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MINUTES OF THE COLNEY HEATH- FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at the VILLAGE HALL on THURSDAY-3rd JULY 2008-7.30.pm

Present; - Chair-presided by Cllr Day Vice Chair -Cllr Cloke-Cllr Rump
Cllr Henschley-Cllr Reeves-(& 1 Vacancy Hill End Ward)

Clerk; Mr J E Dean

Public Attendance- Mr D Becker 95 High Street- Colney Heath
Mr M Myland-Tyttenhanger Safety Group
Mr L Wilson-Tyttenhanger Safety Group

1. APOLOGIES -ANNOUNCEMENTS & DECLARATIONS

Apologies received Cllr Brazier attending a SCADC public meeting on the Post Office closures-Cllr Crump abroad on business and Cllr Horner urgently called away to visit a relative taken into hospital. Cllr Brazier promised to join later. Vice Chair Cllr Day chaired this time in the absence of Cllr Brazier. There were no declarations on the matters contained in agenda.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Council-5TH June 2008

Proposed by Cllr P Reeves

Seconded by Cllr A Cloke

The minutes were signed by the presiding Vice Chair Cllr Day as being correct.

2.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Having read through the pages no typo's corrections or alterations were put forward by those members present. The Chair signed the minutes as correct.

3 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN MAY BRING BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Chair had been informed by the Clerk that Mr Wilson has turned up to speak about some matters affecting Tyttenhanger-in particular the closing up of Barley Mow Lane, allotments and issues on grazing. The Chair stated that he will allow a halt to the meeting to hear his representations, if the members present agreed-all accepted.

3.1 Post Office Closures

As previously mentioned Cllr Brazier was attending, no debate at this time but on his return to the meeting at 9.10pm he advised the meeting that only 24 people turned up including the party representation-not as expected for such an important local issue.

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The Smallford Sub PO intending to close possibly to coincide with a retirement from the business is not acceptable without replacement to the local residents according to Cllr Brazier. Alternatives need to be looked into and he was going to progress this on. Various parties had attended including the MP Anne Main and Sandy Walkinson the prospective Liberal candidate, Roma Mills Labour and the public meeting chaired by the Worshipful Mayor of St Albans. Cllr Bert Paul.

3.2 Dangerous Manhole Cover

The Clerk updated the members having a report from parents a drain manhole cover had been damaged in the approach to the Football Club and Lafarge land. He had checked and found traffic cones had been placed around but the situation was of danger to the public. This is private land and possible drain ownership unknown so he made the immediate decision to repair under emergency public safety powers. The contractor was found by Mr Paxton and cost £350, the firm also carries out SCADC & local authority works. A cast drain has been put in able to cope with HGV weights.

3.3 A Parish Conference for St Albans District.

The Clerk said the date is fixed for Friday 17th October and will run from 10-3pm at a venue to be advised, all Parish and District Councillors are to be invited. He was now enquiring if members had any subjects for discussion at that meeting, Highways was a very topical issue. The Clerk is to write to the organiser requesting this is on agenda.

3.4 Lease of Pavilion Building

Members have now seen the full report of the District Valuer, copied out. Cllr Rump asked if the club had seen it. Following member's agreement a copy will be sent to the secretary next week. This gives a future lease value of £7000.00 per annum based on current commercial rents for similar facilities. The Clerk explained the current costs.

Rent	£ 283.00-Current arrangement held until March 2009
Insurance	£ 116.16- Needs immediate review being undercharged
Pitch fees	£ 78.75 -Should be reviewed now also as both are in use.
	<u>£ 477.91</u>

Members accepted the Clerks suggestion that a draft lease be drawn up for members to see in a future part 2 or dedicated meeting after September. The Clerk is to contact Turner Debenham Solicitors to arrange.

3.5 Chronicle Magazine and Web Site upgrade for CHPC

The Clerk had shown members a projection of the Web Site at the start of the meeting and needed to know what members required to go into the links. Cllr Reeves said that he was told a similar site for Highfield had some problems, the Clerk said that he had experienced crashes but put that down to our poor broadband service from BT which like so many was not providing the agreed power, something he was taking up with BT having complained already to them and comparing with his own wireless stick. He was confident that Mr Rodway will deliver exactly what had been agreed and we have paid in advance for a year's maintenance so any glitches would be sorted out. He was seeing Mr Rodway on the following day and will mention member's observation. It was agreed that we go ahead with the essential key links to other organisations the Doctors surgery times forthcoming events and a bus timetables, dates of meetings etc. The Clerk added that he was confident that we could look forward to a good site and many years of use and updating important to this parish democracy and access.

