeting and there were no recommendations.

146/18. FINANCE

146/18.1 Expenditure Year to Date

Members received a report on the Council's expenditure for the year to date. It was **RESOLVED** to:

Note the report

146/18.2 Monthly Expenditure for the Period Ending 29 August 2018

Members received a report on the Council's expenditure for the period ending 29 August 2018. Members queried the overspend on item 4505 Postage and they were advised that there had been additional postage incurred in sending out the wristbands for Picnic in the Park. Members considered that this cost should be added to the event costs. It was **RESOLVED** to:

Note the report and approve the payments for the period ending 29 August 2018

146/18.3 Monthly Receipts for the Period Ending 29 August 2018

Members received the Receipts report for the period ending 29 August 2018. It was **RESOLVED** to:

Note the report.

147/18. OFFICER'S REPORTS

147/18.1 Grounds Maintenance Manager's Report

Members received the Grounds Maintenance Manager's report. Members asked that Dudley Wood is added to the report and that the Grounds Maintenance Manager is asked to attend the next meeting.

147/18.2 Events Officer's Report

Members received the Events Officer's report. The Events Officer was thanked for her efforts in making the Council's events successful. Members discussed the expenses relating to the running of lunch club and queried why staff costs were not apportioned to the project which was the case with all other events. It was **RESOLVED** that:

A report on staff costs for lunch club is submitted to the Finance Committee for evaluation.

147/18.3 Proposed for Use of S106 Funding on Capital Projects

Members received proposals for the use of S106 funding held by the District Council for capital projects in the village.

The proposals for the replacement of play equipment at Walsingham Way was agreed. Members considered that new benches and more waste bins should be included in the proposals for the paddling pool.

Members asked the Clerk to investigate the costs relating to the installation of an outdoor gym and asked the Grounds Maintenance staff for suggestions for a location.

14718.4 Update on Parish Council Aims and Objectives

Members received an update on the progress on parish council's aim and objectives. The Clerk was asked to enquire with the Practice Manager at the village surgery about progress on the planning application for a new surgery in Perham Way.

Members asked the Clerk to investigate applying for funds for a Neighbourhood Plan and the Chairman will approach a potential project manager.

148/18 ALTERNATIVE EVENT TO LARKS IN THE PARKS

This item was withdrawn.

149/18. MEMBER'S POINTS OF INTEREST RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

There were no points of interest received.

150/18. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ON OTHER AUTHORITIES

150/18.1 Cllr Gardner reported on pictures sent to her by a resident following the spreading of fertiliser from Agrivert on local fields. There was a lot of plastic contained in the fertiliser which should not have occurred. She has asked the Portfolio Holder at the District Council for feedback on the incident to find out how it had happened and what steps were being taken to prevent it from happening in the future.

150/18.2 Cllr Gordon reported on the local plan consultation and how the duty to co-operate with other local authorities occurs. Colney Heath and London Colney Parish Councils have both expressed an interest in being informed about meetings with Hertsmere BC in relation to the Garden Village proposals and initially the Portfolio Holder had agreed but had then advised that this was not possible and that parish councils would be involved as much as possible.

150/18.3 Cllr Pakenham enquired how much had it cost to purchase the former clinic in the city centre and where had the funding come from. Cllr Gardner will enquire and advise Cllr Pakenham.

151/18. REPORTS OF EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

151/18.1 SADALC Meeting – 17 July 2018

Cllr Pakenham gave a verbal report on her attendance at this meeting.

151/18.2 Stand Up for the Colneys – 25 July 2018

Members received a verbal report on this meeting.

152/18. PLANNING

152/18.1 Refreshed Approach on Handling Planning Applications

Members received a report on a refreshed approach for handling planning applications and agreed with the proposals which would be implemented with immediate effect.

152/18.2 Planning Applications Received

These had been circulated separately and there were no planning applications that needed to be discussed further.

153/18. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

To resolve to exclude the Press and the public from the following items in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.