

Meeting of Birchanger Parish Council Held in the Church Hall
Birchanger on Tuesday, December 6th, 2011
At 7:45pm in the Village Hall

PRESENT: **M. Davy – Chairman**
 J. Peachey – Clerk
 M. Crossley
 A. Driscoll,
 L. Pocklington
 A. Stewart
 K. Wheatley
 R. Gooding

APOLOGIES: **E. Godwin, J. Devine,**

<u>97) TIME FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL</u>	
No matters were raised	
<u>98) DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u>	
There were no declarations of interest.	
<u>99) MINUTES</u>	
The minutes of the meeting held on November 8 th 2011 were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed accordingly	
<u>100) PLANNING</u>	
A) Gypsy Census – There were no gypsies reported. B) 42a High View Birchanger – Two Storey Side Extension – there were no objections	
<u>101 FINANCE</u>	
<u>FINANCE FOR DECEMBER MEETING 2011</u>	
<u>Standing Orders for December 2011</u>	
E-on electricity – street lighting energy (direct debit to be changed) £31.41 Clerks monthly salary - Standing order but already gone through £436.19	
<u>Cheques For Signing At December 2011 – HSBC ACCOUNT</u>	
	Cheque ref:
A. J. Lighting (Normally a standing order out on 22nd)	001 £39.17
Office Rental	002 £30.00
Petty Cash (Nov & Dec)	003 £30.00
A J Lighting Solutions – inv. 24161 (Bradley common)	004 £84.30
A J Lighting Solutions – inv24157 (churton)	005 £108.84

<p>preference when e-mail on quote was sent round during the month. The Total Scheme Value is £4,600</p> <p>VAT at 20 percent - £920.00 (Reclaimable) Total Value Inc Vat £5,520 (£2,300 to be reclaimed back via grant). It was noted that we need to get this moving if we are obtaining the funding from the community initiative fund which expires on 7th March 2011.</p> <p>DCM have also included an additional £650 plus Vat quote for any further levelling. This is separate from the above amount.</p> <p>MC is going to obtain references and liaise directly with DCM about location & siting, as well as instruct them if satisfied to carry out the job.</p> <p>The quote covers us for wet pour safety surfacing around the flat swings replacing grass matting for 21m2 at depth of 50mm</p> <p>Wet Pour surface for basketball on 9m2 at depth of 20mm Supply and install basketball goal end hoop. Grounds work and preparation All Arising disposed of from site.</p>	MC
<p><u>102) OPEN SPACES</u></p> <p>(A) Highways & Streetlighting - Task member report – A. Driscoll</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>Parking Problem at Foresthall</u> EG has visited Foresthall site with PC Nestling. It was noted that double yellow lines are needed at Newhall Road, Reeve Road and Walson Way. However Essex County Council cannot implement these until after the estate is complete. It was noted that Walson Way does have a large number of vehicles parked throughout the street and has been reported as an area that suffers from speeding. The parked cars although inappropriately parked are calming the speeding levels.</p> <p>(B) Trees - there was nothing to report</p> <p>(C) Footpaths - Task member report – L. Pocklington There was nothing to report</p>	
<p><u>103 RECREATION & GLEBELAND</u></p> <p>Clerk to prepare letters for allotment holders with request for paying for allotments in the new year.</p> <p>Clerk confirmed she was liaising with Strutt and Parker and would send MC an e-mail with confirmation all was in order with them in respect of the basketball hoop being</p>	JAP ✓

installed.	JAP ✓
<p>104 PUBLIC SAFETY</p> <p>AS reported that the front counter at Stansted police station is now closed, although it is still used as a base by police. Several district councillors are collating a response via Gaynor Bradley at UDC about the closure</p> <p>Theft from motor vehicles have increased by 70% in area</p>	
<p>105) BIRCHANGER WOOD TRUST– L. Pocklington, K, Wheatley,</p> <p>The second tranche of the footpath, has been opened. Further meeting next week which KW will attend.</p>	
<p>106) TRANSPORT – K. Wheatley</p> <p>Local Bus Tender Round 2012 –nothing specific to Birchanger Village.</p> <p>RG mentioned there had been a lot of complaints about the 7/7A bus – that goes from Henham and Stansted due to the high number of school children. It always arrives later than the 8.16 am it is meant to in Birchanger, so is always late on final destination.</p>	
<p>107) STANSTED AIRPORT – K. Wheatley</p> <p>Town parish council consultative committee are meeting next week. KW reported he went to a Future Airspace meeting in Broxted. The CAA and NATS spoke about how they use air-space – interesting but nothing relevant at this stage to Birchanger.</p> <p>Clerk is to prepare some odour cards for the AGM</p>	JAP
<p>108) CORRESPONDENCE/ANY OTHER BUSINESS.</p> <p>MD reported on her meeting with regard to the localism bill and the code of conduct. Michael Perry's slides were circulated earlier in the week. Birchanger PC can adopt the UDC code of conduct model, benefiting from UDC diligence work. This document should be ready in early 2012 and UDC will provide training for councillors.</p>	
<p>S106 Monies</p> <p>Applications for s106 community funds will be discussed at the cabinet meeting later in the month.</p>	

<u>110 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESS RELEASES</u>	
<p>There were no announcements. The meeting concluded at 9:30 pm. The next parish council meeting will be held on 7th February, 2012 in Birchanger's village hall at 7:45pm.</p>	