3.6 Colney Heath Parish Council beyond the 60th Year Events

The recent Larks in The Parks was a success and all members agreed it was a very good event that goes along way to building the community according to Cllr Horner. The council wished a vote of thanks to Assistant Clerk Kim Parker-Mead for the very good organisation and the running of an excellent event. Her report is now on the web site published to-day with various photos of the event. It is understood the same event at Trestle Theatre on the same day was less well attended, one of the six other venues run as part of St Albans Arts Fortnight and one of two within the parish. Note the 2009 Pantomime to come again in January the event is booked ticket slips in September issue of Chronicle. Village day goes ahead on 12th July at the High Street recreation area and Sue Green came to the meeting to say a few words about the arrangements. One of which was a plea for volunteers. Chair requested the Clerk make a separate opportunity to speak with Sue about various other matters outside of the meeting. The day is a sponsored event helped by local businesses and CHFC.

3.7 Smallford Station Preservation Orders

As already debated the importance of preservation was confirmed. Other issues were to support the watching brief on the building and what it could be used for.

3.8 Matters of Anti-Social Behaviour

The list was handed to members noting the reported incidents. Cllr Reeves mentioned a reminder about the fence details at CMH.

3.9 Sleapshyde Play Area

The Clerk gave details about Safe & Sound plan to start work week 29-on 14th July with the new play equipment installation. Assistant Clerk will oversee the project. The installation of the safety tiles at CMH will take place during their time here. Other remedial work from the recent ROSPA safety report may also be done as well.

At 7.50pm the Chair suspended the meeting

At this point the Chair agreed to open the Public Questions earlier than item 8 to allow Mr Wilson to speak about issues affecting the Tyttenhanger Safety Group- a newly formed association. The Clerk earlier asked Mr Wilson if he could supply any details of constitution and officers so PC can add to the recognition list. Mr Wilson said the group was well formed and had the patronage of Anne Main & Cllr Brazier who had past attended meetings. He went on to mention he was speaking on behalf of Lynn Myland Chair of TSG, the main issues being fly tipping, the closing of BML- provision of allotments-where were the council on further consultation on the grazing. A petition was handed to the Chair containing signatures and post codes of People who were in favour of closure. Mr Wilson said that we should be aware HHWP were to discuss the issue at their partnership review meeting on 16th July. Where attendance D/Council plus Herts- Mid West Area management police and other interested parties such as this safety group will be given 3 minutes to state the detail of the case Cllr Reeves said that we had put an alternative view to HHWP where he had written a private letter to HHWP suggesting closing the BML entrance and construct a track opening off Colney Heath Lane. He added this was the general proffered police option to have traveller camps opening on to main or busier roads rather than be down quiet country lanes. Some discussion between Cllr Rump and Mr Wilson gave rise to disagreement and exchanges resulted in Cllr Rump challenging

Mr Wilson argument about two entrances-that in stopping up the present in BML it would not be possible or not be guaranteed. It would allow an easy route for gypsies to slip away any police apprehension much easier. Cllr Rump did not accept this view asking if there was a problem if they did break through, asking was this just a gypsy problem? On this point and a continuing and ensuing disagreement arose between both parties - Mr Wilson suggesting Cllr Rump's opinion was rather petulant, to which Cllr Rump felt it was best he left the meeting now and excused himself to allow the Chair to return the meeting to the proper debate. Mr Wilson added the trading off idea of more pitches was also unacceptable but the Chair intervened and asked him how else we get the suggested additional 34 pitches required in the district. There has to be some compromise at some stage. He was not in total agreement and although the past application for two more pitches had gone away it surely will come back at some stage. We then would be forced to accept, after which refusing any more than two puts us in better position right now and longer term. We had to be realistic, HCC will have the final say, and here is an established pitch capable of small additions. Even if no one was in full agreement or keen to see any expansion they are the facts.

