

**A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH
APRIL 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE NEW VICTORY HALL, MUNDON.**

Those present: Cllrs S Livermore (chair), G. Rowsell, B. Hollis, L. Clark and I. McDonald, District Cllr Beverly Acevedo and the Clerk.

1. There were no apologies.
2. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Rowsell declared an interest in a discussion with a resident of Vicarage Lane.
3. Public Comments – none
4. The Minutes of the December meeting were agreed and signed.
5. Matters Arising/clerks report – all covered by Agenda items
6. District Councillors Report – D .Cllr Beverly Acevedo reminded everyone of the forthcoming local elections. She felt that there are a lot of important issues at the moment, highways being a big problem, that are only dealt with by County and she would like to see District Councils having more input and influence. The County Council does not always understand the needs of smaller villages and with regard to schools, roads, policing, NHS needs etc she thinks that these issues are better being delivered at a local level. If she is elected she will treat this as very important. In the meantime she would like any problems passed on to her as she can approach other agencies that could help.
7. Items previously agreed for the Agenda.
 - a. Transport – Cllr Clark reported that all seemed fine at the moment. The next meeting will be in Maldon on June 12th.
 - b. The Furze – no report
 - c. Grass cutting – this was done in March and a bill has been received. There is a trench on Woodside left after Gas Services were working on it. The grass has not seeded. *Cllr Rowsell will speak to Moat.* The work of the grass contractors was discussed and it was decided to ask for a formal specification and schedule. *The clerk will write to them.*
 - d. Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr McDonald attended a meeting where DNA kits for property were available. The paint that is put on valuable things has a unique dye and costs £15.00. There are also NHW signs at a cost of £7 each. The problems with hare coursing and theft from land has moved on to the Dengie area. Cllr. Rowsell reported on an unsatisfactory meeting with the Crime Prevention team. Cllr Hollis spoke about a ‘Mundon Whats App Group’ where texts are sent to others in the group if there are any anti-social problems or crimes etc. There was a mixed reaction to this, some liking the idea and others

wondering if the general age of villagers would preclude them from being interested.

- e. Woodside. Cllr Rowsell was still in touch with Moat about contributing to the cost of grass cutting. They were currently seeking advice from solicitors.

Cllr Rowsell will also talk to Moat about the road surfacing at West Chase. Apparently the first metre from the main road is the responsibility of the County Council and the rest is Moats.

- f. Parking on Woodside Verge. – This seems to be resolved at the moment, but the young owner of the quad bike had been on there damaging the daffodils and throwing stones. A letter will be sent to the resident formally requesting that they do not allow this anti-social behaviour to continue.

8. Planning – nothing to report.

- 9. Highways – a resident of Vicarage Lane had made a verbal complaint about the large agricultural vehicles that use the road. The sides of the road are falling away and it is bad for cars but it is also difficult for all traffic as residents have put large concrete blocks on one side of the road to protect the verges outside their houses and land. There are county council restrictions on this practice but this is still occurring. It appears to be a difficult situation to solve as Highways are unlikely to improve the road conditions.

10. Correspondence

Emails

MDC News Releases various

Monthly County updates

Police and Crime Commission Public Consultation

Planning – Parish response template

Rural Vulnerability Service Bulletins

MDC Planning Manual and tool kit

National Plant Monitoring Scheme

Weekly email News Digests

Superfast Essex Interaction roll out map

Rural Opportunities Bulletin

DHGPC Chairman nominations

MDC Transparency Code

EALC Training Bulletins

DHGPC Mins Sept 2016

MDC Weekly Decisions, Appeals and Applications

DHGPC Notices of Changes

DHGPC meeting

MDC Local Development Plan Consultation

MDC Deputy Monitoring Officers for Town and Parish

EALC legal updates

RCCE Neighbourhood Planning Coffee Morning

E. Bulletins
 HMRC regular information emails
 Police Partnership conference 2017
 ECC elections 4 May 2017
 Local Area Highway Panel Minutes/March
 DHGPC New Chairman
 Notice of Election Agents ECC
 Making the Links
 Rural Services – free RSN Seminar
 Transport Rep meeting – June 2017-05-15

Post
 J & M Payroll services – auto enrolment/pensions May 2017
 MDC Planning- reply to our letter re Copt Chase Cottage

11. Finance

The following cheques were signed

Hall Rent		12.00
Clerk Mar/April (less £40 PAYE)		160.00
HMRC PAYE (June)		60.00
J & M Payroll March payroll services	17.50	
J & M Payroll Year end processing 16/17	30.00	57.00
VAT	9.50	
B F Ground Maintenance March 17 Invoice 4971		192.00

12. Items for future Agendas

13. Date of next meeting – June 20th 2017.

Signed Date