

Meeting of Birchanger Parish Council Held In The
Church Hall Birchanger on Tuesday 1st December 2009
At 7:45 pm

Present:

- P. Hoy – Chairman
- J. Peachey – Clerk
- M. Davy
- J. Devine
- E. Godwin
- R. Gooding
- D. Holder
- A. Kent
- L. Pocklington
- K. Wheatley
- Mr Pocklington – member of public
- 1 other member of the public

<p><u>82) MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of 3rd November were proposed by EG and seconded by LP as a true and accurate record. The Chair then signed them accordingly.</p>	
<p><u>83) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u></p> <p>AK, EG, KW all declared an interest as members of SSE.</p>	
<p><u>84) TIME FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL</u></p> <p>No matters were raised.</p>	
<p><u>85) MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>A) It was noted PH had updated the S106 list. B) Re: Boundary Review – EG stated that the review is likely to go ahead. C) It was noted that the pot hole reported last month by the church was repaired within 10 days.</p>	
<p><u>86) PLANNING</u></p> <p>A) Gypsy Census – There were none to report.</p> <p>B) UTT/1448/09/CLP – 8 Bradley Common Birchanger – single storey rear and side extension – no objections were noted. Clerk to report.</p> <p>C) Re: Churton – application has been made to remove a number of trees, including some with protection orders. The arboricultural report indicates that the protected trees need removing as they are diseased. It was also noted that the TPO’s should have protective fencing around their roots to protect them. This has not been done. Ben Smeedon from UDC needs to review</p>	<p>JAP ✓</p>

<p>situation. Clerk to write.</p> <p>D) S106 was updated by PH and reads as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Mini roundabout Birchanger Lane B1383 Junction. 2) Speed Display Unit Birchanger x 2 (to be determined by Highways) 3) Tot Lane – One Way Operation, Northbound (to be a Quiet Lane) 4.) HGV Traffic Prohibition Order and Signage. 5.) Entrance Gates both ends of Village 6.) School Crossing at Village Hall. 7.) Traffic Survey and Traffic Calming. 	JAP ✓												
<p><u>87) FINANCE</u></p> <p><u>Direct Debits and Standing Orders For December 2009</u></p> <table border="0" data-bbox="228 745 1206 857"> <tr> <td>Powergen/e-on energy – Street lighting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£31.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct Debit – J. Peachey (Clerks salary)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£311.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct Debit – A. J. Lighting (August)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£37.54</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Cheques to be signed in December</u></p> <table border="0" data-bbox="228 969 1206 1081"> <tr> <td>A. J. Lighting Solution repairs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£132.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petty cash</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Broadband and office rental</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£45.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>It was resolved it was in order for the above cheques to be signed. Clerk to post out.</p> <p>JD reported on the Glebeland situation. Standing order due to be changed in March 2010.</p> <p>The precept was proposed and seconded and agreed by all unanimously at £16,105 for the year. This is an increase of just £1.24 a year from last year and on an electoral role of 822 this works out at £19.59 per person. Clerk to notify Uttlesford. It was noted the increase was mostly linked to the increased publishing costs for the Parish Plan resulting from the Rochfords Development, as these houses will also require a copy. Costs to be reviewed on an ongoing basis.</p>	Powergen/e-on energy – Street lighting	£31.41	Direct Debit – J. Peachey (Clerks salary)	£311.70	Direct Debit – A. J. Lighting (August)	£37.54	A. J. Lighting Solution repairs	£132.11	Petty cash	£25.00	Broadband and office rental	£45.00	<p>JAP ✓</p> <p>JAP ✓</p>
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<p><u>88) OPEN SPACES</u></p> <p><u>A) Highways and Trees</u></p> <p>Essex County Council drain cleaner came out. We do need more drains and run offs to avoid ponding. The road surfaces are lower than the ditch. AK has contacted Ray Curtis with regard to the surface water on the newly laid sections of Birchanger Lane.</p> <p>The tree with the TPO near Sion house is badly diseased so has to be cut down. However owners have been told they do have to replant.</p>													

<p><u>B) Footpaths</u></p> <p>LP has been keeping R. Wallbank informed by letter and photos of the various issues with regards Birchanger's footpaths. The footpath by the barn has at last been trimmed, however LP wrote a subsequent letter about the building rubble that has now been exposed. The footpath behind Spider Cottage has also been worked on and work has been done well.</p> <p><u>C) Street – Lights</u></p> <p>The new light opposite the recreation has been fixed, as has the light column 11 by Bradley Common. There were no others to report at this time.</p>	
<p><u>89) RECREATION AND GLEBELAND</u></p> <p>Due to the extensive amount of work being undertaken at the allotments it was resolved it was in order to put the allotment fees up to £10.00 a year for a single plot. It was unanimously resolved this should be implemented. Clerk to write to all allotment holders in January to notify them of the revised charges.</p>	JAP ✓
<p><u>90) PUBLIC SAFETY</u></p> <p>AK said she had a copy of the new police station opening times if anybody wanted it.</p> <p>She also mentioned the free graffiti kits available which were fairly bulky. PH said he would keep it in his shed if one was available for village use.</p> <p>The issue of the parked car on the road, just outside the yellow lines on the double bend near 313 was brought up. This was initially reported at the beginning of November but due to the car having a tax disc valid until the end of January, the police decided they could not do much about it. However the vehicle has since been vandalized. The owners have subsequently been written to and they have 30 days to remove it before it again becomes a police issue.</p>	
<p><u>91) HEALTH SERVICES</u></p> <p>Outline application for health centre is coming into UDC in January.</p>	
<p><u>92). TRANSPORT</u></p> <p>Bus timetables for 301, 302 were handed out. AK will complete the local transport plan questionnaire which is also available online. Details to be placed in village magazine to encourage a wider response.</p>	

<p><u>93) STANSTED AIRPORT</u> Awaiting outcome of BAA appeal with regard to the sale of Stansted Airport.</p>	
<p><u>94) CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER</u></p> <p>The co-option of Angela Driscoll was proposed and seconded. It was resolved the Clerk should contact her about attending the next council meeting. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of members interest to be signed by Angela. Clerk will ensure the Notice of Co-option of a parish councillor is submitted to Uttlesford.</p>	JAP ✓
<p><u>95) ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>LP said she would be contacting EHDC about various activities on the old park and ride site and showed councillors her recent photos.</p> <p>LP also stated that she had spoken to the Club about the possibility of having our Christmas lunch there. It was noted for the sake of the minutes, that this event is always paid for by councillors out of their own funds.</p>	
<p><u>96) CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESS RELEASES</u></p> <p>There being no other matters to discuss the meeting concluded at 10:15pm. The next Parish Council meeting is usually held on the first Tuesday of February in the village hall at 7:45pm.</p>	