Mr Martin Myland said he has conducted a 13 year study of the problem, it has had an affect on many peoples lives in Tyttenhanger, that is why the group was set up. He also added that Mrs L Myland the Chairperson was also on the local access forum. (Part of St Albans LSP-?) Martin Myland said he issues raised are of extreme concern to residents of BML-the Chair accepted the facts of their concern and said CHPC wished to work with all sections. Our position was to try and seek moving the entrance to the site to Colney Heath Lane and closing off the site access in BML.

The Chair then invited Mr Wilson to continue briefly with the rest of his questions to the council;-

Allotments;- What was the council doing, Chair response was that we are looking for spare land or maybe farm set aside land but no suitable response so far. The Clerk added we were aware of the need within the parish and a waiting list has been set up but so far no one has put names on. Mr Wilson mentioned might be site opportunities at Highfield Trust-that was not in our remit to make decisions there.

Grazing;- What was the council doing about public consultation, Chair response was that we are considering what more we can do, after an open day last year and other consultations including CMS members consider this has had exposure. All the past debates have been in favour of grazing in order to protect the land environmentally and remain bio-diverse for flora and fauna, plus nature- Butterflies in particular.

At 8.23 pm the Chair resumed the meeting agenda but short of Cllr Rump who had left council remained quorate and able to proceed with remaining business.

* The Clerk is keen to look at the protocol with members on time normally allowed to give over to public participation in democracy. There are very clearly defined rules to the time period allowed. In giving public participation-an excellent practise, the time or duration by arrangement with the Clerk on agenda issues beforehand is important.

(Local Govt Act 1972 Sect 100 & 100A & CHPC Standing Orders.)

In conclusion the Chair said that this is a definite issue to bring up at the next Police (NAG) Meeting in August.

Cllr Henchley was concerned about the Lorries on the BML site being un-licensed the Clerk agreed saying he observed dangerous glass and debris on a flat bed lorry there.

4. FINANCE

4.1 Financial Report

The Clerk gave information on the following financial matters which was supported by the relevant information and data reports to each member;-Clerk gave full details went through figures with members and answered questions.

4.2 MONTHLY EXPENDITURE & ACCOUNTS

The Clerk passed information to all members for the July 2008 parish expenditure at £16,514.94-.Inc VAT element £943.77 after which any questions on finance were answered by the Clerk; the regular payments were approved by the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr J Henchley

Seconded by Cllr P Reeves

4.3 Audit Preparation 2007-8

The Clerk advised members that we had to sign off the Audi papers to-night after showing the completed documents to the members. Cllr Reeves queried the format but was assured by the Clerk that it was set out in the usual way similar to past years and the boxed figures set out is just what the external auditor requires. All papers were exactly the same for all parishes. This is what we paid the internal auditor to arrive at prior to submission. We now need a proposal to allow the Chair and Clerk to formally sign off.

Proposed Cllr J Day

Seconded Cllr J Henchley.

The proposal was carried by all present and the audit papers were signed off.

4.4 Progress of VAT

Clerk is progressing this as there is a considerable return to claim including p/cash.

4.5 Budgeted Grant Aid (*Section 19 LGA Act-1976-Misc Provisions*)

The Clerk advised the larger payments were in progress now the TR was off for this period and cash had been drawn down. Cheques will be sent out this month.

4.6 Other Financial Matters

Other matters were brought to the attention of members by the Clerk-Treasury Reserve investment details of £130,000 placed until 30th July at 4.42%. The Clerk repeated the process of "Winding Up" the past Tyttenhanger Improvements Committee, the Clerk passed a letter to Cllr Reeves showing the facts of the process in order to assist him with trying to obtain the monies held by the trustees.

Quarterly Results

The Clerk advised members of the finances this quarter that our average spending was around £11,900 pcm -quarter total £35,700 less vat equating to a yearly cumulative of (£11,900 x12=) £142,800 and on more or less right on budget. He will give more details out in September/October for the six month period.

Village Day Finances-12th July

The underwriting of this event by CHPC appears on budget; Sue Green was present asking various questions about safety notices and insurance on organisers-all covered.

Larks in Parks Finances 29th June

Final details at the September meeting-initial estimates show more or less on budget with CHPC meeting slightly more costs this time due to organisational errors.

