

MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
 Held at the HENRY SAMUEL HALL on
TUESDAY 9th June 2009 7.30pm

Present

Councillor Robinson (Chairman)	Councillor Lund
Councillor Spires	Councillor Coker
Councillor Oatham	Councillor Massenhove.
Cllr Hawkes	
Mrs J Rackham (Parish Clerk)	
20 residents & D.Cllr Anthony Cussen	

18. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Evans

19. Appointment of Committees

Finance Committee. Personnel Committee

A proposal to discharge the powers to the above committees will be required.

Local Government Act 1972. Part IV Discharge of Function. Arrangements for discharge of functions by local authorities (1) Subject to any express provision contained in this Act or any Act passed after this Act, a local authority may arrange for the discharge of any of their functions-

(a) by a committee, a sub-committee or an officer of the authority: or

(b) by any other local authority.

The council cannot discharge powers to a Councillor.

The Chairman explained that appointing representatives to these committees had been delayed to allow Cllr Evans to apply. Unfortunately Cllr Evans was unable to attend this meeting. It was agreed unanimously to discharge the powers to Cllr Massenhove, Cllr Spires, Cllr Hawkes and Cllr Lund who will form the finance committee. The new mandate forms were completed. **Clerk** to action.

The Chairman asked each member of the Council if they had anything to add to the information given in the agenda regarding the discharge it's functions/powers. Each Cllr understood the information which was noted.

20. Code of Conduct Declaring an Interest.

Cllr Hawkes declared a personal interest in item 23 The Lawling Park as her husband is employed by the council in this area.

21. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2009

Cllr Oatham proposed accepting the minutes from 12th May meeting, Cllr Spires seconded the proposal, all in favour, motion carried. The minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

22. Public Discussion Session.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.36pm to allow the press, public and D. Cllrs to address the meeting.

John Moulson Divisional Commander Essex Fire Service addressed the meeting with regard to the fire at the boatyard and the issue of the water supply.

The items raised were outside the meeting and minutes were not taken. However, the issues are on the agenda and will be discussed in council.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.25pm

Cllr Oatham proposed bringing item 27 forward whilst the residents who had concerns with this item are still in attendance, Cllr Lund seconded the proposal.

For ease, the items will be minuted in their original place on the agenda.

23. Lawling Park.

Each Cllr has received a copy of the minutes from the May meeting. Any questions maybe put to Cllr Spires.

Alcohol watch scheme. The Chairman explained how this scheme worked. The council agreed to support the scheme and requested further information on how the scheme will be carried out. **Clerk** to action.

Signs. The second quotation was more expensive than the original. The council agreed that there was not any money in the budget at this time for new signs. It was agreed that signs would be added to the budget request for 2009/10.

24. Planning.

Emergency Plan. **Add to July agenda** as Cllr Evans was unable to attend this meeting.

Consideration of applications for the council to make comment to the Planning Authority.

FUL/MAL/09/00359. Change of use of land to domestic garden. Chernings, 6 Sea View Parade, Mayland.

5 Objections 2 Abstentions. Retrospective – principal of applying for permission following work. Changing the natural habitat. Concerned about any future plans and changing the character of the area.

OUT/MAL/09/00381. PP-00715204 Outline planning application for two dwellings. Land Rear of 14 Mayland Green, Mayland.

7 Objections. Overdevelopment of site, backland development.

Planning Decisions made by the Planning Authority.

FUL/MAL/09/00211. Front extension double garage with room above, 267 Esplanade, Mayland.

Refuse

FUL/MAL/09/00262. Proposed porch infill and side extension. 20 Nipsells Chase, Mayland.

Approve

Planning Appeals.

APP/X1545/C/09/2101812. Sunnyside Grange Avenue, Mayland.

APP/X1545/C/09/2101811. Sunnyside Grange Avenue, Mayland.

APP/X1545/C/09/2101814. Sunnyside Grange Avenue, Mayland.

APP/X1545/C/09/2101810. Sunnyside Grange Avenue, Mayland.

APP/X1545/C/09/2101807/NWF. Sunnyside Grange Avenue, Mayland.

25. Highways.

Cllrs reported the footpath between Nipsells Chase and The Drive is being blocked by trees overhanging the fence and breaking through the path at one place.

The hedge between the Mayland Mill and the HSH is encroaching on the path causing problems for users of the HSH.

Vehicles delivering to the supermarket are mounting the pavement and causing damage. A witness to this has complained to ECC Highways who have painted red lines around the damage. It was agreed that the **Clerk** will contact MDC Planning Dept., to ascertain if deliveries are part of the planning conditions and should be completed at the rear of the premises. The **Clerk** will also contact ECC Highways re this incident.

The plan to paint yellow lines in agreed areas of Mayland/Maylandsea is a little delayed but should be completed shortly.

Resident's correspondence re: Grange Avenue/Steeple Road Junction. The resident is concerned about this junction which they perceive is dangerous when attempting to turn right from Grange Avenue into Steeple Road. ECC Highways have advised the resident that any road improvements suggestions would need the Parish Council's support. The council supports the resident's request. It was agreed that the **Clerk** will write to ECC Highways requesting road improvements in this area.

26. Parks & Open Spaces.

Play equipment on either George Everitt Memorial Park or Cardnell Brothers Memorial Field. Grant awarded to Maldon District Council for this project. Consultation, maintenance, position, age group. Covenant on Cardnell Field. The council agreed that they would support the project. The first step must be the lifting of the Covenant on Cardnell Field. The George Everitt Memorial Park would perhaps be too small to support a scheme. **Clerk** to contact Cardnell's Solicitor in the first instance.

27. Village Environment

Nothing to report from individual Councillors.

