

TERLING AND FAIRSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th April 2008 at 7.00pm. at The Square and Compasses, Fuller Street.

Present:

Mrs. A. Anderson (Chairman)
Mrs. P. Bird
Mr. C. Cutler
Mrs. C. Godfrey
Mr. T. Lewis
Mrs. S. McNamara [Acting Clerk]
Mr. D. White
Mr T. Lynch [Community Warden]

1 member of the public.

Apologies for Absence:

Mr. R. Dixon
Mr. I. Smith
Mrs. S. Stewart [Clerk]
PCSO Nikki Doubleday

103 Meeting open to members of the public:

There were no comments from members of the public.

104 Councillor Vacancies

It was proposed by CC, seconded by SM and agreed that Mrs Sheila Alder be co-opted to the Council.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Cllr Andrew Meyer has been advertised on the notice boards.

105 Minutes of the Meetings held on 18th February and 18th March 2008

These were unanimously approved

106 Matters Arising

AA confirmed that the street lamp was now connected and that it had not been necessary to use a longer cable at a cost of an additional £1001.00. The £235 outstanding has been paid to Just Group who are checking to see if the lamp is straight.

TL reported that the safety barrier at Ranks Green has not been repaired. AA will contact the Highways Department.

The notice board at Fuller Street is still without a door. AA will speak to the Handyman.

107 Community Warden's Report

TL reported that there had been no major matters for concern since the last meeting.

Fly tipping is still a problem, especially in Peg Mellers Lane. A member of the public had expressed concern regarding 4x4 vehicle drivers using the Ford as a 'playground', causing damage and nuisance in an area used by families. TL was aware of the problem which has been experienced in other parishes. He asked members of the public to give him details registration numbers, makes and models of cars so that appropriate action can be taken. This applies to any suspicious vehicles.

ND will continue to monitor Fairstead Road at night regarding speeding vehicles.

Beat Surgeries will be held in the evenings in a marked vehicle in a central location.

The new number for non-emergency crime is 0300 333 4444

The neighbourhood Police number is 07791402133

In the event of an emergency dial 999.

108 Chairman's Report

AA had attended the Area Meeting at Witham. She noted that Kelvedon are able to reserve a proportion of their housing association properties for allocation to those with a connection with the village. It was agreed that Greenfields Housing Association be contacted with a view to establishing a similar arrangement for Terling and Fairstead.

109 Councillors' Reports

CC reported that rubbish has been removed at the existing club house is being demolished at the football field. He will contact the Estate Office regarding concerns about the removal of asbestos. It is understood that representatives of the Football Club have met with Lord Rayleigh to discuss the possibility of building a new club house.

Veronica Lodge and Joanna Cousins had contacted CC regarding the possibility of having a basketball/netball court. AA will speak to a representative of the Tennis Club to investigate the possibility of a combined facility.

CC commented of the replacement of the wooden telegraph pole beside Bromwell Leaze house with an unsightly metal pole. AA will seek advice from BDC.

CC will represent the Council at the Neighbourhood Watch AGM.

SM reported that there had been problems with the bus to Braintree. Thanks to Mrs Daphne Parris the problem has been resolved.

DW will liaise with the Highways department regarding highway matters at Fuller Street.

DW reported that on-going problems with sewage in Fuller Street have been traced to septic tanks. The owners are liaising with representatives from Environmental Health and it is hoped that the matter will be resolved in the near future.

TL is organising the Litter Pick for Ranks Green on Saturday 19th April.

Mrs Rose Holden had contacted PB regarding the donation of a bench in memory of her husband, Mr Will Holden. AA will contact Lord Rayleigh about the possibility of siting the bench on School Green.

110 Village Design Statement

CG reported that the information from the questionnaires is being compiled into a report. A public meeting will be arranged when this is completed.

AA presented vouchers to Hayley Wiseman, Val Oxley and Lee Martin, winners of the draw.

111 Sub-committee Reports

Finance
No report

Environmental
The tractor and flail mower has been purchased and the grant from P3 has been received. Delivery will be arranged when insurance cover has been organised. The tyres have been filled with foam, at an additional cost of £20, to ensure that they are puncture proof. TL is preparing the necessary risk assessments. An offer of garaging at Ranks Green will be considered.
The Committee will discuss the new 'kissing gate' in the Cricket Meadow.

Estate Liaison
No report

Health and Welfare
No report

IT and Public Relations
CC is considering up-dating the web site in the next few months.

Planning and Highways
DW will contact the Planning Enforcement Officer regarding our letter concerning hedgerows in Fuller Street and Owls Hill.

112 Correspondence Received

Letter of thanks from the Head Teacher, Terling School regarding the visit from the Essex Wildlife Trust. The cost of £116 has been paid by the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.05p.m.

Next Meeting Dates:

Saturday 10th May Litter Pick 1000 at the Village Hall
Tuesday, May 20th, at 7.00pm at Terling Village Hall. This meeting will incorporate the Annual Parrish Meeting and the Annual Meeting.
Cluster Meeting to be arranged in June. Terling to host.
Tuesday 1st July, at 7 pm at Terling Village Hall