5 PLANNING

Planning Applications

The following applications received since last meeting 5th June 2008 were debated in detail at the meeting;-

General Comments

The Chair said he did not plan to go into great detail about the applications, in the absence of Cllr Brazier. Oakland's and the Three Horseshoes occupied some debate time with members. Cllr Brazier gave some more details when he returned to the meeting at 9.15pm on two other applications. Prospect Road was in Sopwell and had got on to our list in mistake. Again the large and continued extension (40%) of the Three Horseshoes public house especially in the Green Belt.

Cllr Henchley said he would no be giving his overview as the district planning was getting quicker at dealing with the applications and the decline due to the economy.

Planning Lists Received

Printed list circulated to all members;-

As sent	From SCADC	
	Weekly lists	

Major Development

Application 5/07/02230 Former Oaklands College Site & Highfield Lane Campus Members have past debated. Cllr Brazier said later that by saving an educational facility the application was likely to go through

See Bold Type.

5-1 Planning Applications:

As listed below is the plans that have been received to the date of agenda publication and meeting *-bold= topical;-*

Applications;-Beaumont Sch Glinwells & Oakland's plans for Council attention

Further news on planning consultation As listed below and received up to the date of this agenda publication-*bold= topical;-*

Number	Address	Application	Decision/Recommendation
5/08/0620	Oakland's College Smallford Campus	Erection of new college building for Oakland's and asse educational buildings to provide total of 31930 sqm of educational floor space and erection of 62 flats and houses. Demolition of existing use of former mansion house as 26 units of non self contained accom. Use of former stable block as children's nursery and retention of	With Cllr Brazier- CHPC response still awaited. Need to clear it July meeting

		cottage within walled garden and assc lodges. Provision of sports pitches, 820 car parking spaces, highway works including a new access from Hatfield Rd with new roundabout, landscaping and other ancillary development	
5/08/0801	Former Oaklands College site Highfield Lane	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of thirty eight houses including thirteen affordable units, seventy parking spaces, open space and landscaping	With Cllr Brazier 24/4/2008 CHPC response still awaited. Need to clear it July meeting
5/08/1344	The mill House Coursers Rd	Erection of glass house	No objections
5/08/1379	3 Newfield Way	Two storey side extension	No objections
5/08/1050	The Three horseshoes	Single storey rear extension to form r /lobby	Opposed. In green belt over extended already by 40%
5/08/1193LB	The Three Horseshoes	Single storey rear extension to form r/lobby	Opposed. In green belt over extended already by 40%
5/08/1291	56 Oaklands Lane	Rear conservatory	With Cllr Brazier 30/6/2008
5/08/1262	53 Wynches Farm Drive	Conversion of garage into habitable room and alterations to openings	With Cllr Brazier 30/6/2008

**Note items with Listed Building Status are noted with suffix LB after the plan no- e.g 5/07/000LB
SCADC General Applications List (District) Circulated to all members.**

5-2 Planning Approvals

As listed since last meeting

Number	Address	Application	SCADC Decision
5/08/0779	13 Prospect Road	Two storey side and rear and single storey rear extension	Planning Permission
5/07/3081	Colney Heath Farm, Coursers Rd	replacement outbuilding	Planning Permission
5/08/0870	23 Wynches Farm Drive	Conversion of garage to habitable room, alterations to openings and single storey rear extension	Planning Permission
5/08/0655	516 Hatfield Road	First Floor side and rear extension	Planning Permission
5/08/0977	Forest Town Church	3 Lyon way	Planning Permission
5/08/0134	23 Drakes Drive	Two storey front, side and rear extensions and widening of existing vehicular crossover	Planning Permission
5/08/0906	30 Maslen Road	Single storey side extension and conversion of garage into habitable room	Planning Permission
5/08/1030	52 Wynches Farm Drive	Removal of condition 3 (the development shall not be occupied until an additional parking space has been constructed, surfaced and permanently marked out within the site) of planning permission 5/08/0107 dated 7/3/08	Planning Permission

See Attached Sheet for Planning Approvals- Appendix

5-3 Planning Refusals-Appeals-Inquiries-Enforcements-Other issues

5/08/0799	39 Russet Drive	Two storey side and rear extensions and single storey rear extension	Planning Refusal
5/08/0754	1 Park Corner	Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side and rear extension	Planning Refusal
5/08/0673	30 Sleapcross Gardens	First floor side and extension	Planning Refusal
5/08/0381	Glyn Hopkin, Lyon Way	Extension to existing car park	Planning Refusal

5.3 Appeals

Appeal-5/07/1305 at 30 Sleapcross Gardens extension of dwelling in GB, also issues of comparison to other allowed development in same area.

Appeal-5/08/0455 72 Firwood Avenue Details include detriment to existing pattern

Public Inquiries

Ref-Colney Heath Farm -Public Inquiry set 17th June 2008.

Appeal Ref:5/07/1406 67 Colney Heath Lane-Fence & Boundary issues

Appeal Ref: APP/B1930/A/07/2035098-Nuckies Farm Coursers Road Colney Heath Decision challenge by CHPC See Part II CHPC to fight this application.-Cllr Brazier

Appeal-Ref 5/07/1366 -87 Tollgate Road Two Bed Bungalow and parking-GB issue

Appeal-Ref 5/07/2858-6 Church Croft Rear and side extensions-GB Issue

5-4 Strategic or Planning issues or referred to ODPM/Secretary of State-SEERA Helioslough-Rail Freight Terminal- Cllr Brazier may wish to update members - Details of submission sent to members-likely public inquiry date October 2008.

OTHER TOPICAL ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.5 Go East-SEERA Consultation Regional Assembly-Gypsy Site Allocations

No further communications to report.

Response Gypsy Sites in Hertfordshire & East of England

No debate and no further reports, awaiting SEERA response in October

Planning Portal

Noted

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment for SCADC

Details noted.

London Green Belt

Recent minutes of last meeting noted

BT Payphones

Noted that many will be at risk of removal-Cllr Reeves keen to see Tyttenhanger Green box retained.

Post Office Closures

Letter sent to Post Office regarding Smallford Sub PO-Cllr Brazier at meeting to discuss issues.

5-6 Planning Monitoring

Matters the Clerk may wish to inform or members have reports to bring if applicable

Air Quality-(Contained in HHC report)

Landfill & Quarry

Minerals & Waste

Licences

Local Delivery Framework Policy

Air Quality

No response to members and Clerk communications

6 COMMONS OPEN SPACES & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The written reports were considered of;-

6-1 Parish Warden Report

Members were circulated with the usual copy of the reports with usual general tasks removal of litter and FC pitch marking and other village tasks.

6-2 Parish Commons Ranger Report

Report circulated to all members-note motorcycles riding on common continue to be a problem that may affect safety issues, difficulty in apprehension.

6-3 Parish Gardner and Tennis Courts Attendant Reports

Report circulated to members at the meeting and comments noted.

6-4 Church & Graveyard Keepers work/time sheet

Nothing that is exceptional to report this time. Keeper away on vacations in July

6-5 CHPC Grass Cutting Contract

No reports but all grassed areas continue to be mown to a satisfactory standard

6-6 Commons-Grazing & Stewardship

Noted but no further reports to add this time. Cllr Crump at past meeting suggested a working day to remove hawthorn in late autumn. Clerk has discussed with CMS about cutting off saplings and treating with weed-killer. Purchase of brush cutter approved.

6.7 Recreation Areas

Gloucester Park

No reports on land ownership

Roestock Park/Sleapshyde Park

No reports-ROSPA inspection carried out. Larks in Parks at Roestock previously mentioned No adverse issues from a successful day with "Larks in the Parks"there.

The Assistant Clerk has taken advantage of SCADC child activities July-August

Sleapshyde Recreation Area

New play equipment installation planned to go in Sleapshyde play area on 14th July.

Member reported unknown persons have cut boundary privet hedge and left discarded cuttings on grassed area-Mr Paxton to remove if possible.

Charles Morris

No reports -contractor will fit new tiles with Sleapshyde works possibly w/c 14 July

6-8 Footpaths P3 and Rights of Way-Bridleways-BOAT-RUPP F/path 44 and 23
Clerk is monitoring several issues and is seeking a meeting with Julian Thornton

7 HIGHWAYS-TRANSPORT-FOOTPATHS AND VERGES

Cllr Henchley alerted members to the highways meeting held on 30th June the first since November a list since that time of the outstanding jobs was presented to Damian Higgins-A separate report on the meeting has been submitted to members.

