

**MEETING OF BIRCHANGER PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
CHURCH HALL BIRCHANGER ON Tuesday 6th October, 2009
AT 7:45 pm**

Present: P.Hoy – Chairman
 J. Peachey – Clerk
 R. Gooding – County Councillor
 M. Davy –
 J. Devine
 E. Godwin
 A. Kent
 L. Pocklington
 K. Wheatley

Apologies: D.Holder

<p><u>56) MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of 1st September, 2009 were proposed by EG and seconded by MD as a true and accurate record.</p>	
<p><u>57) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u></p> <p>AK, EG, KW all declared an interest as members of SSE.</p>	
<p><u>58) MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>Letter received from Highways stating that the dangerous tree branch reported last month was being dealt with.</p>	
<p><u>59) PLANNING</u></p> <p><u>A.) Gypsy Census</u></p> <p>Gypsies have set up camp at Little Hallingbury and have breached planning regulations by putting in a concrete base. UDC are currently monitoring this – but we do need to remain vigilant as they will obviously move on at some point.</p> <p><u>B.) UTT/1137/09/FUL – Variation of condition C13:8 proposed use of the estate access road to and from Foresthall Road by the proposed occupant of unit A18 between the hours of 5 am. Monday to Friday returning within the consented time and 5 am Saturday/Sunday/Bank Holidays returning by 5pm) of approved planning application UTT/0581/07/FUL – Parsonage Fram Forest Hall Road Stansted.</u></p> <p><i>Parsonage Farm – extension of operating hours. Birchanger Parish Council objects owing to the potential for increased traffic disturbance to local residents in the early morning. In addition, approval would set a precedent for other units and in the absence of any monitoring it is not possible to restrict early traffic to just the users of this one unit. Clerk to report.</i></p>	<p>JAP ✓</p>

<p>C) UTT/1229/09/FUL - Erection of two dwellings and garages with associated works - Former Rochford Nurseries Foresthall Road Birchanger – No objections.</p>	<p>JAP ✓</p>
<p>D) North West Corner of Phase 2A Foresthall Park – construction of 16 dwellings with associated paths, parking and garages. <i>Birchanger Parish Council request that the developer is required to make a full effort to meet the new criteria.</i></p>	<p>JAP ✓</p>
<p><u>E) Boundary Review</u></p>	
<p>It was noted that Stansted Parish Council are looking to send in an application to UDC to get the boundaries changed. This will mean that the houses in Rochfords would then fall within the remit of Stansted Parish Council. However this could only happen if there was consensus with the Rochfords’ residents and it would not happen before the next general election.</p>	
<p>Views expressed were that if Stansted did take on the Rochfords estate – Birchanger would in some aspects keep their identity as they would not inherit any problems associated with the estate and the cost of maintenance of the associated open spaces would also have to be taken on by Stansted.</p>	
<p>On the other side of the argument was the concern that Birchanger would lose it’s identity as it would become known as Stansted South. This could mean that Birchanger would have less authority over issues in Rochfords, that could affect current Birchanger. The smaller electoral role may at a later date give the parish council less decision making powers if consolidation ever occurred again or there were further changes in government policies.</p>	
<p>It was put forward that if the boundary were to change so that a parish council could take on the whole area then Birchanger could take on the small part that currently falls in Stansted. Nothing was formally concluded and it was agreed the boundary review matter should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	<p>JAP ✓</p>

60 FINANCE

Cheques signed after 1st September meeting.

The following two cheques were signed on the 6th Sept, as the invoices came in a little later due to the meeting falling on the 1st.

Ace of Spade:- Ref: grass cuts in August - £161
Veolia Water - £46.39

Direct Debits and Standing Orders For October 2009

Powergen/e-on energy – Street lighting	£31.41
Direct Debit – J. Peachey (Clerks salary)	£311.70
Direct Debit – A. J. Lighting (August)	£37.54

Cheques to be signed at October Meeting

P. Eldred – clean recreation and bus shelters	£80.00
Birchanger Church Hall (June to September)	£48.00
Ace of Spades cut of grass using strimmer –September	
And Trimming of hedges as discussed at last meeting	£540.50
Broadband and Office Rental	£45.00
NALC – Portfolio return – Quality Council	£8.82
NALC – LCR subscription.	£13.50
Petty Cash -	£40.00

It was resolved it was in order for all of the above cheques to be signed. Proposed by AK and seconded by EG. The Clerk will post these off accordingly.

JAP ✓

Clerk stated that she had been verbally told over the phone that the insurance policy had been updated as from 14th September 2009 to cover all the outstanding items listed in last months minutes ie, bus shelter, youth shelter and safety surfacing.

Jayne Devine said she was liaising with Strutt & Parker – as we are not disputing the glebe rent should go up but we are looking at the date it should be implemented.

The budget and precept meeting has been set for **Monday 16th November at Elizabeth Godwin’s house.** Clerk to update figures.

JAP ✓

61 OPEN SPACES

A. Highways and Trees – D. Holder

AK verified facts re: questionnaire - planned visit.

The protected trees at Churton were mentioned as there was rumour the builder was going to remove some. MD said she would find her tree preservation plans for Churton as it will be important everyone keeps an eye on what is going on there. A letter has recently been received from UDC stating that it was investigating the site for an alleged enforcement breach .

B. Footpaths

LP has been in contact with Robin Wallbank and has suggested he send her a list of work that is to be done and work that has been carried out. EG mentioned the bridleway next to JW which is still a cycleway.

<p><u>C. Street Lighting</u></p> <p>The new one opposite the recreation ground is not working. However it was agreed we wouldn't get this fixed until another one goes to save on call out charges.</p>	
<p><u>62 RECREATION AND GLEBELAND</u></p> <p>Clerk reported that there is now a waiting list for the allotments. Clerk to update allotment lists.</p>	JAP ✓
<p><u>63. PUBLIC SAFETY</u></p> <p>There was nothing to report.</p>	
<p><u>64. HEALTH SERVICES</u></p> <p>EG mentioned that a planning application will be coming up re: the health centre in silver street. It is thought it will have a dental practise attached.</p>	
<p><u>65. TRANSPORT</u></p> <p>AK highlighted that there is a meeting at Foakes Hall on 17th November if anyone would like to join her please call as it is likely she will not be attending others.</p> <p>The bus routes seem to have gone down quite favourable. Although MD's notes have been sent to Chelmsford for consideration.</p> <p>With regard the 301 coming up through Stansted it was noted that there was no time to catch another bus.</p> <p>There have been numerous complaints about the bus drivers driving inappropriately fast round Birchanger which in some cases forces cars off the road. Clerk to write to County Hall.</p>	JAP ✓
<p><u>66. STANSTED AIRPORT</u></p> <p>Response to BAA's noise consultation has been sent off by the Clerk.</p> <p>It has been noted that BAA are still pushing ahead with their plans for a second runway.</p>	
<p><u>67. CO-OPTION</u></p> <p>Serious contenders for co-option need to contact the Clerk before the next meeting.</p>	
<p><u>68. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESS RELEASES</u></p> <p>The next monthly council meeting will be held on November on Tuesday 3rd November at 7:45pm in the village hall. There being no other matters to discuss the meeting concluded at 9:30 pm.</p>	