



Pebmarsh Parish Council



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MINUTES **of the meeting held 1 December 2016**

Present:

Cllr Anderson
Cllr Crimmins

Cllr Tufnell
Cllr Sharp

District Cllr Spray
District Cllr Siddall

Clerk: Mrs P Potter
1 member of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Holder.

2. Declarations of Interest

- Cllr Anderson declared a pecuniary interest in item 7.2: Application for works to trees at Mill House.
- Cllr Sharp declared a pecuniary interest in item 7.1: Planning application for Broomhills Farm.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was Proposed Cllr Sharp, Seconded Cllr Tufnell and unanimously Resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held 26 October 2016 as a true record and they were signed accordingly.

4. District and County Items

4.1 BDC Issues:

Cllr Spray reported that she is continuing to push the issue of rural broadband and its timely rollout. Cllr Siddall added that there are various schemes and ideas being discussed around this issues, such as a voucher scheme, where each home is entitled to a voucher to buy capability in their area. If a provider received enough vouchers for an area they would then put fibre in. A much cheaper option is line of sight technology, however, this is not a viable option in Pebmarsh due to its topography and lack of nearby mast. Further options being reported to BDC to get broadband into not spots. Cllr Spray put the question to BDC Full Council regarding the timing of broadband to Pebmarsh and was pointed towards sometime in 2018. Councillors will keep the Parish Council informed of any developments in this area.

With regard to the Local Plan, the recent consultation period has finished and the Local Plan Sub-Committee will be meeting over the next few weeks to finalise their preferred options. Further consultations will then take place

4.2 ECC Issues:

Cllr Finch was not available for this meeting but had previously circulated his Parish Update.

6. Public Forum

None

7. BDC Planning

7.1 Planning Applications:

*The following are prior approval applications to BDC and are for **information only** – no comments are sought. These were noted:*

- 16/01995/HPPA: Oak Tree Cottage, cross End - Erection of single storey rear extension. Extension will extend beyond rear wall of the original house by 5.1m, with a maximum height of 3.7m and 2.7m to the eaves of the extension.
- 16/01853/COUPA: Broomhills Farm, Catley Cross: Prior approval – change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house and change of use of farm shop and agricultural storage building to a dwelling house.

7.2: Planning Committee – these were noted and approved:

- 16/00318/TPOCON: Oak Lodge, Mill Lane – Works to trees. *The Parish Council had no comment and no objections.*
- 16/01818/FUL: Barley Mow, Cross End: Single storey rear extension and first floor extension over existing. *The Parish Council had no comment and no objections.*
- 16/00318/TPOCON: Mill House, Mill Lane: Works to trees. *The Parish Council had no comment and no objection.*

7.3 Planning Results -The following applications were granted:

- 16/01111/FUL: Land n/w of Ivy Cottage, The Street – Erection of four bedroomed two storey chalet style dwelling. *The Parish Council had no comment and no objections – some comments put forward.*
- 16/01356/FUL: Oakdene, Oak Road – Proposed demolition of existing single storey rear extensions to existing dwelling. Internal and external alterations to existing dwelling to include removal of existing external chimney and erection of new internal chimney, increase pitch of existing roof, render of existing painted brickwork, block up of principle front door, new front door and porch to the side, erection of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension, internal alterations. Demolition of existing out buildings and erection of 3 bay cart lodge including ground & first floor store. *The Parish Council had no comment and no objections.*
- 16/01601/FUL: Le Mote Cottages, Cross End – Proposed boarding cattery with reception and storage area. *The Parish Council had no comment and no objection.*

8. Kings Head Pub

Cllr Crimmins updated the meeting to report that the Friends of the Kings Head was now formally constituted and a legal entity. Approximately 130 people are on the mailing list and somewhere in the region of £300,000 has been pledged. A bursary from the Plunkett Foundation of £2500 has also been received.

9. Footpaths

Cllr Sharp has walked the majority of the parish footpaths and produced a plan showing which areas need to be cut twice a year, to enable the Parish Council to re-join the ECC Parish Paths Partnership scheme for 2017/18. Cllr Sharp will also arrange to get prices for the work to be carried out and also get an hourly rate price, in case of any ad hoc work. Some paths are maintained by the landowner or across fields, with the ones nearer the village being those which need the most attention. Cllr Sharp will provide the Clerk with a map to send to ECC to apply for next season's scheme and will also coordinate quotes for the work, which will be brought to the next meeting for agreement.

10. Playground

Following the RoSPA report in the autumn, quotes for the required repairs to the playground are being sought. One quote has been received for £1457 and two further quotes will be sourced as well, to enable the best value to be secured. The Clerk will also check the current S106 'pot' at BDC and what we are entitled to spend this on.

Cllr Spray also put forward the Councillor Community Grant as a possible source of income to put towards this project. The Clerk will arrange for the two further quotes and bring these to the next meeting.

11. Budget and Precept 2017/18

The Clerk reported on the draft budget which had been previously circulated and explained the decreases in income from the Localism Fund and how this will continue to decrease over the next three years, to zero in 2019/20.

Discussion then centred around costs for grass cutting, playground maintenance and footpath maintenance. It was agreed that Cllr Sharp and the Clerk will pursue three quotes for each of these items and bring them back to the January meeting to finalise. At that time, the budget and consequently the precept demand can also be finalised and signed off, prior to the 27 January deadline.

12. Finance

12.1 Finance Report

The latest finance reports were received.

12.2 It was Proposed Cllr Anderson, Seconded Cllr Tufnell and unanimously agreed to make the following payments:

The following cheques were approved for payment:

12.2.1	£417.36	Salary (November to December 2016)
12.2.2	£ 45.54	Clerk Expenses (November to December 2016)
12.2.3	£ 0.80	HMRC PAYE payment
12.2.4	£ 35.00	Information Commissioner – Data Protection Register
12.2.5	£ 38.40	Playground Inspection (November 2016)

12.3 Payments made between meetings – these were noted and approved:

12.3.1	£ 26.40	A & J Lighting Maintenance (Nov 2016)
12.3.2	£ 50.00	EALC: Clerk Training
12.3.3	£ 50.00	EALC: Clerk Training
12.3.4	£ 151.20	Grass Cut/Playground Inspection (Oct)
12.3.5	£ 420.00	Footpath Cutting
12.3.6	£ 120.00	External Audit/PKF Littlejohn
12.3.7	£ 113.40	RoSPA Playground Inspection
12.3.8	£ 25.05	SLCC Subscription*
12.3.9	£ 134.40	A& J Lighting – repair, Mill Lane

**this payment is split between Alphamstone & Lamarsh and Kelvedon Parish Councils pro rata.*

12.4 Monies received since the last meeting

None

13. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on received correspondence.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be set for January – date to be confirmed.

15. Closure

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date