7-1 Highways & Maintenance & Signs local Roads or major route reports

Cllr Henchley said we might find ourselves at the end of the long-about saga, the indications that the priority indicator on improvements is being looked at again. The Clerk said he had noticed temporary cameras on poles there last week if it had any significance. Members agreed this was hopefully good news. The section 106 money was explained by Cllr Brazier after he arrived about the Zebra Crossing.

7-2 Paths and Access-attached or adjacent to Highways

Debated but no reports-but mentioned in 6.8

7.3 Tollgate Road-Cameras

A response, circulated to members has been received from HHWP about the criteria required to process the installation and the safety surveys required in order to deliver.

7-4 Transport and Friday Shopping Bus

Cllr Horner was not present at this meeting but we have received notification the cost of the bus is increasing the fuel/mileage charge. This will add about £2 to our weekly costs. No suggestion made to increase the fare to pensioner customers at this stage.

7-5 Long –About A414

Previously mentioned in 7.1

7.6 M25 Widening starting summer 2008

No further reports other than the road works will have a wide effect.

7.7 Highway Warning Signs & Mandatory Signs

Noted and suggest keeping as a reminder

7.8 Verge Parking District Council Highways Panel

No further reports

8 PUBLIC QUESTIONS-8.30

No further public questions at this time- the various other matters being aired with the chair allowing some local issues being brought before the council at the end of item 3

9 COUNCIL BUILDINGS-ORGANISATIONS & TRUSTEE MATTERS

9-1 High Street Recreation Area Pavilion and CHFC

In the absence of Cllr Rump the chair said he will postpone this until he returns in September. We have received the report from the District Valuer- CHPC recently commissioned The Clerk asked for a decision about the lease as the plan was to see how well the club had done to reduce the debt position. Every indication that they will be in a better position by October is forecast by the club at their monthly meetings.

It was agreed the Clerk is given the authority to meet Turner Debenham and start the process of a draft lease to bring before council at the September or October meeting. Members agreed the club is furnished with a copy now of recent the DV report.

Cllr Brazier joined the meeting at 9.15 and V/Cllr Day continued as Chair

The Chair Cllr Day gave Cllr Brazier a quick briefing up-date on the issues debated so far and invited him to give an overview of the Post Office meeting just attended. He said it was disappointing with only 24 attending, including MP and councillors. The next SCDC approach may be to consider a challenge to closures was popular.

9-2 Treasure Tots Pre-School.

With Councillor Crump not attending the Clerk reported on several items keeping members informed, and providing a written report from the leader. The school was running well but we expect less in-take after September. However we were better positioned for making economies with more part time bank staff to support the regular daily staff, being paid only by the daily rate. Karen was managing this well and the lunch club was prospering and assisting the funds. The Pre School closes on 11th July for the holidays, re-opens on 8th September with an average of 24 children per day. The Clerk raised the need to look at a pay rise for all staff; we have not changed the rates since we started. The Clerk is to prepare some details for a future part II meeting on the pay scales that members are to consider. Auditor in on 21st August to do books.

9-3 Village Hall Committee

Cllr Brazier had attended the meeting and has demanded more reductions and cost savings for T/Tots for the room hire. Again the Clerk said the committee are maybe overlooking potential grants for insulation and heat saving opportunities-a council owned building he added this should be seriously looked at as a joint scheme.

9-4 Charles Morris Hall

Cllr Reeves asked about the fence idea, the Clerk is to check and call in the contractor for a post/wire fence quote on the vulnerable parts of the boundary.

9-5 Highfield Community Park & Trustees

Cllr Reeves said a new person had been recruited to replace John Ely who is retiring in October. The new person starts on 1st September and comes well qualified. The Clerk said he hoped to make contact after the new manager starts.

9-6 Other local Organisations-Guides Scouts-Harvesters

No members reported having accepted an invitation to all-Annual Review 1st July pm Roestock Scout Hut. The facility was used during the recent "Larks in the Parks" and we were grateful to the association for allowing that to happen.

9-7 Youth Organisations Locally & Youth Council

No reports-Cllr Brazier said the YMCA had taken this over now at Highfield. Again the Clerk mentioned the Roestock Park activities planned for local children from 23/7 to 29/8 as part of the Play Ranger Scheme-each Thursday between 2-4pm.

