

Minutes 12 April '10

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 12 April 2010 at Mistley Church Hall, New Road Mistley commencing at 7.45 pm

Present Cllrs M Rayner (Chair), F Fairhall (Vice Chair), A Forrester, G Carter, R Horlock, A Kilmartin, I Peacock, I Rose and S Toller. District Cllrs G Guglielmi and R Bucke. Press representative. The Rev C Hills. 10 Members of the Public. R Ling (Clerk to the Council)

31.10 Apologies Cllrs J Frascinella and K Worsley. D/Cllr M Dew, Police

32.10 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Forrester declared a personal interest in item 9c of the agenda.

33.10 Monitoring Officer's Report

The Clerk had circulated a report from the Monitoring Officer, following a complaint from a member of the public, regarding a breach of the Council's Code of Conduct and the action taken. This was noted.

34.10 Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 March 2010

With the exception of two typographical errors, which were corrected, these were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Rose

35.10 Matters arising

- a. Use of Furze Hills by Play Action Ltd – the Clerk was asked to obtain further information about the Company concerned and report back to the next meeting.
- b. Considerate Parking Initiative – the Clerk reported that he had given information to TDC regarding areas in need of attention and, as far as he was aware, the Initiative would

be introduced by TDC and the Police in the near future. This was confirmed by D/Cllr Guglielmi. Volunteers to assist in the distribution of explanatory leaflets were needed and Cllrs Rayner and Horlock volunteered to assist.

c. Village Hall Constitution – the Chairman reported that a model Constitution had been obtained from R.C.C.E. which had been referred to Solicitors to be amended to suit the particular circumstances of the Hall.

d. Feeding of Swans from the Greensward – Cllr Kilmartin said that she was aware that HM Inspector of Swans was suggesting that even more feeding was required and hoped that this would not occur.

36.10 Cemetery Committee

The minutes of the Cemetery Committee held on 11 March 2010 were noted and thanks were expressed to the volunteers who kept the Church graveyard so tidy.

37.10 Meetings Attended by Councillors

Cllr Rose reported on a meeting he had attended with an Officer of ECC and the Council's footpath representative regarding the organisation of the Parish Paths Partnership.

Cllr Rayner reported on a meeting of the Tendring District Association of Local Councils which included a discussion on new planning procedures introduced by TDC.

Cllr Kilmartin reported on a meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting, the Action Points List of which had been circulated with the agenda.

38.10 Public Voice

The meeting was adjourned between 8.10pm. and 8.35pm. to allow members of the public to speak. Matters raised were (1) ECC work currently being carried out in California Road (2) sightline emerging from Brunswick Cut into Harwich Road (3) New Road footpath (4) hedge planting along The Walls (5) speed of traffic in High Street (6) the work of the P.C.S.Os (7) condition of 'Welcome to Mistley' signs (8) feeding of swans (9) use of Furze Hills by Play Action and (10) recycling centre's record.

39.10 Action under items raised in Public Voice

With regard to (1) the Clerk to report to ECC (2) the Clerk will contact the owners of Swan Court asking them to clip their hedge (4) this will be carried out in the Autumn (7) the Clerk will report to TDC and (8) new signs to be discussed under the Finance item on the Agenda.

40.10 Planning

- a. Recent planning decisions had been circulated
- b. There were no objections to one recent application for an extension at 24 New Road.

41.10 Finance

- a. The following Standing Order was noted: £714.00 (salaries)
- b. The following payments made since the last meeting were noted: Field Studies Council £310.00 (training fee); A and J Lighting £90.25 (street lights maintenance)
- c. The following payments were approved: B Forrester £178.20; E.A.L.C. £54.00; E.A.L.C. £57.00; E.A.L.C. £75.00; E.A.L.C. £454.00; A and J Lighting £303.15; C.P.R.E. £29.00 (S137); Abbey National £518.00; R Ling £250.00; P Liverton £843.40. Proposed Cllr Kilmartin
- c. A request for a grant had been received from the Manningtree Rail Users Association, the Grand Theatre of Lemmings and the Mistley Cricket Club. It was agreed to give each organisation a grant of £100.00.
- d. The Clerk reported that Philip Liverton Ltd, the Council's grass cutting Contractor, had submitted new rates for 2010/11. These differed little from those applying in 2009/10 and, in view of the very good service provided in the past, it was agreed to waive Financial Regulations to accept this quotation without the need to seek alternative quotations. Proposed Cllr Rayner
- e. A quotation for £333.49 from Action Fixings Ltd for provided new signs warning the public to feed swans only in the water was accepted. Proposed Cllr Fairhall

42.10 Correspondence

The Clerk reported recent correspondence and the following decisions were made:

- a. E.A.L.C. – Risk Management Course 26 May. Clerk to attend.
- b. TDC – Gypsy sites. Agreed no suitable sites in parish.

43.10 Date of next meeting

The next meeting, which is the AGM, will be held on 24 May 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall, New Road.

44.10 Dates of meetings for 2010/11

The Clerk had circulated a schedule of dates which were approved. It was also agreed that these should be held in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.