

East Donyland Parish Council
Full Parish Council Meeting – 9th February 2017
St Lawrence’s School, Rectory Road, Rowhedge starting 7.00pm.
MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Phil George, Richard Helliwell, Anna Appleyard, Doug Clay, Nina Crouchman, Tony Pullon, John Rowland; Clerk – Nicki Matthews and 9 members of the public.

The Chairman, Cllr Phil George, opened the meeting at 7pm. PG proposed that item 174/16 be moved to the last item in part 1; AA 2nd – all agreed.

166/16 To receive and accept apologies and to note absences: Apologies received from Cllr Peter Case.

167/16 To minute pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests of members relating to items on the agenda: PG – non-pecuniary item 176/16; TP – non-pecuniary item 176/16.

168/16 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2017: The minutes were proposed as correct by TP, 2nd RH – all agreed; minutes approved.

169/16 Have your say! The Chairman will close the meeting for a max.15 minutes to ask members of the public to speak on any matters relevant to parish business:

The following issues and questions were raised:

- Bus stops – there is currently only one pick up stop operating in the town centre for the 66 service. Please can EDPC request an additional stop? *Action – the Clerk*
- Colne Life directory – amendments / additions and more contrasting colours required for readability. *Action – Asst Clerk*
- Mooring – S Watsham has now obtained permission for a permanent mooring in Colchester and requested that he be able to moor the tug on Lion Quay for a period of 2 weeks (straring approx. 11/12 March) en route to the new mooring. PG proposed that this be referred to the Clerk / Water Bailiff as a standard mooring request; RH 2nd - all agreed. *Action – Clerk/Water Bailiff*

170/16 To receive and note reports from

i) County Councillor, Kevin Bentley – no report

ii) CBC Councillors Mike Lilley, Adam Fox & Lee Scordis:

- Planning - there is no date yet for when the Gladman planning app will go to Planning Committee. The Local Plan Committee have suggested removal of the Battleswick site from the plan, with some favour shown to including the business park as an alternative. The Local Plan Committee will vote on the next draft of the Local Plan in May, and there will then be further public consultation in the summer. It will then go to the Planning Inspector with further consultation opportunities. There was an exchange of views regarding the proposal for the business park site as an alternative to Battleswick.
- Coastal Protection Belt area review – the belt provides additional protection against development, and the current review proposed one area near Rowhedge is removed from protection and another added. CBC voted to approve additions but not deletions and have requested further information. AF to provide EDPC with details so they can comment.
- Waste consultation – CBC are reviewing collections, but although wheelie bins may be introduced in some parts of the borough, Rowhedge will not be included in that due to the narrow streets. All collections except food waste are likely to become fortnightly, and free black bags will be withdrawn. Changes are still in the planning stages and residents will be kept informed.
- 20mph proposal – LS to follow this up with Cllr Bentley.

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- Dog fouling – some counties have introduced fines up to £100 for owners not carrying bags, and CBC are considering implementing this. A number of fouling penalty fines have been issues recently in the borough, and fouling and littering in general are key issues at present.
- iii) Clerk – noted. NM advised that the dog micro-chipping and behaviour advice event will take place on 15th Feb.
- iv) Village Bus Representative – Elizabeth Trellis: Ongoing issue re town centre stops as noted in item 169/16. There are also issues regarding the turning circle works, with no consistent information about when buses will be using Fingringhoe Rd as an alternative route – NM to follow up. *Action – the Clerk*
- v) Rowhedge Residents’ Association – Trisha Curran: no report.

171/16 To agree the payments list already checked by Cllrs Pullon & Clay: PG proposed the payments to be correct, 2nd RH - all agreed. *Action – the Clerk*

172/16 To note the draft minutes (attached) from the Finance & Personnel Committee 25th January, and consider the following recommendation made by the committee: minutes noted
i) To appoint Jan Stobart to carry out the internal audit for EDPC for the financial year ending 31 March 2017 at a cost of £150: RH proposed; NC 2nd – all agreed. *Action – the Clerk*

173/16 To consider a request from the Regatta Committee for grant funding of £500 towards the 2017 Rowhedge Regatta (refer attached): This will come from the 2017-18 budget as current year budget for grants has been spent. Cllrs noted that the committee holds a substantial balance of funds and that the event made a loss last year, but felt that it is a very positive event, deserving of support. TP proposed that the council approve a grant of £500 as requested; AA 2nd – all agreed. *Action – the Clerk*

175/16 To consider the current categories and arrangements for the EDPC community awards (refer attached) and agree any changes to be made for the 2017 awards: Following a discussion of the options, TP proposed that the council remove the individual categories, and instead make up to three awards for positive contributions to the community, including one or more for a person under 18 yrs; NC 2nd – all agreed. It was also agreed to seek external funding sources for prizes to enable them to be awarded to the individual as the council currently does not have the power to do this. *Action – the Clerk.*

176/16 To receive a proposal from Cllr Pullon for £1,200 funding towards the setting up of a Rowhedge Singing Group (refer attached), subject to a suitable venue being secured and minimum of 15 members signing up to participate: TP withdrew this proposal, as there has now been sufficient interest to enable the group to be self-funding. He noted that he may wish to submit an application for grant funding in the future if needed.

177/16 To deal with matters arising from the previous Council minutes not dealt with elsewhere in this agenda (refer Action List): Action List noted.

- 178/16 To discuss planning applications and note decision papers as listed:**
- i) **Planning applications 163199/163200: Subdivision of 1A Chapel Street and 7 Head Street, Rowhedge back into two properties previously amalgamated under planning application COL/00/1715; 1A Chapel St is a listed building:** PG proposed that the council submit a comment of no objections; JR 2nd – all agreed.
 - ii) **Planning application 170040: St Lawrence Primary School; application for retrospective approval for a demountable classbase:** PG proposed that the council support this application; RH 2nd – all agreed.

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- iii) **Planning decision 162508: Village Hall; proposed extension to include office, storage space, W/C and disabled/changing facility room – conditional approval granted:** noted

174/16 To consider the applications received from Jamie Gledhill and Daniel Slade to join the parish council, and to agree whether to co-opt a new member to fill the vacant seat:
PG thanked JG & DS for their interest in joining the council. Both candidates spoke in support of their applications, and councillors were able to ask questions. The council then voted, and JG was successfully co-opted with a majority vote (4:3).

- i) **Any newly co-opted member to sign the declaration of acceptance of office:** signed.

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 7.52pm

Part 2 - Closed to the press and public due to the confidential nature of the item under discussion

179/16 To consider a complaint received from a member of the public: The member of the public elected to withdraw their complaint without hearing.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Agreed as a true record.

Signed: Date:

Chairman