

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 13 July 2022 at 7.30pm.

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

There were four members of the public in attendance.

36-22/23 To receive Apologies for Absence and confirm acceptance of those apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Tina Morgan and acceptance of these apologies was confirmed.

37-22/23 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

38-22/23 Public Participation

Mr Chambers referred to an email he had sent requesting permission to hold a social event at the pavilion in late September which would not be connected to a cricket event and therefore would be against the terms of the licence.

It was noted that this request would be added to the September meeting's agenda for formal discussion.

Mrs Alden said the Village Hall was now connected to the internet and this had been confirmed by County Broadband.

39-22/23 To agree as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 8 June 2022

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 8 June 2022 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Signed _____
Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman

40-22/23 Report from the County and Borough Councillors: Report from County Councillor and Ward Councillors, if present.

There were no reports to receive.

41-22/23 To review the Council's Action Tracker and to note any action necessary.

The Council's Action Tracker was reviewed and the following points were noted:

- Cllr Nokes said the VAS signs had been ordered and a contact at Swarco would take the Council through the process.
- Cllr Bilby said he had reviewed the Cricket and Football Clubs' licences and all was in order with no action necessary.
- Cllr Jardine said a project list should be compiled and could be discussed in September.

42-22/23 To agree the Parish Council response to planning applications received from Colchester Borough Council and to note decisions made on previous applications

221508 - Orchard Cottage, Seven Star Green, Eight Ash Green Colchester CO6 3QB - One and a half storey side extension and altered front entrance canopy

It was agreed that there was no objection to the application although concern regarding the look of the new building compared to the existing dwelling was noted.

ESS/11/21/COL/APP - Site address: Greenacres, Packards Lane, Wormingford, CO6 3AH

Description of development: Continuation of use of waste recycling facility without compliance with condition 11 (HGV Movement Times) of planning permission ESS/09/18/COL that was for "Erection of Clean Materials Recycling Facility at Existing Established Recycling/Recovery Facility, Relocation of Existing Staff Welfare Facility, Provision of Additional Staff Parking, Culverting Section of Existing Swale, Additional Landscaping, Rainwater Harvesting together with amendments to site operating hours and HGV movement times to permit 24 HGV Movements between 07:00- 16-30 hours on Good Fridays" to now allow for 6 HGV movements between 05:30 – 0600 hours; 10 HGV movements between 06.00 – 07.00 hours and 10 HGV movements between 07.00 – 07.30 hours to allow more flexibility in early morning movements periods.

It was noted that further discussion on this application would take place.

Signed _____
Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman

Planning Decisions

221150 - The Briars, Wood Lane, Fordham Heath Colchester CO3 9TR - Proposed front, rear & side extension, including alterations and cladding of facade. – *Permission granted, 5 conditions, 16 June 2022*

43-22/23 Heaths and Greens

a) To receive a report on Heaths and Greens

Mr Winterbourne said a survey of trees would be undertaken and a report prepared in any work required.

He said the ponds were being assessed for any necessary work.

He said the Council's contractor had been clearing litter and dog mess as grass-cutting had been unnecessary.

He said the Abbotts Lane pond had been cleaned to some extent last year but possibly would need more work this year.

b) To discuss upkeep of the Play Area and note any action necessary

The Clerk said she would approach Open Spaces for advice on spraying the Play Area for weed growth given the heath's status.

The Clerk said she would ask Playquip for a quote for the necessary repair work to the play equipment following the recent inspection.

c) To receive an update on any outstanding issues affecting Parish Council land.

There were no updates to receive.

44-22/23 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:

Signed _____
Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman

45-22/23 To review the Council's Risk Assessment and note any action necessary.

The Council's Risk Assessment was reviewed.

46-22/23 To discuss the extension of parking restrictions at the junction of Pallant Chase and Spring Lane and note any action necessary.

The extension of parking restrictions at the junction of Pallant Chase and Spring Lane was discussed.

Cllr Willetts said she would consult Ward Councillor Dennis Willetts on ways to progress this matter.

47-22/23 To discuss tractor and HGV movements in the parish and note any action necessary

It was noted that further information would be sought before any action was agreed.

48-22/23 To consider and possibly agree to purchase health and safety signage (details circulated prior to the meeting)

This Item was withdrawn.

49-22/23 To receive reports from Councillors

Cllr Smith referred to signage on footpaths and said this would be brought to the September meeting.

The Clerk said she had met with allotment holders regarding a new allotment steward and plans for the allotments for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Nokes referred to the ongoing problem with the Daisy Green pond and the effect on the wildlife of ongoing pollution. He said he would approach Cllr Dennis Willetts for advice.

50-22/23 Date of Next Planned Meeting: Wednesday 14 September 2022 at 7.30pm at the Eight Ash Green Village Hall, Spring Lane, Colchester.

Signed _____
Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman