

## **EIGHT ASH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at the Eight Ash Green Village Hall, Spring Lane, Eight Ash Green on Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Alan Bilby  
Cllr Lorraine Christie  
Cllr John Jardine (Chairman)  
Cllr Tina Morgan  
Cllr Dean Nokes  
Cllr Stephen Smith  
Cllr Christine Willetts

There were four members of the public in attendance.

CBC Ward Councillor Dennis Willetts also attended the meeting.

**23-22/23 To receive Apologies for Absence and confirm acceptance of those apologies**

There were no apologies to receive.

**24-22/23 Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**25-22/23 Public Participation**

Mr Winterbourne said he would like to thank the Parish Council and the Cricket Club for arranging all the activities over the Jubilee weekend.

Cllr Jardine said the weekend had indeed gone well. He thanked Mrs Alden for arranging the afternoon tea and Mr Chambers and the Cricket Club for the Sunday activities. He said he would propose putting a supplement in the next issue of the newsletter.

**26-22/23 To agree as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 May 2022**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 May 2022 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman

**27-22/23 Report from the County and Borough Councillors:** Report from County Councillor and Ward Councillors, if present.

Cllr Dennis Willetts said Cllr Barber sent his apologies as he was attending a meeting at the Town Hall. He said Cllr Leatherdale had resigned.

He referred to the Borough Council's Local Plan and the penultimate draft. He said if the proposed amendments were accepted the Plan would be rubber-stamped. He said much would be approved in retrospect due to the delay in agreeing the Local Plan.

He referred to the National Grid's Green Enabling Energy consultation and said Aldham would be particularly hard-hit. He said the Borough Council believed the reason for the route chosen should be made public by National Grid especially as it was being pushed through an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and villages and communities.

He referred to road closures and the hydrographic work to be undertaken in Huxtables Lane. He said there was a proposed closure of Seven Star Green to address the potholes. He said the road to Fordham would be closed for sewer work for two months which would block access in and out of the village.

He said the newsletter was planned to be delivered for the first week in July. He said colour pictures would possibly double the cost but it could be discussed as could delaying publication.

**28-22/23 To review the Council's Action Tracker and to note any action necessary.**

The Council's Action Tracker was **reviewed**.

Cllr Nokes said Essex Highways had approved locations for the VAS signs. Cllr Nokes said he had contacted Swarco for a quote for commissioning to take this forward.

Cllr Smith referred to the Highways Devolution budget and said this could be progressed.

Cllr Jardine said a round-up of the budget spent for the Jubilee would be brought to the July meeting.

Cllr Morgan said she would put a notice in the newsletter giving residents until the end of July to pick up their Covid stones.

**29-22/23 To agree the Parish Council response to planning applications received from Colchester Borough Council and to note decisions made on previous applications**

**221293 - 17 Heathfields, Eight Ash Green Colchester CO6 3QP - Proposed kitchen extension**

It was **agreed** that there was no object to this application.

**Application No: ESS/30/22/COL**

Proposal: Retrospective planning permission for a composting facility to process

25,000 tpa of green waste to include the provision of weighbridge, 0.4ha of hardstanding for windrows and associated landscaping

Location: Fairfields Farm, Fordham Road, Wormingford, Essex, CO6 3AQ

The application was **noted**.

**Planning Decisions**

**None received.**

**30-22/23 Heaths and Greens**

**a) To receive a report on Heaths and Greens**

Mr Winterbourne said the regular tree survey was due in September and it was proposed to use Richard Fordham Tree Surgeons and following the survey to get a quotation for any necessary work.

He said the ponds would be checked to see which one needed clearing. He referred to the continuing problem at the pond on the corner of Daisy Green and Turkey Cock Lane.

**b) To consider and possibly agree to give permission for the Village Fete to be held on the heath on July 2022**

It was **agreed** to give permission for the Village Fete to be held on the heath in July 2022.

**c) To consider and possibly agree to allow parking on the heath on the day of the Village Fete**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman

It was **agreed** to allow parking on the heath on the day of the village fete.

- d) To consider and possibly agree to allow the Fete Committee to charge £1 per car for parking towards costs of stewards on the day of the Village Fete**

This Item was withdrawn. It was noted that the Council felt only donations should be sought from anyone parking on the heath.

- e) To receive an update on any outstanding issues affecting Parish Council land.**

An update was received. It was noted the situation regarding the wayleave for a property on the Bridleway should be clarified.

**31-22/23**

**Accounts & Payments:**

- a) Statement of Accounts to be circulated prior to the meeting
- b) Approve cheques for signature in accordance with 2022/23 Budget (Invoices Sheet) – to be circulated at the meeting.

Cheques were approved for signature as listed below:

Capel Plant	Jubilee Event	£444.00
Mr P Ellis	Jubilee Event	£450.00
Green Square	Welcome Pack	£290.00
Zurich Municipal	Insurance Renewal	£1241.46
Mr T. Pratt	Bus shelters	£250.00
Various	Staff costs	£1088.90

**32-22/23**

**To review the effectiveness of the system of internal audit of the Parish Council**

The effectiveness of the system of internal audit of the Parish Council was **reviewed**.

**33-22/23**

**To agree to approve the Annual Governance Statement section of the Annual Return for year ended 31 March 2022**

The Annual Governance Statement section of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2022 was **approved**.

**34-22/23**

**To agree to approve the Accounting Statement section of the Annual Return for year ending 31 March 2022**

The Accounting Statement section of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2022 was **approved**.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman

**35-22/23 To receive reports from Councillors**

Cllr Jardine referred to the Annual Parish Meeting and said it had been a good evening.

There were no Health and Safety issues to report. Cllr Smith said the gas canisters for the Jubilee beacon were stored safely.

**36-22/23 Date of Next Planned Meeting:** Wednesday 13 July 2022 at 7.30pm at the Eight Ash Green Village Hall, Spring Lane, Colchester.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman