

MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Lawling Park Hall on
TUESDAY 19th June 2012 at 7.05pm

Present

Councillor Evans Chairman	Councillor Oatham
Councillor Spires	Councillor Duncan
Councillor Hawkes	
Mrs Rackham Clerk	

D.Councillor Mrs Penny Channer and 5 residents.

54. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Pettitt, Cllr Robinson and Cllr Massenhove.

55. Code of Conduct Declaring an Interest.

Cllr Evans declared an interest in item 59. ECC Highways response regarding platforms in The Drive.

56. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th, 20th & 29th May 2012

Cllr Oatham proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 13th May, Cllr Duncan seconded the proposal. All in favour, the minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

Cllr Hawkes proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 20th May, Cllr Oatham seconded the proposal. All in favour, the minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

Cllr Spires proposed accepting the minutes from the meeting held on 29th May, Cllr Duncan seconded the proposal. All in favour, the minutes were signed and dated as a true record.

57. Public Discussion Session

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.37pm to allow the press and public to address the council. D.Cllr Mrs Penny Channer advised the council of the discrepancies between the 106 agreement and the minutes relating to that document. However, she advised the council that she would be checking the archived minutes for further information on this matter. D.Cllr Mrs Penny Channer will report back to this council as soon as she can.

The residents affected by the platforms in The Drive wrote to Highways in April and have not received a response. This council e-mailed Highways requesting a copy of their response to the resident's letter and had not had a reply. At the meeting held last year with Highways they offered to paint SLOW on the road, reduce the speed limit to 20mph, increase the area of double yellow lines between the platforms and get the SID sign reinstated. D.Cllr Mrs Penny Channer advised the council that E.C.C. Boyce is the member to contact regarding this matter. Mr R Overall is Highways Deputy Chief Executive and should also be contacted. It was reported that an extra £11 million has been set aside to repair potholes in Essex. 50,000 road defects were repaired last year. Waste collection is improving. It was reported that a pothole in Imperial Avenue is particularly bad and could this council report it to Highways. Mrs Haywood thanked the council of allowing the use of the Lawling Park Hall free of charge for Race Night and for the Picnic in the Park; the event was fantastic the weather was good. The idea of the event was to provide a free celebration for the Queen's Jubilee. However, just over £600 was raised and the organisers would like to provide a bench for the villagers to enjoy. The Chairman asked Mrs Haywood to thank all those who helped make the day the success that it was. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.20pm Mr Hawkes handed keys and a letter of resignation to the Chairman.

58. Annual Parish Assembly Questions.

Dog Bins. Can we replace the dog bin at sea wall Nipsells Chase? The damage to the lid of the bin has been reported to Maldon District Council and it has been added to the list of bins waiting for repair/replacement.

Cinema. Can we have a mobile cinema in the Lawling Park Hall? This council believes this event would be better run by residents who wish to hold such an evening in the hall. The hall can be hired in the normal way.

59. Highways.

Cllrs report of any problems and actions that maybe required.

It was reported that a resident living in Tern Close is receiving visitors and goods for Teal Avenue. Could they have a sign for Tern Close? **Clerk** to contact MDC and write to the resident.

The verge at the top of Wembley Avenue/The Drive needs cutting, ask Highway Rangers. **Clerk** to action.

The Drive junction with Steeple Road, overhanging bushes causing difficulties when turning out of The Drive. **Clerk** to contact Highways.

The **Clerk** to contact Highways to get the barriers removed from outside Hardys if the road works have been completed.

ECC. Highways response to resident's letter regarding the platforms in The Drive. Currently the residents have not heard from ECC Highways. This council agreed to request the following from Highways: paint SLOW on the road, reduce the speed limit to 20mph, increase the area of double yellow lines between the platforms and get the SID sign reinstated. **Clerk** to action. It was also agreed that the **Clerk** will contact both E.C.C Councillor Boyce and Mr R Overall is Highways Deputy Chief Executive. **Cllr Spires** will raise this matter at the DHGPC meeting with E.C.C. Robbie Jamieson who is attending the meeting.

Local Highway Panel. A report on the changes to this panel was noted.

Nipsells Chase path. The owners of the land have erected gates across the path. E.C.C legal team who are handling the claim to get this path added to the definitive map are contacting the owner's solicitor. They are also in contact with all the residents in the unmade section of Nipsells Chase.

Add unadopted paths to July agenda.

60. Planning.

Area Planning Committees-Terms of Reference. Noted

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

HOUSE/MAL/12/00466. Proposed front extension, double garage and conversion of extension garage, Maytrees, Smiths Avenue Mayland.

5 Objections. Overdevelopment of site, out of keeping with surrounding properties.

Planning Appeals.

APP/X1545/A/12/2174982/NWF. Turncole Farm, The Marshes Southminster.
Appeal received.

APP/X1545/C/12/2176092. 28 Steeple Road, Mayland.
Appeal received.

Cllr Oatham left the meeting at 9.55pm

61. Finance. Payments & receipts. Cllr Hawkes proposed accepting the payments and receipts listed below. Cllr Duncan seconded the proposal, all in favour.

