

TERLING AND FAIRSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th March 2008 at 7.00pm. at Terling Village Hall.

Present:

Mrs. A. Anderson (Chairman)
Mrs. P. Bird
Mr. C. Cutler
Mr. R. Dixon
Mrs. C. Godfrey
Mr. T. Lewis
Mrs. S. McNamara [Acting Clerk]
Mr. I. Smith
Mr. D. White
Mr. C. Marshall (Handyman)

2 members of the public.

Apologies for Absence:

Mrs. S. Stewart [Clerk]
A Representative from the Mid-Essex Runners
A Representative from the Parish Paths Partnership

95 Meeting open to members of the public:

There were no comments from members of the public at this stage of the meeting. The Chairman invited the members of the public to comment during the meeting.

96 Parish Footpaths

The Chairman asked for comments on the Parish Partnership Scheme [P3]. AA commented on the expectation that volunteers would be needed to maintain the footpaths. She asked how they would be recruited.

DW confirmed that the Mid-Essex Runners would survey the footpaths and e-mail problems to the P3 Partnership and, in the absence of the Clerk, to DW and TL.

Annual training for Mr Marshall in, for example, health and safety and maintenance issues would be funded by P3.

CG reported on a recent conference regarding P3. Representatives from Galleywood PC have offered to give support and advice.

DW confirmed that funding is available to install bridges, kissing gates etc. and to produce maps and leaflets.

It was noted that the Parish Council is a member of the P3 Scheme

97 Purchase of Tractor/Flail

The Council considered a paper submitted by DW regarding the cost of purchasing or hiring a tractor with flail to clear and maintain the footpaths within the parishes.

After discussion it was proposed by IS, seconded by DW that:

This Council purchase a L3200 32hp Tractor and 1.2 m Flail Mower at a cost of £10377 less a grant of £4000 from the Parish Paths Partnership.

Five Councillors voted against this proposal and four were in favour.

It was proposed by IS, seconded by DW that:

This Council purchase a B1610 16hp tractor and 0.9m Flail Mower at a cost of £7564 less a grant of £4000 from the Parish Paths Partnership.

Six Councillors voted for this proposal and three against.

It was agreed to purchase this tractor and flail on the condition that the grant is still available from the Parish Paths Partnership.

DW will obtain confirmation from P3, in writing, of a grant of £2000 for this financial year and £2000 in the next financial year on production of an invoice for capital equipment. He will also confirm that the financial year runs from 1st April to the 31st March.

98. Environment Committee

DW was elected to the Environment Committee.

The Committee agreed to take responsibility for the purchase, garaging and maintenance of the tractor and flail mower.

The Committee will consider which footpaths will be maintained under the P3 scheme

99 Footpath Warden

This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Environment Committee

100 IT Committee

DW resigned from the IT Committee.

101 Street Scene Agreement

It was proposed by RD, seconded by CC and agreed that the Chairman sign the Street Scene Agreement for the year 2008/2009. An invoice for £644.56 will be submitted to Environmental Services, Braintree District Council.

102 Street Light - School Green

Councillors were pleased to note that the light has been connected. RD was concerned that the post is not straight. AA will speak to 'Just Lamps'

The meeting closed at 9p.m.

Next Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, April 15th, at 7.00pm in the Committee room at The Square and Compasses.

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.