



Heybridge Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** held on **THURSDAY 19th MARCH 2015** in The Main Hall, Plantation Hall, Colchester Road, Heybridge.

PRESENT

Chairman: COUNCILLOR MICHAEL EDWARDS

Vice-Chairman: Councillor Prof. Lew Schnurr

Councillors: John Harrison Dr. Michael Blyth Gary Young
Richard Perry Mark Burmby Keith Lawson

Officer: Laurie Wiebe

Public: Members of Public = 9

Representatives: Maldon District Council Park Rangers – Adrian Rayner
Maldon District Councillor – Cllr. Bryan Harker
Maldon District Councillor – Cllr. Alan Cheshire
Heybridge Residents Association – Don Benson
ACE – Alison Cook
Heybridge U3A – Lynda Etherton

In the Chair: Cllr. Edwards

14/430 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Stephen Jennings and Ian Dobson.

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

14/431 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 17th April 2014 were received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 17th April 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

14/432 District Councillors' Reports

Both Dist. Cllrs. Cheshire and Harker welcomed any questions.

Cllr. Prof. Schnurr expressed concern for the planning procedure and lack of Parish Council involvement in section106 decisions. Cllr. Harker agreed and noted that often Dist. Cllrs were not make aware of s106 agreements appended to planning applications until it was too late. Cllr. Harker indicated that he would welcome a change to the procedure.

Dist. Cllr. Cheshire noted that s106 was a minefield and needed a dedicated planning officer. It was noted that Maldon District Council Planning Department were looking at employing a dedicated s106 officer. It was also noted that there was no mechanism for officers to go back to Dist. Cllrs when developers have made amendments to s106.

Cllr. Prof. Schnurr noted that the Parish Council has sought independent legal opinion on the obligation that the District Council has to provide public toilets in Daisy Meadow Car Park. The Parish Council will be contacting District Council Chief Exec.

Dist. Cllr. Harker noted that planning policies have changed dramatically over a short period of time. The District Council now follows the National Plan Policy Framework and the policies found within the proposed Local Development Plan.

Dist. Cllr. Cheshire reported that a meeting had recently taken place at the Combined Military Museum on the regeneration of The Causeway. The Parish Council had not been made aware of the meeting. Concerns of the development included the seawater levels and the height of the seawall. It was noted that there was proposed a combination of business and residential development.

Cllr. Prof. Schnurr noted that the Parish Council had secured a seat on the technical meeting of the flood alleviation scheme which will be held on the 2nd April 2015.

14/433 Annual Report

Members received the annual report for the year 2014/2015.

The Chairman's report included an overview of the Parish Council, Committees, and staff. There was also an overview on the role of the Council in planning, highways and environment. The responsibilities of the Council for Plantation Hall, King George V Playing Field, amenity areas, bus shelters, rubbish and dog bins. The report also highlighted work of the Council within the community and events.

RESOLVED that the annual report be approved.

14/434 Police Report and other representatives

Adrian Rayner from MDC Park Rangers reported that:-

- The Rangers issued 6 dog fines this year;
- There are 75 people registered on Parkwatch in Heybridge;
- Dogwatch Scheme will be launched on the 26 June 2015 at the Prom. The Scheme will be sponsored by the Police Crime Commissioner.
- The Ranger team will soon be expanding and will also have new surveillance equipment.

14/435 Public participation session

Doreen Carr, secretary of Heybridge WI, noted that they recently tried to book Plantation Hall for a Saturday table top sale but were unable to because the Hall is regularly booked on Saturdays.

No other comments were made by the public.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7:30 pm.

CHAIRMAN