

An Ordinary meeting of the Widford Parish Council commenced at 7.15pm in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5th March 2013.

PRESENT

Chairman Dr Ian Brett, Vice-Chairman Mrs Jill Buck, Councillors Mrs Wendy Camp, Mrs Frances Luck and Mrs Jenny Miller.

District Councillor Mr Mike Newman and three members of the public.

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 8th January 2013 had been circulated and were confirmed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

EHPTCA meeting is scheduled for Friday 8th March at Wallfields when it is anticipated the District Plan will be considered.

IB Councillor Mike Carver will be addressing the meeting.

Footpath 17 – A Public Inquiry will be held in the Village Hall on April 16,17,18th. Parish Council not represented but supported the Church Council in its long term National Legal understanding that a designated Public Footpath is not permitted to pass over consecrated ground. This does not prohibit members of the public using the church path to gain access to the Designated route which commences as the rear of the church.

Village Archives – A new Chairman for the Friends of Widford School is faced with raising a sum of £15,000.00 for an extension to the school to be built which will house the Archives in due course.

30 Benningfield Road – No action as required at the previous meeting has yet been taken by the owner to restore Benningfield Green. It was agreed that unless the owner takes suitable action to rectify the damage to the Green, the Parish Council will revoke the Licence.

Chapel House – Concerns with regards to the newly opened access onto the B.180 Hunsdon Road gives rise to consideration of a sign notifying drivers of a concealed access. It is also noted that the Chevron Board demolished by an unknown vehicle and reported in December 2012 has not been replaced.

- These items to be referred to the highway officers at Ringway.

Maple Cottage – an investigation into a possible misuse of a Summer House in the garden has confirmed there is no illegal use and therefore no action to be taken. Mrs Wendy Camp to contact the owners.

Potholes reported in Bell Lane and Abbots Lane have been repaired.

JB **Playing Field** – is under new management of five on the committee including the Parish Council representative Mrs Buck who reported that hedges have been trimmed, a date is to be arranged for the next meeting when they will discuss putting posts on the edge of Playing Field Land adjacent to Mr Julian Pawles' posts on the track.

The Chairman commented that Widford is probably the only Local Parish Council that does not Manage the Playing Field .

IB **Lilley Bridge** – the situation with the land approach to the bridge is worsening. After repeated correspondence with the County Council Footpath Office, and the repeated information for over a year that remedial works will be carried out , nothing has been done

It was therefore agreed at this meeting that if there was no response by midday on Friday 8th March from the County Council, in the interest of public safety, the Parish Council would put up notices to temporarily close the bridge.

Police – A report on the Locality Meeting held in Hunsdon Village Hall on 6 February had been received from our District Councillor who will now be responsible for police information to the Parishes. The meetings appear to be well received and venues for future meetings are being considered.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - 7th MAY 2013.

- a) Annual Meeting of the Parish Council - 8.00 pm – Village Hall
- b) Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council - 8.15pm

PLANNING

Applications received:-

- 3/13/0004/FP) Porch Cottage. Two storey rear extension and front garden wall.
- 3/13/0082/LB) *Parish Council had no objection to the proposal but asked that the new wall should be constructed from reclaimed bricks.*
- 3/13/0040/FP 12 Hunsdon Road. Single storey front extension with conversion of garage to habitable room and single storey rear extension with pitched roof over.
Parish Council had no objection .
- 3/13/0184/FP) Abbots Farm . Orangery and rebuild garage to include a Studio.
- 3/13/185/LB) *Parish Council had no objection.*
- 3/13/0235/LB Abbots Farm , Replacement windows. – *site to be inspected before response.*

FINANCE

No VAT to collect as this was done in July.

Cheques signed :

Litter..02/03/13 to 23/03/13.....	£100.36
Litter..30/03/13 to 20/04/13.....	£100.36
Clerk' Annual Salary due at 31 March.....	£960.00)
HM Inland Revenue.....Tax on Clerk's Salary.....	£124.60) £1200.00. In line
Outstanding from Clerk's Salary after Tax.....	£115.40) with Govt: rule.
Stop Harlow North, Donation to Group.....	£ 50.00
MBH reimbursement for Insurance to include Village Sign.....	£ 20.56

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

16 Benningfield Road – Complaint received of overhanging trees on footway.

Concern from member of public relating to information from Anglia Housing Association regarding demolition of unused garages to be replaced by affordable houses. Of the four in Benningfield Close, only two are used. Any additional houses with probable car owners would only add to the parking difficulties being experienced already.!

There was no further business for this meeting which closed at 8.00pm.

Chairman.....
Dr Ian Brett

Date.....7th May 2013.....

