

**Minutes of Birchanger Parish Council meeting
held on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7.30 pm.
In Birchanger Village Hall**

Present: Angie Driscoll (AD) – Chair
Sally Taylor (ST)
Linda Pocklington (LP)
Peter Sampson (PS)
George Taylor (GT)
Keith Edgeworth (KE)
Geof Driscoll (GD)

0 members of the public
Keith Williams (KW) – Parish Clerk
Cllr Ray Gooding (RG)

1187. Chairman’s Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

1188. Apologies for Absence

None

1189. Declarations of Interest

GD as District Councillor for another ward.

1190. Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

None

1191. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2024 had been previously circulated. The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chair.

1192. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

1193. Traveller’s encampment update

The travellers have applied for discharge of condition 9 which refers to the site plan and timetable.

1194. A120/M11 roadworks

Birchanger Lane between Duck End and the A120 will be closed for 4 nights commencing 4/3/24. The contractors still hope that works will be completed by May.

Recreation Ground

- a. The old tables need to be disposed of. GT will deal with this when the weather has improved.
- b. HAGS have quoted £590 plus VAT to inspect and repair where necessary the zip wire. GT will instruct HAGS to proceed, ensuring that the quotation includes any replacement parts.
- c. Playmaintain will continue to carry out an annual inspection of the other playground equipment.

1198. Reports from County and District Councillors

County Councillor Ray Gooding

Essex County Council (ECC) has set up a joint project called "Essex Housing" to provide housing. There is a large development currently in Waltham Abbey.

ECC has been losing a number of appeals resulting in many disadvantaged children being sent to special needs venues in the County. Very often this results in the schools having more children than they cope with.

1199. Closure of meeting

There being no further matters to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.20.

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