

# ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

of meeting of Alresford Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 2 September 2009 in the Pavilion, Ford Lane.

**PUBLIC FORUM** : Nine members of the public attended together with District and County Councillors and Mr Darren Barringer, prospective Labour party candidate for the area. They were invited to address the Council for a maximum of three minutes each from 7.30 until 7.45pm. The majority of those attending were there to give support in favour of the decision regarding whether or not to continue to employ the services of the PCSO in the 1010/2011 year. It had been recorded at the July meeting that a decision would be taken at the September meeting but the Clerk explained that during the summer recess, it had become apparent that at least 3 members of the Council would not be at the meeting and a further two might possibly not be there, resulting in a decision being taken that a matter of this importance should be discussed when it could reasonably be supposed that the full Council would be present. The decision will therefore be taken at the October meeting. However, the concerns of those attending were noted. It was considered by members of the public attending that, without the PCSO, police presence in the village generally would also be very much reduced and problems would reappear/escalate. It was felt that the PCSO was money well spent and that if necessary, the Council should try to raise funds from other sources in order to keep her. It was further felt that, especially with the reduction in railway staff, that the PCSO was necessary to help police the station area. One resident mentioned parking problems in Station Road and asked whether it would be possible to have yellow lines. They were continually inconvenienced by people parking across their driveway, and had also recently had their caravan stolen one night and had received help from the PCSO regarding this. It was felt by Cllr D Robinson that yellow lines in Station Road would not be possible under current highways guidelines but Cllr Belgrove agreed to contact the residents and then take their problems forward for discussion NAPS and EEAF. The Police in attendance at the meeting advised that under Network Rail guidelines NR had a requirement for parking restrictions in roads either side of the station/crossing and advised the Parish Council and residents to contact NR about this. The Clerk was asked to add the matter to the October agenda. Meanwhile Cllr Osborne to look again into the possibility of NR allowing the land behind the station to be used for car parking.

One member of the public spoke against the decision to continue with the services of the PCSO on the grounds that this was to cost the village a further approximately 4.5% (50% of the almost 9% increase on the costs of maintaining a PCSO as detailed in a letter from the Police Authority). This would equate to about an extra £22 per annum or 43p per week, on a Band D property. He suggested that the possibility of a village warden be reconsidered. He also complained about the temporary container on the playing field, the state of the drainage on the playing field and the condition of the

playing field generally.

Also raised in the public forum was the continued lack of accessible footpath on the B1027 at the Elmstead end and Cllrs Belgrove and Barratt agreed to investigate this. Members of the public were thanked for their attendance by the chairman who then opened the full meeting.

### **ACTION : CLERK**

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Councillors in attendance : Cllrs A Wiggins (chairman), Linda Belgrove, C Barratt, H Green, E Osborne, Simon Carlsson Browne, J Housden , J Robinson

#### **09.09.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE<sup>1</sup>**

Received from Cllrs Joan Coates, N Fairbanks and J Richards – all of whom were on holiday.

#### **09.09.2 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

After minor amendments, it was proposed by Cllr J Robinson, seconded by Cllr Osborne and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1 July 2009 be signed as a correct record. Matters arising for consideration :

(i) Bat survey – 39 Station Road – the Clerk had received a letter from Martin Fulcher of TDC advising that the tree near to the boundary with 15 Cox Road was not to be pruned or felled and that therefore no bat survey was to be undertaken. Cllr Osborne said that he was sure bats had at one time been roosting in the old railway carriage on the site, but this had been removed and it was not possible at this stage now to confirm or otherwise the presence of bat roosts and the matter should therefore be closed.

#### **09.09.3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA<sup>2</sup>**

No interests declared.

