

**MEETING OF BIRCHANGER PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
CHURCH HALL BIRCHANGER ON Tuesday 5th May, 2009
AT 7:45 pm**

PRESENT: P. Hoy – Chair
J. Peachey – Clerk
M. Davy
E. Godwin
D. Holder
A. Kent
L. Pocklington
K. Wheatley
R. Gooding – County Councillor
Mr. Pocklington – Member of the public

APOLOGIES: P. Lee, J. Devine

<p><u>303) MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of 7th April, were reviewed. There being no amendments the minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed accordingly.</p>	
<p><u>304) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u></p> <p>AK, EG and KW declared their interest as members of Stop Stansted Expansion.</p>	
<p><u>305) MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>Further to the last set of minutes whereupon the problems of the missing gates at the end of Wood Lane were discussed. Clerk to liaise with ECC re: installation and if no luck Clerk to contact contractors for quotes/costings for a 5 bar gate with small gate on other side for walkers with spring latch, in order to see how much the work would cost to be carried out independently.</p>	JAP ✓
<p><u>306 PLANNING</u></p> <p>A.) Gypsy Census – there were none to report</p> <p>B) Woodland Project – Ken Mcdonald from Stansted came up with the idea to buy a piece of land and plant trees on the piece of land near Tot Lane. He wanted to set it up initially as a Community Interest Company – however Birchanger’s view was that it should be set up as a charitable trust. However the land has now been sold to a third party, so unless the sale falls through, there was no need to discuss further.</p>	

<p>C) UTT/0500/09/FUL – The Old Bell – side extension to provide toilet facilities and new entrance. <i>This application to provide disabled toilet facilities covers 46 square metres and is contained all within the Old Bells site. There were therefore no objections from the council.</i></p> <p>D) Field Opposite Meadow View Stansted Road, Birchanger <i>A letter from enforcement officers has been received with regard the motor cycle racing causing a disturbance. This is currently being investigated by UDC's enforcement team.</i></p> <p><i>With regard the landscape, EG reported that development control have been down to take photographs of the area however it appears that the land is not being misused under planning regulations.</i></p>																			
<p><u>307 FINANCE</u></p> <p><u>Direct Debits and Standing Orders For April 2009</u></p> <table data-bbox="289 835 1201 940"> <tr> <td>Powergen/e-on energy – Street lighting</td> <td>£31.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct Debit – J. Peachey (Clerks salary)</td> <td>£259.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct Debit for A. J. Lighting</td> <td>£33.38</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Cheques to be signed in May</u></p> <table data-bbox="289 1045 1218 1249"> <tr> <td>Allianz Insurance Plc (Yearly insurance)</td> <td>£1,535.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ace of Spades (2 cuts in April)</td> <td>£161.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ace of Spades (1 cut in March plus vat on hedge cut)</td> <td>£125.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Broadband and office rental</td> <td>£45.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P.Eldred cleaning of rec (minus £8 allotment fee)</td> <td>£72.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petty cash (£10 sheila for refreshments & DH for labour)</td> <td>£65.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>It was resolved it was in order for the above cheques to be signed. Clerk to post out.</p>	Powergen/e-on energy – Street lighting	£31.41	Direct Debit – J. Peachey (Clerks salary)	£259.75	Direct Debit for A. J. Lighting	£33.38	Allianz Insurance Plc (Yearly insurance)	£1,535.18	Ace of Spades (2 cuts in April)	£161.00	Ace of Spades (1 cut in March plus vat on hedge cut)	£125.50	Broadband and office rental	£45.00	P.Eldred cleaning of rec (minus £8 allotment fee)	£72.00	Petty cash (£10 sheila for refreshments & DH for labour)	£65.00	<p>JAP ✓</p>
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<p><u>308 OPEN SPACES</u></p> <p><u>A.) Highways and Trees</u></p> <p>List of works need to be formed for 2 man gang who will visit later in the year. Material passed to A. Kent who will liaise with Nick Curtis. Small jobs only like potholes and cleaning of signs etc are the sort of things to be included. Councillors requested to e-mail Ann any small jobs that can be included.</p> <p>Chairman has not heard back re: his request for a mini-roundabout on the B1383. Clerk asked to write another note</p>	<p>AK</p>																		

<p><u>B. Footpaths</u></p> <p>There was nothing to report at the moment. However LP volunteered to walk what she can in the coming weeks.</p> <p><u>C.) Street Lighting</u></p> <p>All street lights appear to be working. Clerk has received note from contractor that manufacturer of our bulbs has put his prices up. This will not be felt until next fault occurs.</p>	LP
<p><u>309 RECREATION GROUND & ALLOTMENTS</u></p> <p>DH has put a second hand tap on the allotment water supply There were no other matters to discuss.</p>	
<p><u>310 PUBLIC SAFETY</u></p> <p>AK mentioned the Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting at Stansted Youth Centre on 18th May. AK away so PH said he would attend.</p>	PH
<p><u>311 YOUTH COUNCIL</u></p> <p>MD to speak to JD</p>	
<p><u>312 HEALTH SERVICES</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
<p><u>313 TRANSPORT</u></p> <p>Next Tuesday, 12th May is the six monthly transport representatives meeting being held at 10.30 in Saffron Walden whereupon the consultation on bus services may be on agenda.</p>	
<p><u>314 STANSTED AIRPORT</u></p> <p>Date for enquiry has not been set. SSE saying it is not going to happen. BAA saying this is nonsense. Four councils have sent Hazel Blears a letter stating that to carry on the enquiry is a waste of public money. Letter to BAA also sent requesting that they withdraw their application in light of the competition commission findings. BAA are refusing to do this and are going ahead Whole situation is quite volatile at the moment.</p>	
<p><u>315 CORRESPONDENCE/ ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>31 page information on the powers of well being has been received. Clerk to review.</p>	JAP ✓
<p><u>316 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESS RELEASES</u></p> <p>The litter pick will take place on Sunday 31st May 09 at 10.00 am. Clerk to</p>	

<p>phone Janet about the hall. There being no other matters the meeting formally closed at 9.15pm. The annual parish council meeting is due on 2nd June 2009 along with the June monthly meeting, both being held in the church hall from 7.45pm.</p>	<p>JAP ✓</p>
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