9.8 Vital Villages

There were no reports.

10 COMMUNITY REPORTS-Members reports Outside Bodies and reports from Committees and other Organisations

10-1 Fly Tipping Reports & Raised Humps-adjacent to Mr Sturbridge's Land

Members were given the usual report. Another issue kept on agenda- about the item raised some months ago by Cllr Rump about humps on Mr Surridge's land is kept on at the request of Cllr Rump concerning an idea to prevent fly tipping. The corner triangle is a favourite spot for them. The Clerk mentioned CPRE and Open- Spaces Society are promoting a big anti tip campaign; he has copied publicity to members.

10-2 Police and Community Matters-Police Ward Meeting & ASB List

Next meeting 13th August 7.30 pm C/Heath VH-again the Clerk said very little was known after the completion of the operation aimed at rogue traders and other stop and search principles by police. The Clerk said we have to wait to hear the reports at the next Police meeting in August. Cllr Day mentioned having a house call visit and some form filling by the police about various local issues.

10-3 Twinning

The destination was to France this year -with the trip apparently having a record number travelling to Boissy.

10-4 Reports from Members attending other meetings

No reports this time

Lafarge Liaison Meeting

No date fixed so far this year-Cllr Brazier suggested we check the dates.

10.5 Fairs Festivals and local community events

Details were given as:-

Village Day

Saturday 12th July-High Street Recreation Ground

Children's Pantomime

Booked for 2nd January 2009-details nearer the time in Chronicle.

10-6 Reports as Listed-HM Govt: Local and National Issues ect: & HCC

Again a repeat of past notes where we have made our responses (past noted) to the Gypsy issues -SEERA consultation with a deadline of 16th May-circulated to all. Clerk said Hazel Blears new community's initiative will be published next week suggesting empowering all local authorities and parishes to have more powers.

10.7 St Albans Association of Town & Parish Councils

The Clerk mentioned a plea for more members to attend the four meetings per year, Cllr Horner is to try and on behalf of CHPC. All Meetings start at 7.30-Tuesday in Redbourne-8th July-Wheathampsted-7th October. Harpenden to be announced.

10-8 Minutes received from other Associations

Members noted the list of committee and other papers.

11-11-1 Members Questions

11-2 News Releases

SCADC are still continuing to seek a village tree warden, advert placed in Chronicle.

11-3 Dudley Wood Memorial woodlands

The Clerk has written to the Clerk at London Colney about transfer of title.

11.4 Dog Waste Bins

Again Clerk to report the Assistant Clerk is to get an extra dog waste bin Roestock.

11.5 Proposals for next Agenda

Most have been covered in these minutes, any further issues members may have can be raised with Clerk during recess period for inclusion next meeting in September.

12 OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Bus shelter needs OPP-Clerk to arrange, has spoken about drawing to Mr Stayton.

12-1 Staff and Office Matters

Staff annual leave-Clerk 12-28 July-Assistant Clerk 4-22 August- little or no disruption to office hours or staff availability should occur. On some odd days in August the Clerk may change hours/times but contact always via mobile at all times.

12-2 Clerk Report on future matters needing attention

No reports this time-deferred

12-3 Notice Boards and Signs & Bus Shelters

Clerk reported that plans required to be sent to SCADC for a new shelter in Hall Gardens/Grange area. Permission will be required from landowner-HHWP. Also 2 notice boards to be refurbished this year. CMH are paying for a new one on their site.

12-4 Commons Licences & Wayleaves

As previously reported by the Clerk

12.6 Publicity & Chronicle

Clerk advised members the next issue autumn 2008-deadline 1st September.

12-6 Flooding and Encams

A further meeting is to be arranged later in the year

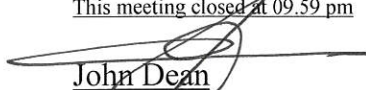
12-7 Capital Purchases

Purchase of marquee and gazebo for Larks was brought to the attention of members.

12.8 Tyttenhanger Sign

Dedication plate still required Clerk and Chair Cllr Reeves to get together on this

This meeting closed at 09.59 pm


John Dean
Clerk to the Council

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