#### **09.09.4 REPORT FROM PCSO**

PCSO Cox attending the meeting apologised for the length of the report since it covered two months. The summer had started quietly but recently there had been several incidents including criminal damage, nuisance at White House Beach, and several deliberate fires started around the neighbourhood. Due to the increase in calls in relation to White House Beach, day and evening patrols had been increased during the school holidays. Youths found smashing glass bottles on the playing field had been apprehended by PCSO Dan Foley and the individuals had all been dealt with and their parents informed. Recent reports of youths throwing apples in various locations had

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1 Local Government Act 1972 Section 85(1) and (2)

2 Local Government Act 2000 Part III

been received, the individuals identified and were being dealt with. Specific incidents recorded over the two month period included : 3 false alarms, 2 requests for police assistance, 2 incidents of faulty lights causing highways disturbance, 3 domestic abuse, 2 missing persons, 3 concern for welfare, 1 animal related incident, 1 burglary, 1 theft of caravan, and 1 suspicious circumstances. 3 incidents of criminal damage included damage to the dug outs, a football being kicked against the Fish and Chip shop window and damage by a local youth to the fencing and gate at the station. Matters were being dealt with and fixed penalty tickets issued as appropriate. Nuisance noise and nuisance vehicles were reported but on investigation no offences had been committed. Seven incidents of criminal damage included a windscreen in De Staunton Close, vehicle scratched in Furze Crescent, capping stones damaged at two properties in Station Road and a screw deliberately put into the side of a car tyre in Cox Road. All matters being investigated and followed up. A pedal cycle had been stolen from an insecure shed and residents were warned again about security especially as thefts always increased during times of economic recession.

The PCSO was thanked for her report.

#### **09.09.5 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr D Robinson advised that he was up to speed on all local highways matters and had attended meetings regarding older peoples' issues and especially relating to concerns regarding the proposed new personal budgets. He reported on the local business support available from the Bank of Essex which would support local businesses and initiatives meeting the required criteria. Details were available on the ECC web site. He said that he would continue to pursue the speed limit required for the B1027 but thought it unlikely that ECC would agree to double yellow lines in Station Road.

#### **09.09.6 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Gary Scott gave a full and detailed account of his activities at TDC during the summer months and advised that some spraying of weeds and clearing in the ginnel between Ford Lane and De Staunton Close would be carried out during September. The Enforcement Officer was to look into the siting of portacabins behind the station and complaints had been received about inconsiderate parking around the village on footpaths and across driveways. Complaints had also been received about the trees at the Coach Road end of Laxton Road and the Clerk was asked to get in quotations for these to be pruned. Concerns were also expressed about the pavements – especially in Station Road and Cllr Scott agreed to pursue Highways for remedial works to these.

#### **ACTION : CLERK : CLLR GARY SCOTT**

Both Councillors were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting to attend elsewhere.

### **09.09.7 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- (i) Albion Planning Consultants – re 21 The Heath – noted.
- (ii) GBNS re Asbestos Survey – the Clerk to add this matter to the October agenda
- (iii) TDC – re INTend. It was noted that INTend was still in existence and was continuing to work on a range of regeneration projects in the district.
- (iv) Bernard Jenkin re Sustainable Communities Act - noted
- (v) Bernard Jenkin re Citizens Convention – Accountability & Ethics Bill - noted
- (vi) Allianz – re play equipment – noted
- (vii) ECC – re Parking Restrictions o/s school. Councillors were advised that notices were in place and the Clerk was asked to find out how many traffic wardens there were in the local area.
- (viii) Essex Police – noted.
- (ix) TDC – Re Street Cleaning -The Environment working party to consider and report back to the October meeting.
- (x) ECC – Minerals Development Document – The Clerk to advise receipt of this in the September Newsletter.
- (xi) Jennifer Gudka at ECC re VAS signs etc – correspondence passed to Cllr Osborne for highways working party to consider.
- (xii) Planning Inspectorate re 21 The Heath – it was noted that the whole appeal for this project had been refused and the land to be returned to its original state within 6 months. The Clerk to circulate the full report to Councillors in the mailing.
- (xiii) Robin Cottrill - re containers adjacent to station. Mr Cottrill to be advised that the containers on the land were in order as the land had been purchased with necessary rights. However, the Clerk was asked to contact the Enforcement Officer at TDC to ascertain the status of the land with regard to planning consents etc.

