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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY COLNE ENGAINE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH MARCH 2018

IN THE CHAIR: **CLLR A BARNARD**

PRESENT: **CLLRS: L ORROW, T JOHNS, N WARWICK, I MESSENGER, P TAYLOR**

CLERK: **T ROOTSEY**

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies received from Cllr Everitt - ill

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Johns declared an interest in item 6 as she had lodged a personal objection to the application.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No members of the public attended.

4. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS, IF PRESENT, TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS

Apologies received from Cllrs Beavis & Spray

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH FEBRUARY 2018

RESOLVED: Item 15 stated incorrectly that the next meeting was on 15th February but should have read 8th March. The Chairman amended and signed the alteration. All other items were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

PROPOSED: Cllr Orrow SECONDED: Cllr Johns Unanimous

Signed…….

6. **PLANNING APPLICATION 18/00121/OUT** Outline Planning Application for the erection of up to 115 dwellings with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access point from Station Road Earls Colne. All matters reserved except for means of access. – *DECISION REQUIRED*.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council objects to the application for the following reasons.

The Members fully endorse all points made in Earls Colne Parish Council's objection letter dated 5th March 2018.

Additionally the development will have an adverse visual impact on the Colne Valley, which is a special landscape area.

As the development is closer to the amenities in Colne Engaine than in Earls Colne the Colne Engaine end of Station Road and Church Street are not adequate or safe for the inevitable increase of vehicle and pedestrian movements between the development and Colne Engaine. In particular, there are no pavements or streetlights on Station Road, which will make it extremely dangerous for children walking to Colne Engaine School, which is considerably closer to the development than Earls Colne School.

The increase in vehicular traffic will adversely affect the rural character of this village.

PROPOSED: Cllr Messenger SECONDED: Cllr Johns Unanimous

7. **PLANNING APPLICATION 18/00019/TPO** Application to carry out work on trees affected by a Tree Preservation Order at 11 The Green CO6 2EZ – *DECISION REQUIRED.*

RESOLVED: That there were no objections and the Clerk should inform Planning Dept. accordingly.

PROPOSED: Cllr Orrow SECONDED: Cllr Barnard Unanimous

8. **PLANNING APPLICATION 18/00326/FUL** Removal of existing detached garage and erection of ground floor extension to side of existing building at 14 Station Road CO6 2ES. – *DECISION REQUIRED.*

RESOLVED: That there were no objections and the Clerk should inform Planning Dept. accordingly.

PROPOSED: Cllr Johns SECONDED: Cllr Orrow Unanimous

Signed…… ……..

9. **PLANNING APPLICATION 18/00247/FUL & 18/00248/LBC** Render repairs to all elevations. Replacement and repairs to windows. Works to access including widening, brick piers and replacement gates at Lawshalls, Lawshalls Hill CO6 2HU *DECISION REQUIRED*

RESOLVED: That there were no objections and the Clerk should inform Planning Dept. accordingly.

PROPOSED: Cllr Barnard SECONDED: Cllr Johns Unanimous

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS .

a) Financial statements for February 2018

b) Items per February 2018 payment schedule to be approved for payment. Cheques and list to be signed.

c) Budget information as at 28th February 2018 as prepared by Clerk.

RESOLVED:

Items a) b) c) are correct, acceptable and cheques and lists can be signed.

PROPOSED: Cllr Messenger SECONDED: Cllr Warwick Unanimous

11. CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS TO ALLOW ON LINE PAYMENTS TO BE MADE FROM COUNCIL'S BARCLAYS ACCOUNT. – *DECISION REQUIRED.*

RESOLVED:

Amendment agreed in principle subject to sight of Barclays Bank on line payments agreement

PROPOSED: Cllr Barnard SECONDED: Cllr Messenger Unanimous

Signed…… ……...

12 <u>CONSIDER CHANGE OF UNMETERED ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER TO AVOID 13.65% PRICE INCREASE BY e-on.</u> – *DECISION REQUIRED.*

RESOLVED:

The item should be deferred until Clerk completes his search of the market and found a better option.

PROPOSED: Cllr Orrow SECONDED: Cllr Barnard Unanimous

13 <u>REVIEW PARKING ARRANGEMENTS AT RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK.</u>

Cllr Warwick has been investigating the options and has suggested parking spaces be delineated with timber inserts.

RESOLVED: That this was good option subject to Cllr Warwick obtaining an acceptable quote for the work

PROPOSED: Cllr Warwick SECONDED: Cllr Messenger. Unanimous

14 <u>DISCUSS TRAFFIC AND PARKING PROBLEMS IN THE VILLAGE</u>– *FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE WAY FORWARD.*

Clerk has spoken to traffic management companies but their services did not seem appropriate to our village. With regard to complaint received from resident regarding cars parking on the pavement in Brook Street it was

RESOLVED:

Clerk should respond to complainant advising that the Members do not believe that the Parish Council has any direct powers to resolve this problem but recognises the inconvenience and is seeking guidance from Braintree District Council.

PROPOSED: Cllr Barnard SECONDED: Cllr Warwick Unanimous

15. <u>DISCUSS SUGGESTION BY PCC TO INSTALL BOLLADS ON PAVEMENT BY LYCH GATE</u>. – *FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE WAY FORWARD.*

RESOLVED:

The Clerk should reply to PCC on the basis that the Parish Council could not accept the merits of installing bollards on the pavement.

PROPOSED: Cllr Barnard SECONDED: Cllr Johns

Signed…… ……...

16. <u>DISCUSS 2018 UNSUNG HERO AWARD</u> – *FOR INFORMATION.*

A nomination form has been placed in the Parish magazine and on the website. It is also to be highlighted on the Facebook page.

17. <u>CONSIDER POSSIBLE USE OF s106 MONIES ON PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS.</u> – *FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE WAY FORWARD*

This item is to be moved to the next agenda.

18. <u>PERSONNEL MATTERS</u>

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE WORKER Mr. C RACZI. Continues to do a good job conscientiously

CLERK: MR T. ROOTSEY: No comments

19. **<u>HIGHWAYS</u>** Consider any matters that need attention.

The bend sign at Buntings Green has fallen into the hedge.

20. **<u>TO RECEIVE CHAIRMAN'S BRIEFING, CLERKS REPORT & COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.</u>**

The Clerk ran through his report.

21. **<u>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u>**

Felled tree on footpath
Pricing for car park work and consider use of s106 monies.
Consider use of rumble strips as suggested by resident.

22. **<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>** 12th April 2018.

Cllr Barnard thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Signed…….
Chairman of the Parish Council Date: 12th April 2018