Anti-climb paint on lighting columns. It was agreed that the council's contractor would paint each column in Cherry Alley with Anti-Climb paint at a cost of £10 per column. The latest repair following vandalism was nearly £100. **Clerk** to action. It was also agreed to write a press release detailing this action and the reason behind it. **Clerk** to action.

Boat yard fire. District Commissioner Essex Fire Service John Moulson explained about the speed in which the fire took hold and the concerns raised by the council with the water available and the possible asbestos in the building, he offered to arrange a water pressure test. All members agreed this would be a good idea and the **Clerk** will contact DC. John Moulson requesting such a test. A letter thanking John Moulson for attending the meeting will also be sent.

Sea View Parade. This item was covered under the planning application.

Resident letter re: footpath on sea wall. The letter covered various areas of the sea wall. It was agreed that the **Clerk** will write to the Environment Agency and include the areas raised by the resident. It was also agreed that the **Clerk** will contact ECC Highways

Path from Imperial Avenue to Esplanade. This item was raised by residents in the open session of the meeting. Cllr Oatham proposed the council approach ECC Highways to add this path to the definitive map. Cllr Massenhove seconded the proposal. **Clerk** to action. It was agreed that the **Clerk** will write to the owner of the land explaining what has been happening with the path.

28. Finance & Risk Assessment.

All payments and receipts received and accepted by the finance committee are listed below.

Payments

9 Jun 09	Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	Brush Cutter & Helmet	572.15
9 Jun 09	Norcom Access Ltd	Padlocks & Keys	43.70
9 Jun 09	Essex & Suffolk Water	Water charges playing field	29.06
9 Jun 09	Essex Playing Fields	Membership fees	25.00
9 Jun 09	A&J Lighting Solutions	Lighting repair Cherry Alley	96.59
9 Jun 09	A&J Lighting Solutions	Lighting maintenance	40.32
9 Jun 09	A&J Lighting Solutions	TC Lighting Maintenance	35.50
9 Jun 09	Mayland Village FC	LPH deposit refund	50.00
9 Jun 09	Allianz Insurance plc	Annual Insurance	3471.80
9 Jun 09	MSJ Garwood & Son	Grass Cutting inc MNR	1489.91
9 Jun 09	Mrs J Rackham	Expenses travel to London	32.40
9 Jun 09	Mayland Mayl	Delivery Annual Review	30.00
25 Jun 09	Mrs C Serjeant	Salary June	121.21
25 Jun 09	Mr D Hawkes	Salary June	239.76
25 Jun 09	Mrs J Rackham	Salary June	893.74
25 Jun 09	Mr T Blowers	Salary June	128.56
30 Jun 09	Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI	969.51

Receipts

8 May 09	Mayland Bowls Club	1,6,13,15,20,22,27,29 May	120.00
12 May 09	Tfr from Com to Petty Cash	Petty Cash	100.00
6 May 09	Mrs Coker	Hire LPH	42.00
19 May 09	Residents	Hire TC	19.70
19 May 09	Netball Club	Hire TC	17.00
19 May 09	Mayland Tennis Club	Hire of TC	600.00
29 May 09	Revenue & Customs	VAT	2631.56

Petty Cash

4 Jun 09	Bargain Land	Storage Unit	55.00
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Annual Return for 2008/09 The Chairman signed Section 1 & 2 of the Annual Return for 2009. The Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer also signed the document. **Clerk** will complete the AR and submit it to the Audit Commission.

Grant Application from Maylandsea School for £230 for the Mayland Nature Reserve visit run by Essex Wildlife Trust. Cllr Spires proposed awarding this grant using the s137 fund. Cllr Coker seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk** to action.

VAT course. The Clerk attended a VAT course run by Revenue & Customs. It was suggested by the R&C that council's who are not registered for VAT should notify them before any work on building projects is carried out. They will then advise the council concerned on the best way to legally obtain the vat refund that most council's expect. The Clerk supports this action and recommended it to the council. The members agreed. **Clerk** to action.

29. Consultation Documents

Maldon District Core Strategy. Comments will be forwarded to MDC when all Cllrs have read the document. **Add to next agenda.** However it would be too late to respond. All the Councillors who have seen the document so far do not have any comments to make.

30. Councillors Reports.

NAP, Cllr Massenhove. Items discussed: Petty damage, speed and other anti-social behaviour. Some of Mayland's residents were present at the meeting. The police agreed to prioritise actions against anti-social behaviour. Cllr Massenhove is meeting with PC Ian Turner shortly to discuss a press release regarding section 59 previously mentioned at the Annual Parish Assembly and subsequent PC meetings.

School Governor, Cllr Spires reported that there is a procedure that the school must adhere too before it will appoint Cllr Spires as our representative.

Local Community Liaison Council Cllr Spires attended the meeting on behalf of this council. This group discuss the decommissioning of Bradwell Power Station. Bradwell Power Station has been given a clean bill of health and EDF Energy has bought the land which maybe used for a new power station in the future.

Direction of Parish Council, Cllr Oatham asked that the Councillors meet outside of a PC meeting to discuss what the council's policies should be and the direction that the PC is going. **Add to next agenda.**

31. Web site.

How to promote the village using the website. Currently the web site is not being used by many residents. It was agreed that it should be promoted at every opportunity. **Add to next agenda.**

32. Council Vacancy.

The vacancy has been advertised for the required length of time. No one has come forward. This council can now co-opt a new Councillor. Mrs Linda Haywood wrote to the council requesting she be considered for the post. The council voted

unanimously to invite Mrs Haywood onto the council. She signed a declaration and was welcomed by all of the Councillors.

33. Items for Agenda

Parish Plan + items c/fwd from these minutes.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm

Please note the next meeting of the Parish Council. 21st July 2009 which is one week later than normal.