### **ACTION : CLERK**

### **09.09.8 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND W/P's :**

- (i) ENVIRONMENT, FOOTPATHS, TREES AND ALLOTMENTS – It was reported that due to increased incidents at White House Beach, police patrols in the area had been increased throughout the summer. The “No Unauthorised Camping” signs were to be in place by the end of the week. Further matters were discussed *in camera*.
- (ii) FINANCE – dates for the budget meeting were discussed. The Clerk to confirm and circulate dates and get in the quotations for grass cutting, pavilion cleaning etc.
- (iii) PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE HALL – a meeting to be held with representatives from the AVHMC to discuss the lease agreement shortly. Cllr J Robinson and Cllr Carlsson Browne advised that the Pavilion had been valued at £3,000 and the rateable valuation had dropped to £460. Subject therefore to the Parish Council getting the valuation ratified, the PC and AVHMC could proceed in principle with arrangements for the new lease. Cllr J Robinson therefore proposed that the Parish Council offer to lease the Pavilion from

- AVHMC as from 1 October 2009, initially at £1,000 per annum in principle and subject to review, for a 25 year period, reviewable every five years, subject to contract and subject to lease. This was seconded by Cllr Green and agreed.
- (iv) COMMUNICATIONS AND CCTV – no meeting held.
  - (v) HIGHWAYS – plans for village gates – details were passed to Cllr Osborne for consideration by the Highways working party.
  - (vi) PLANNING - see Appendix 1. It was noted that an enforcement appeal had been refused regarding the fence outside 58a Station Road.
  - (vii) HUMAN RESOURCES, PERSONNEL AND TRAINING – no meeting held
  - (viii) GENERAL PURPOSES – no meeting held

**ACTION : CLERK et al**

**09.09.9 MONTHLY PAYMENTS AS LISTED BELOW :**

Clerk's salary (DD)	1289.09
NI	150.92
A & J Lighting – Monthly maintenance - June	76.48*
A & J Lighting – Monthly maintenance - July	76.48
C & C Cleaning (invoice 4965)	27.60*
EON – street lighting (DD) - July	120.27
EON – Pavilion and floodlighting (DD)	93.00
Glasdon – new bin	147.61*
Banner – stationery	18.28*
NALC – postage – return of CILCA portfolio	9.17*
Kendall Contract Services – Grass cutting July	522.75*
Kendall Contract Services – Grass cutting June	522.75*
Audit Commission – 2008-2009 audit fee	460.00
A&J Lighting – annual maintenance work	185.63*
RoSPA inspection account	175.95*
Clerk – travel	19.38*
TDC – emptying 6 extra bins for 12 months	623.76*
ACRFC – pitch repairs	101.80*
EALC – Conference Day (Chairman)	27.00*
Queensbury – bus shelter repair	444.68
Colchester Cleaners – re Pavilion	120.00
Essex Playing Fields Association - seminar (IR)	15.00
Alresford Advertiser	25.00
Install Sports (nets and signs)	404.80

\* paid in August

It was proposed by Cllr Simon Carlsson Browne, seconded by Cllr J Robinson and agreed that the payments be made by the Clerk.

#### **09.09.10 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Housden and agreed that (after amendment of a typo) the financial statements for June and July 2009 be accepted.

#### **09.09.11 REPORTS OF MEETINGS AND COURSES ATTENDED BY MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

- (i) NAPS Report (*Frank Belgrove*) – to follow
- (ii) TDALC meeting – Clerk (*Appendix 2*)

#### **09.09.12 COURSES AVAILABLE/EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

- (i) Budget and Precept – 15.10.09 – Great Dunmow
- (ii) RCCE village Hall and Community Buildings Conference – 10 October
- (iii) RCCE “Consulting your Community” - 21 September
- (iv) RCCE - “Identifying Action and Taking them Forward” - 17 November
- (v) RCCE - “Introduction to Community Led Plans” - 28 January

Councillors were advised of the above courses and meetings and those wishing to attend were invited to let the Clerk know. It was suggested that a list of all councillors attending external meetings and courses should be kept by the Clerk.

