

MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the HENRY SAMUEL HALL on
TUESDAY 11th November 2008 7.30pm

Present

Councillor Oatham
 Councillor Spires
 Mrs J Rackham (Clerk)

Councillor Hawkes
 Councillor Coker

35 members of the public.

As both Cllr Short and Robinson were unable to attend the meeting Cllr Hawkes proposed Cllr Oatham to chair the meeting. Cllr Coker seconded the proposal, all in favour, motion carried. Cllr Oatham chaired the meeting

113. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Short, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Massenhove & Cllr Gregory.

114. Code of Conduct Declaring an Interest.

Cllr Hawkes declared an interest in item 118.

Cllr Spires declared an interest in item 121.

115. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th October 2008

Cllr Spires proposed accepting the minutes, Cllr Hawkes seconded the proposal, all in favour, motion carried. The minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

116. Public Discussion Session.

Cllr Oatham closed the meeting at 7.37pm to allow the press and public to address the meeting.

The meeting was reconvened by Cllr Oatham at 8.15pm. The residents left the meeting.

117. District Councillors Report

No D. Cllrs were in attendance.

118. Lawling Park Committee.

Each Cllr has received a copy of the LPC's minutes.

Essex Playing Field. Two awards were received. The playing field was awarded a Merit Certificate but the main award was in category 7 the best project completed in 2008. We were awarded a joint first for the skate park. This gave us a cash prize of £200 plus a cup to be held for 6 months. The certificates were passed to the Clerk for safe keeping.

Land adjoining Katonia Avenue Car Park. Cllr Massenhove had e-mailed the Clerk his view of the papers. This was discussed. Cllr Spires proposed we apply for our costs are reimbursed. Cllr Coker seconded the proposal, a vote was taken, 3 yes 1 abstain. Motion carried. **Clerk** to advise solicitor.

Tree Grant. We have been offered a grant of 500 small trees and shrubs, Cllr Spires proposed accepting the offer, and Cllr Hawkes seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk** to action.

LPH Sign in The Drive. The council agreed this would be a good idea. **Clerk** to obtain a quote.

119. Planning

Emergency Plan. As many Cllrs were unable to attend the meeting it was agreed that this item be added to the next agenda. In the interim the **Clerk** will ascertain if the Emergency Planning Dept. has all the Parish Councillor's details.

Correspondence Natural England Re:

TPO/MAL/08/00724. This planning application was on land in Nipsells Chase protected for the Great Crested Newts who are in this area. The response from English Nature and Essex Amphibian & Reptile Group was noted.

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

FUL/MAL/08/01121. Second storey on existing bungalow. 67 Nipsells Chase.
6 Objections. Design issues, very bulky and out of keeping with bungalows and character of street scene. Too imposing for neighbours.

Planning Decisions made by the Planning Authority.

FUL/MAL/08/00938. Ship front and change of use. 78 Imperial Avenue

Approve

FUL/MAL/08/00973. Change of external treatment and finishes of existing approved 4 bed house. Plot A – Land at end of Bartlett Close.

Approve

LPD/MAL/08/01011. Application for proposed lawful development – creation of path across playing field. Bakersfield. The Drive.

Approved

ADV/MAL/08/00941. Facia sign above windows, window display. 78 Imperial Avenue.

Planning Appeal.

Report on Leelamb Homes appeal. Cllr Spires reported on the meeting held in Maldon with the appeal officer to discuss this application. Leelamb homes legal team bypassed all the objections put forward by this council and MDC. They stressed that the application served the wider community and was not a local scheme so the objections made under MDC's local plan were not valid. A decision will be made by the appeal officer within six months.

120. Finance

Report from Finance Committee. As there was not enough Cllrs to form a quorum the payments, receipts, direct debits and petty cash payments were discussed at this meeting.

Cllr Spires proposed accepting all the payments, receipts, direct debits and petty cash payments, Cllr Hawkes seconded the proposal, all in favour, motion carried. The details of the payments etc. are as follows:-

Payments including Direct Debits and Petty Cash Payments.

21 Oct 08	2897	Mrs Mathews	Refund Dep chq less outgoings	18.00
21 Oct 08	2895	Mrs Hayward	Cleaning LPH for Mrs Mathews	20.00
10 Oct 08	DC	E.On	Refund	-315.00
1 Oct 08	DD	B T	Telephone & Internet	81.50
1 Oct 08	DD	E.On	Electric LPH	21.00
1 Oct 08	DD	MDC	Business Rates	65.00
15 Oct 08	DD	E.On	Electric Street lighting	57.93
15 Oct 08	DD	E.On	Electric LPC	58.00
11 Nov 08	2898	A & J Lighting Solutions	Repair Bakersfield Columns	166.85
11 Nov 08	2898	A & J Lighting Solutions	Repair Grange Avenue light	93.35

