

**Minutes of Birchanger Parish Council meeting  
held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 8.00 pm.  
in Birchanger Village Hall**

**Present:** Elizabeth Godwin (EG) - Chair  
Maria Davy (MD)  
Linda Pocklington (LP)  
Alex Stewart (AS)  
George Taylor (GT)  
Sandy Dowle (SD)  
Ken Wheatley (KW)

Ray Gooding (RG) County Councillor  
Keith Williams (Parish Clerk)

**251. Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

**252. Apologies and Reason for Absence**

Angie Driscoll – holiday  
John Revell – illness (spouse)

**253. Declarations of Interest**

MD declared an interest in respect of 8.2 and 8.3 as spouse of the applicants agent.

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

There were no representations from the public.

**255. Minutes of the last meeting**

Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 was proposed by AS and agreed as a true and accurate record, and duly signed by the Chairman.

**256. Recreation Ground Working Group/Allotments – Glebeland**

AS had found some drug paraphernalia which he had disposed of. Nothing has been found recently. Debbie Crouch (DC) is aware that she must report any findings to AS. More recently there was evidence of rubbish at the ground which should have been removed. DC has been having car problems which has prevented her from attending the recreation ground. AS confirmed that Gavin of Playmaintain had completed the remedial work on the swings.

There is some evidence of burning on the metal table in the shelter. Also, a blue car has been seen on one more than one occasion parked outside the recreation ground.

There have been some flower wrappings and Christmas wreaths found in the recreation ground bins. LP will ask DC to provide evidence of any future rubbish deposited in the bins which it is suspected may have come from the churchyards.

**257. Transport**

KW advised that there was as yet no outcome from the bus transport consultation.

Regarding night flights, the proposals had already been circulated to councillors. We should be working towards no reverse engine thrust from night flights and ultimately no night flights at all. BPC's response to the proposals will be submitted before 28<sup>th</sup> February. KW will circulate the response prior to submission.

**258. 1. Planning application UTT/16/3567/HHF – 280 Birchanger Lane.**

Comments already submitted.

**2. Planning application UTT/16/3366/OP – 16 Bradley Common.**

Comments already submitted.

**3. Planning application UTT/17/0101/HHF – 97 Birchanger Lane.**

No comments

**259. Finance**

- a. Account Balances (already circulated)
- b. The payments were accepted and authorised to be made.

GT said that the council should continue to pursue on-line banking facilities.

**260. Reports from county and district councillors**

**Ray Gooding** – Some parishes in Devon have combined to provide some social care facilities. Essex County Council is looking at encouraging parishes in Essex to take similar action.

**261. Closure of meeting**

There being no further matters to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.40.

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