#### **ACTION : CLERK**

#### **09.09.13 CCTV**

The Clerk had produced the following draft clause for Standing Orders regarding CCTV:

*“CCTV Named Councillors to be appointed to have access to the CCTV at the AGM each year when standing orders are reviewed. No one Councillor to view CCTV footage alone at any time – there should always be a minimum of two Councillors to view any materials. Two sets of keys to be held by two named Councillors and the third set to remain with the Clerk.”*

The following amendments were suggested :

*“CCTV : Two named Councillors to be appointed to have access to the CCTV at the AGM each year when standing orders are reviewed. No one Councillor to view CCTV footage alone at any time – there should always be a minimum of two Councillors or one Councillor and the Clerk to view any materials. Two sets of keys to be held by two named Councillors and the third set to remain with the Clerk. CCTV footage to be checked at least once every two weeks.”*

The Clerk was asked to add the revised clause to the October agenda for final agreement.

#### **ACTION : CLERK**

#### **09.09.14 AFFORDABLE RURAL HOUSING**

Update from Mrs Moore : see Appendix 3. A meeting had also been held with members of the Council and the Clerk, Mr Dudley Sergeant, a former resident and current landowner, and his architect, Mr Stuart Moncur, who had drawn up plans for an affordable housing scheme on land that Mr Sergeant proposed making available. Cllr J Robinson said that he felt the scheme had considerable merit and The Clerk was asked to pass details of ERH to Stuart Moncur and add the matter to the October Agenda. Cllr Robinson said that he felt Councillors should suggest the housing be built to a higher than normal ecological density and make and monitor other suggestions for excellence in the final designs.

#### **09.09.15 PUDDLE O/S 25 STATION ROAD**

Item added to agenda at request of Mr D Hunt of Station Road. It was noted that Station Road had been re-surfaced and the puddle to be monitored after the next heavy rainfall.

#### **09.09.16 PARISH PLAN**

Cllr J Robinson and Cllr Osborne had attended a meeting regarding the Parish Plan and it was agreed that the results and possible wider distribution would be discussed further at the October meeting.

**ACTION : CLERK**

#### **09.09.17 SKATE BOARD PARK**

A petition had been received in support of request for a skate board park in the village. Youngsters and their parents had drawn up preliminary plans and costings and a meeting had been held with AYP to discuss this. A possible location on the playing field had been identified which would be visible to the CCTV and not interfere with the football pitches and Cllr J Robinson said that AYP would be willing to further the scheme if it had the backing of the Parish Council. This was agreed. The Clerk to add the matter to the October agenda for further discussion and meanwhile contact the insurers. It was also suggested that it might be necessary to have the skate park fenced and lockable so that it could not be used after dark for reasons of Health and Safety. Cllr Belgrove asked whether the Council should consider replacing the fencing along the front of the playing field (the entrance) with something more durable than chain link, and arranging with the PCSO for the gates to be kept locked during the hours when the field was closed for general use. The Clerk to add this to the October agenda.

**ACTION : CLERK : CLLR J ROBINSON**

#### **09.09.18 POSSIBLE CINEMA FOR ALRESFORD**

Cllr Osborne advised that this was being looked into in conjunction with Community Reach. The plan would be to establish a cinema club and possibly set up some form of cooperative to run this. Further details would follow.

#### **09.09.19 BENCH OUTSIDE SHOPS**

Review of monitoring and any adverse reports. - A continuation of problems around the bench was reported and the Clerk was asked to contact Sgt Darren Deex and ask for more robust policing especially at times when the PCSO was not on duty.

**ACTION : CLERK**

#### **09.09.20 REQUEST FOR FURTHER BIN ON PLAYING FIELD**

The Clerk had received requests for a further litter bin on the playing field near to the picnic tables. It was noted that, despite their great weight, the picnic tables were regularly being moved and she was asked to get quotations for anchoring these to the ground. It was proposed by Cllr Belgrove, seconded by Cllr Housden and agreed that the Clerk be asked to order another bin, although it was noted that, together with other bins on the playing field, these would be too costly to be emptied by Veolia. The Clerk agreed to empty this one also.