Payments

18 Jun 12	CPRE	Membership fees	29.00
18 Jun 12	Mr R Laurie	Account repair	60.00
18 Jun 12	Mrs J Hawkes	Mop for LPH	31.25
		Renew sign at Cherry	
18 Jun 12	Se-al	Alley	18.00
18 Jun 12	Maldon District Council	Heras fence hire	129.60
18 Jun 12	Maldon District Council	Park Ranger service Apr	97.70
	Active Electrical	Install electro card	
18 Jun 12	Solutions Ltd	meters etc.	475.00
18 Jun 12	RCCE	Membership fees	80.00
18 Jun 12	Essex & Suffolk Water	Water charges	52.69
		Street Lighting	
18 Jun 12	A & J Lighting	Maintenance	50.40
18 Jun 12	A & J Lighting	TC Lighting May	42.90
18 Jun 12	A & J Lighting	TC Lighting	42.90
18 Jun 12	Office Is	Stationery	14.39
18 Jun 12	Office Is	Stationery	96.76
18 Jun 12	Office Is	Stationery	7.16
18 Jun 12	Impamark	Jubilee coins	748.26
18 Jun 12	M S J Garwood & son	Grass cutting May	2183.53
18 Jun 12	M S J Garwood & son	Grass cutting April	1491.70
18 Jun 12	M S J Garwood & son	Cutting MNR	72.00
18 Jun 12	Maldon District Council	Play inspection.	132.00
18 Jun 12	Mrs J Rackham	Petty Cash	100.00
25 Jun 12	Mrs J Rackham	Salary	934.03
25 Jun 12	Mr D Hawkes	Salary May	89.93
		Salary May/2 weeks	
25 Jun 12	Mr T Blowers	June	344.08
30 Jun 12	Tax & Ni	April, May June	568.32

Receipts

3 May 12	Chq	Mayland Bowls Club	Fees May	132.00
3 May 12	Chq	Mayland Bowls Club	Fees	48.00
3 May 12	Chq	Mayland Bowls Club	Fees	18.00
3 May 12	Chq	Mayland Bowls Club	Electric cards	20.00
8 May 12	DC	Revenue & Customs	VAT Recovered	12472.61

Accounts package. Two quotations to consider and a decision to be made. Following a discussion it was agreed that the **Clerk & Cllr Duncan** will visit a council that uses one of the packages.

Audit Commission. Appointment of new external auditor for 2012/13. Noted.

Grant application from Maylandsea County Primary School, Following a discussion Cllr Spires proposed granting the school £150 for the cost of EWT's visit to the MNR. Cllr Evans seconded the proposal, all in favour **Clerk** to action.

Grant application from St Barnabas Church. It was noted that the cost of cutting the grass at the cemetery had increased. Cllr Hawkes proposed a donation of £300 towards the cost of cutting the grass; Cllr Spires seconded the proposal, all in favour. **Clerk** to action.

62. Lawling Park.

Each Cllr has received a copy of the minutes from the May LPC meeting. Any questions may be put to Cllr Spires. The application form for funding towards the cost of replacement paths has been sent to The Big Society Fund. Their decision is due in November. CCTV. It was noted that publishing photos from CCTV footage is not allowed.

Asbestos inspection. It was reported that no Asbestos was found in the building. **Clerk** to advise MDC.

Trees adjacent to Bakersfield path. It was reported that the trees/shrubs causing problems to a resident were planted by a previous occupant of the property. It was agreed that the resident can remove the shrubs to allow him to replace his fence. Community Service will be removing the leavings as soon as they can.

Hedge at Bakersfield car park. Following a discussion Cllr Hawkes proposed accepting the quotation for the work and not purchasing a hedge trimmer, no support for this proposal was found, motion failed. Cllr Spires proposed purchasing a hedge trimmer for use in various locations for a maximum expenditure of £400 + vat, Cllr Duncan seconded the proposal, a vote was taken, 3 yes 1 abstain, motion carried. **Clerk to action**

Floodlight repairs. The electrician who installed the meters noted a trip fault in one circuit it was agreed that **Cllr Spires** will meet with the lighting contractor to investigate the problems prior to him carrying out the work ordered if necessary.

63. Parks & Open Spaces.

Cllrs report of any problems and actions that maybe required.

The path from Nipsells Chase to the layby in Steeple Road needs strimming or and weeding. It was agreed to ask Highway Rangers. **Clerk** to action.

Nature Reserve Map. It was agreed that Cllr Oatham will send a quote for the work to the Clerk.

64. Village Environment

Incudes: Lighting, Vandalism, Sea Wall, Transport Parish plan

The Sea Wall is overgrown. **Clerk** to advise Highways Path Dept.,

NHS. New Pharmacy opened in May. Noted

Picnic in the Park. Information was given by Mrs Haywood in the open section. Cllr Hawkes reported that the day was a great success and that residents have asked for something to be done again next year. It was agreed that the **Clerk** will write to Mrs Haywood thanking her and the committee and helpers for all their hard work which made the day such a success.

65. Councillors Report

Nothing to report.

66. Correspondence.

MDC. Armed Forces Day. Chairman to attend.

Vodafone. Does the Council wish to appoint a project champion. There is no Vodafone coverage in Mayland. So we will decline the offer, maybe Vodafone would like to appoint a resident? **Clerk** to advise.

MDC. Local Development Plan. **Add to July agenda.**

John Whittingdale. Responding to two letters. Noted.

Essex Wildlife Trust invitation. Cllr Duncan may attend this event on behalf of the council.

67. Items for meeting July 2012

Penalty for Vandalism, Council vacancy, Parish Plan, DHGPC Report.

Meeting closed at 10.24 pm