11 Nov 08	2898	A & J Lighting Solutions	Street Lighting Maintenance	41.20
11 Nov 08	2898	A & J Lighting Solutions	TC Lighting Maintenance	36.27
11 Nov 08	2899	Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	16.50
11 Nov 08	2900	Turpin Electrical Engrns Mitchell Plampin	Repair Electric fault LPH	72.85
11 Nov 08	2901	Ptnrshp	Fees Land adj Katonia Ave	464.13
25 Nov 08	2902	Mrs Sergeant	Salary November	117.95
25 Nov 08	2903	Mr T Blowers	Salary October	88.30
25 Nov 08	2904	Mr D Hawkes	Salary & Holiday pay	233.58
25 Nov 08	2905	Mrs J Rackham	Salary November	864.42
11 Nov 08	2906	MSJ Garwood & Son	Grass Cutting October	851.88
11 Nov 08	2907	Rigby Taylor Ltd	White Gravitex	33.34
13 Oct 08	Cash	Focus	Post mix	6.28
29 Sep 08	Cash	Focus	Post mix	5.38
29 Sep 08	Cash	Focus	Post mix	6.28
		Mayland Service Station	Petrol	4.70
31 Aug 08	Cash	Station	Petrol	4.70
14 Oct 08	Cash	Post Office	Stamps & Labels	9.80
14 Oct 08	Cash	All Seasons	Cleaning products	4.00
21 Jul 08	Cash	All Seasons	Cleaning products	5.00
31 Mar 08	Cash	All Seasons	Cleaning products	2.00

Receipts and Bank Transfers

6 Oct 08	Tfr	Barclays Bank	Bank Tfr to Tracker 1	35000.00
7 Oct 08	Chq	Mayland Bowls Club	Electricity Cards	20.00
7 Oct 08	Chq	Mayland Bowls Club	Booking fee 25th Oct	30.00
7 Oct 08	Chq	Mayland Bowls Club	Deposit cheque	50.00
			Hire 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,24,29,31	
7 Oct 08	Chq	Mayland Bowls Club	Oct	150.00
14 Oct 08	Cash	Various Residents	TC Hire (Junior)	14.27
14 Oct 08	Cash	Mayland Netball Club	Fees hire of TC	17.00
14 Oct 08	Chq	Mrs Mathews	Dep.LPH inc.£12 extra hire	50.00
14 Oct 08	Chq	Petty Cash	Petty Cash	100.00
27 Oct 08	Cash	Mrs Mathews	Electricity Cards	10.00
27 Oct 08	Chq	Mayland Bowls Club	booking fee 15th Nov	30.00

Budget 2008/09. Each Cllr has been given a copy of the draft budget proposal. It was agreed to hold a budget meeting on 2nd December. The **Clerk** will check with Mrs Holden that the hall is available.

121. Village Environment & Street Lighting

Councillors reported that the light in The Drive at the junction of Cherry Alley was not working. **Clerk** to action. It was also noted that the lights go off before midnight and it would be beneficial for them to stay on until 1am. **Clerk** to action.

Drainage Orchard Drive area. The residents who attended the earlier part of this meeting came to voice their concerns over the condition of the drains that block from time to time. The council had received copies of e-mails from residents and MDC. The residents thought the Parish Council could contribute to the cost of the drains being unblocked or improved. A member of MDC's Environmental Health Team had commented that this maybe possible. Unfortunately this is not the case. However, the council agreed to write to Anglian Water and ask what criteria was required to get drains/sewers adopted by them. The council will also obtain the latest information from DEFRA on their plans to enforce water companies to adopt private drainage

systems. **Clerk** to action. Cllr Oatham will also investigate the problem as a private resident who lives on the Orchard Drive Estate.

122. Highways

Councillors reported. Kerb stone loose in West Avenue at the junction of Imperial Avenue. **Clerk** to action.

Bus Shelter. We have received a verbal agreement to fund a new shelter. We are waiting for written confirmation.

Parking in The Drive. It was reported that this area will be added to the next scheme. This council had advised Highways that it was missed off the original scheme in May 2008. Unfortunately it was not added at that time.

Highway's CIF update. A date for the assessment panel to meet has not been agreed at this time.

123. Web Site

Cllr Oatham said the web site was very good. There is still some way to go to completion.

124. Consultation Document.

Communities & Local Government. The making and enforcement of byelaws. This item will be added to the next agenda as not all Cllrs have seen the document.

125. Parks & Open Spaces

Fields in Trust. Details of this scheme will be added to the proposed Parish Plan for the residents to make a decision. Add to next agenda.

126. Correspondence.

British Energy. List of meeting to discuss Nuclear Power at Bradwell. The dates of the meetings were noted.

EALC. AGM of the Parish and Town Councils in the Maldon District. The date of the meeting was noted.

127. Sports & Community Centre

Nothing to report.

128. Parish Plan.

Cllr Spires attended a meeting to discuss ECC's Making the Link. He reported that it was very useful and he had received copies of other council's questionnaires which can be adapted to suit the needs of Mayland's Parish Plan.

129. Risk Assessment

A report. Cllr Gregory was unable to attend the meeting this item will be added to the next agenda.

130. Items for next agenda.

Memorial for John Thrumble. Planning seminar report, Clerk to obtain copies of slides. Sea Wall. Lap top to be added to budget meeting agenda.

Meeting closed 9.34pm