**ACTION : CLERK**

#### **09.09.21 FIVE A SIDE NETS**

The Clerk reported that the new nets had been delivered and passed to the football teams. Following reports that the goal post frames themselves were in need of replacement she had obtained a quotation in the sum of £379.25 for a new set. It was proposed by Cllr Simon Carlsson Browne seconded by Cllr J Robinson and agreed that a new set of goal posts therefore be ordered. The Clerk was also asked to get a quotation for a new set of basket ball nets.

**ACTION : CLERK**

#### **09.09.22 PRESENTATION TO KAREN SMITH AT ALRESFORD STATION**

The Clerk reported on the recent presentation of flowers and Marks and Spencer vouchers to Karen Smith in appreciation of her work in maintaining the railway station and booking office throughout recent works to gates/barriers and railway line.

#### **09.09.23 COACH ROAD CROSSING**

Proposals for landscape enhancement had been received from Network Rail. These to be considered by the Highways working party who would report back to the October meeting.

**ACTION : CLERK : HIGHWAYS WORKING PARTY**

#### **09.09.24 FIREWORK EVENT**

The Clerk reported that she had had a generally favourable response to letters sent out during the summer regarding this proposed event. She was asked to chase the school and PTA for a meeting to discuss this further during the next two weeks. The proposed date to be Friday 6 November.

#### **09.09.25 DAMAGE TO DUG OUTS**

Reported *in camera*

#### **09.09.26 PANDEMIC RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Clerk advised that it was anticipated that there could be up to 21,000 deaths in Essex if the swine flu pandemic recurred during the winter. Parish Councillors were to be allocated areas of responsibility in their parishes and Clerks were to be offered additional training in order to assist locally.

#### **09.09.27 PILOT SCHEME RE STREET LIGHTING REDUCTION**

It was felt that until reports had been received from the Braintree and Uttlesford area who had been piloting the scheme, it was not possible to consider a response to the Safer and Stronger Communities Committee regarding reduction of street lighting throughout Essex. (Appendix 6)

#### **09.09.28 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA**

Cllr Barratt asked the Clerk to chase a response regarding the bagging plant at the gravel pits.

Cllr Green suggested that in future, changes should not be made to the agenda between meetings as had happened between July and September regarding the decision as to whether or not to maintain the PCSO. He felt that members of the public had been confused by this change.

Cllr Belgrove advised that more money was to be made available through CIF (although there was not to be a special youth CIF in the next funding round; this would be included in the main CIF), and the EAAF. She would pass details to the Clerk.

The Clerk asked all Councillors, committees and working parties to be sure to let her have their forward plans at the October meeting so that costs could be included in the budget.

Cllr J Robinson suggested that Councillors should e-mail the Clerk when they passed on the mailing envelopes so that some sort of track could be kept of where papers were.

**ACTION : CLERK : CLLR LINDA BELGROVE : ALL**

There being no further matters of public business the Chairman closed the meeting to the public at 10.30pm with thanks to all for their attendance.

**SIGNED :**

**DATE :**

**The next meeting of Alresford Parish Council will be held  
on Wednesday 7 October 2009 at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Pavilion**

## APPENDIX 1

Planning applications considered during recess :

09/00712/F UL 7.8.09	Mr and Mrs Luxon	184 Wivenhoe Road	Erection of single story front extension and single storey side/rear garage extension	No objection
09/00763F UL 10.9.09	Mr Borstel	196 Wivenhoe Road	Reduction in width of side extension and erection of pitched roof and erection of pitched roofs to existing dormer windows.	No objection
09/00847/L BC 20.8.09	Mr Jeffrey	Alresford Lodge	Alteration of existing ground floor window with elongation of existing window aperture and introduction of Georgian style glazed door (amendment to 08/011385/LBC	No objection

## APPENDIX 2

# Tendring District Association of Local Councils

Minutes of the meeting held at Beaumont Village Hall on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009, starting at 8.00 p.m..

