



Peбmarsh Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4 March 2013

Present:

Cllr H Anderson (Chairman)
Cllr J Holder
Cllr J Tufnell
Cllr S Nott
Cllr M Collett

In attendance:

Mrs P Potter (Clerk)
County Cllr David Finch
2 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held 21 January 2013

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Declarations of Interest

- Cllr Nott declared an interest in item 8.

4. Public Forum

It was reported that the light on the outside of the Village Hall is currently shining into a neighbour's upstairs rooms and it was requested that the light be angled downwards. Cllr Holder agreed to pass this on to the Village Hall Committee.

5. District and County Items

5.1 BDC Issues

None

5.2 ECC Issues

County Cllr Finch attended to update the Parish Council on ECC's recent activities, which have been circulated to Councillors previously. Cllr Finch summarised this as follows:

- ECC have frozen their part of the Council Tax for the 2013/14 financial year, for the third year running.
- ECC have so far achieved £364M savings.
- A further £35M is being invested into highways maintenance, to help exacerbate the problems which have arisen over the cold winter. It was advised to report all major pot holes in the parish to ensure they are repaired.
- A further 1000 school places are to be provided.
- £2M will be invested each year for the next 3 years into housing for vulnerable people.

- ECC are taking part in a national scheme to help first time buyers gain a mortgage by assisting with the deposit, which is estimated to help around 6,000 people in the County.
- A tender for Broadband improvements will be put out in June/July this year to enable faster speeds to be rolled out to more remote areas of the County and it is hoped that the north of Essex will be covered by 2014.

6. Planning

6.1 Applications

None

6.2 Planning Results - The following application was granted

12/01591/FUL: Scotts Farm, Cripple Corner – Erection of detached dwelling (revised proposal following approval 09/00546/FUL).

This result was noted by the Council.

7. Roads

The speed ropes which were recently requested are currently in place. It was agreed that details of the worst pot holes will be sent to the Clerk so that they can be reported.

8. S106 Agreement – Affordable Housing

It was agreed that an approach would be made to BDC to ascertain whether the S106 agreement can be amended to more reflect the definition of ‘village connection’. Cllr Anderson agreed to look into other examples of these kind of S106 agreements and report back to the next meeting.

9. Localism Fund Payment Proposal

Following attendance at a recent BDC meeting, Cllr Anderson asked for clarification regarding the new Localism Fund Payment proposal. Cllr Finch explained that there is a deficit in the grant paid to BDC from central government, which usually makes up the amounts not received from some households who receive benefits. Therefore, BDC have received a grant to cover this gap and they in turn have chosen to distribute this to the parishes directly, of which, Pebmarsh will receive £569 in the Council Tax Support Grant.

10. Toddler Group and Youth Club

In order for the Parish Council to make a decision regarding future assistance for these clubs, Cllr Holder will be contacting them to receive further information.

11. Footpaths

The parish is currently waiting for a bridge to be repaired on FP22.

12. Village Sign Repair

The sign will be ready to re-hang in a few weeks time. Cllr Collett will investigate the remaining work which needs to be undertaken.

13. Finance

13.1 Finance Reports

The latest Finance Reports were received.

- 13.2 The following cheques were approved for payment:
- 13.2.1: £337.64 – Clerk Salary (Feb and Mar 2013)
 - 13.2.2: £ 63.70 – HMRC PAYE payment (Feb and Mar 2013)
 - 13.2.3: £ 43.08 – Clerk Expenses (Feb – March 2013)
 - 13.2.4: £ 20.00 – EALC: New Councillor File

- 13.3 Payments made between meetings, were noted:
- 13.3.1: £ 26.40 - A&J Lighting (Feb 2013)

- 13.4 Monies Received:
None

14. Clerk's Report

The Clerk went through various items of correspondence.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the combined Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Assembly. It was agreed to schedule around 20 May – the final date will be confirmed.

16. Closure

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed**Harry Anderson**.....
Chairman

Date**21/5/13**.....