**Members present: \***

Alresford	A	Jennifer Pettitt	Little Bentley	A	Guy Richardson
Ardleigh	*	Dave Halsey	Little Bromley		
		Hazel Andrews			
Beaumont		Geoffrey S Macey	Little Clacton / Weeley	A	Bernard Leatherdale
	A	Tracey Stevens	Little Oakley		
Bradfield		Harry Woolrich	Manningtree		Ray Streames
	*	Gus Fidgett			Vernon Bettle
Brightlingsea	*	Vivien Chapman	Mistley		Geraldine Carter
Secretary	*	Janet Russell	Ramsey & Parkeston		
Elmstead		Nick Bell	St Osyth	*	Mike Talbot
Frating	*	Terry Cuthbert	Tendring	A	Pat Goodman
Frinton and Walton		Robert Bucke			Vicky Smith
		John Halls	Thorpe-le-Soken	*	Jose Powell
Great Bentley - Chairman	*	Robert Taylor		*	Peter Cannons
Great Bromley	A	Martin Frostick OBE	Thorrington	*	Jenny Cant
Great Oakley		Stephen M Huk JP	Weeley		
Harwich	A	Elaine Novorol	Wix		John Mathews
Lawford		Brian Rolfe	Wrabness		Richard Colley

Also present: Joy Sheppard and John Buchanan, Chief Executive and Chairman of EALC respectively.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Jennie Pettit (Alresford), Tracy Stevens (Beaumont), Martin Frostick (Gt Bromley), Elaine Novaro (Harwich), Guy Richardson (Little Bromley), Bernard Leatherdale (Weeley and Little Clacton) and Pat Goodman (Tendring).

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 March were agreed and signed as a correct record of that meeting.

**Arising from those minutes were:** Planning consents, Section 106 Agreements and adoption of open spaces on completion of building works on site - Mrs Cant reported the problems which Thorrington had experienced with the excessive time, 10 years, they had waited between a development reaching completion and the play area being handed over to Tendring District Council so that the play equipment could be installed. It was agreed that the wording of agreements needed to be tightened up to make them more enforceable. It was also agreed that this would be a subject for discussion at the next liaison meeting between TDC and TDALC.

Traveller Sites - Mr Halsey said that Ardleigh Parish Council had received a reply to their letter and that they were happy with it as it clarifies the situation. It was agreed that this be copied and circulated to all members for information.

**Freedom of Information** - Mr Halsey asked if members wished him to continue to try to organise a training course on this or was the paper circulated after the previous meeting been sufficient

information for their purposes. The Secretary would circulate this paper again and the matter would be raised at the next meeting.

**Chairman's Report** - The Chairman's Report was circulated at the commencement of the meeting:

**1 The Year** - We have been busy this year with our normal programme of five bi-monthly meetings since our last AGM at one of which we had outside speaker Chris Kitcher of TDC to speak on the health inequalities in our District compared with the rest of Essex which affect the Parishes as much as they do the urban areas. During that time we have also had one well attended training session and two which were cancelled in some confusion. We also ran into a clash of meetings over our attempt to provide hands-on web access training to the planning portal and that arrangement is to be remade shortly.

On behalf of the Association members have served this year on: EALC Executive Committee, East Essex Area Forum, the Tendring Community Safety Partnership and the Tendring Local Strategic Partnership.

During the year your leadership met Tendring District Council members and officers twice to promote liaison of effort between us although there are few issues being brought forward from our membership.

**2 The Future** - We have nearly organised a training session to be presented by Tendring District Council officers on Health and Safety and the other already mentioned on Planning Portal access. We have been discussing other future training events which have yet to be firmed up.

<b>Election of Officers</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Secunder</b>		
Chairman	Robert Taylor	Michael Talbot	Gus Fidgett	Agreed unanimously
Vice-Chairman	Jose Powell	Michael Talbot	Terry Cuthbert	Agreed unanimously
Secretary	Janet Russell	Jenny Cant	Vivien Chapman	Agreed unanimously

**Local Area Forum** - The Chairman reported Mike Brown had decided not to continue as the representative from TDALC on this Forum. Mr Halsey was appointed to take his place

It was agreed that the chairman continue to attend the Local Strategic Partnership on behalf of TDALC.

It was agreed that the representatives to EALC would not be changed.

**Address by John Buchanan (Chairman of EALC)** - Attached at Appendix B to these Minutes.

**Address by Joy Sheppard (CEO of EALC)** - Attached at Appendix C to these Minutes.

During the question and answer session, Mr Talbot raised the matter of the two hour training courses and that St Osyth had arranged for their whole council to attend one of these in St Osyth and he praised EALC for the content and conduct of this course and how much St Osyth Parish Council had enjoyed and learned from the course.

Mrs Sheppard said that small councils could negotiate a reduction in the fee for such a course if they asked.

#### **Other Business**

- a) The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by a Pat Cooper of an organisation called North Tendring Way, referred to him by Mr Leatherdale, who had expressed the desire to address TDALC. After a short discussion; it was agreed that she be invited to speak at a future meeting of TDALC.
- b) The Chairman reported that no date had been fixed yet for a training session on Health and Safety.

- c) The Chairman announced that the Live Access Planning Portal training session had been offered on Monday, 27 July at Weeley and that it would be open to all Parish Councillors. It was agreed that the Chairman confirm this date.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 9.27 p.m. after thanking everyone for their attendance.

**Next meeting** - 22 July.

**NB:** September meeting is to be on 16<sup>th</sup> not 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Chairman's Report     22/7/09

- 1) **Administration**     The Tendring Rural South NAP has been continuing to press for 20MPH zones around schools. Government policy has now changed to include this and ECC is looking at how they are going to implement it.
- 2) **Training Courses**     The Planning Portal training at Weeley is going ahead as planned for the 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. We have only 11 people registered to come. Thus there is room for more attendees
- 3) **Local Strategic Partnership**     Following public consultation during this summer the revision of the local Sustainable Community Strategy is to be discussed at a Stakeholder consultation on the 25<sup>th</sup> September at the Columbine Centre. Below is the timetable to bring this strategy up to date. The main issues are:- Health, Economic Development, Children and Young people ,Crime & Disorder, Community Regeneration and Environment of which, health inequalities, climate change, housing & transport, and mental health issues stand out as special issues in our area. If any of you feel you have an input to make you can do this through the Tendring Web site or represent your councils at the event on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>BODY</b>
March/April	Undertake refresh	LSP Coordinator
8 May 2009	Early Draft for consideration	LSP Theme Leads
21 May 2009	Early Draft for consideration	LSP Board
July/August 2009	Public Consultation	Public
25 September 2009	Stakeholder Consultation	LSP Partners/Stakeholders
1 October 2009	Agree Final Draft	LSP Board
14 October 2009	Final draft SCS	TDC Cabinet
26 October 2009	Scrutiny of final draft SCS	TDC Overview and Scrutiny

11 November 2009	Final draft SCS	TDC Cabinet
1 December 2009	Formal Adoption	TDC Full Council Meeting

4) **Liaison with TDC** Due to the change of leadership at Tendring this next meeting has been postponed. We still have the 20MPH outside schools on our list but nothing else. So any new needs please let us know.

## APPENDIX 3

jenny

i have been back in contact with David grin stead's agent. the land he owns has been under option to wimpeys for about 12 years. however the agent thinks there may well be a way through that. he is awaiting some documentation from the solicitor so he can see what the option states.

i shall be contacting him again at the end of the month to see if there is any move. this site would be so very much preferable to NR. however....

back in touch when i hear more.

do get in touch if you need anything from me meantime,

chris

## **APPENDIX 6**

A pilot scheme has been taking place in the Maldon and Uttlesford districts for over 18 months whereby some street lights have been turned off at midnight for the remainder of the night. The Cabinet Member responsible for overseeing the pilot has now invited the Safer and Stronger Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee ( a group of back bench members) to consider the issues arising from the pilot and put forward to him suggestions on what might be happen in Essex in the future. This could include widening the scheme to the whole county, scraping it or any alternative between the two. Issues to be looked at will include public safety, crime rates, the perception of crime, financial considerations and environmental concerns.

The Committee will be undertaking the scrutiny on Friday 18 September 2009. Its meeting will be held at County Hall, starting at 10.00 am. If your Council would like to submit evidence to the Committee can you please contact its Governance Officer, Graham Redgwell (e mail [grahamr@essex.gov.uk](mailto:grahamr@essex.gov.uk)) as soon as possible. Evidence can be submitted up to the day of the meeting.