

COGGESHALL PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 14th
June 2010 @ 20.15 hrs at the VILLAGE Hall Stoneham Street Coggeshall Essex**

PRESENT:

Councillor A Hepplewhite (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor B Stapley
Councillor B Spraggon
Councillor M Horne
Councillor A Brotchie
Councillor K Mills
Councillor M Hewitt
Councillor A Ashworth
Councillor T Sivyer

Also Present:

Sue Skuse – Clerk

Members of the Public:

PC Aaron Heard
CPSO Graham Hesteltine
County Councillor N Edey
Approximately 60 members of the public including:
Mary Goodman
Corinne Ince
Debbie Page
Veronica Shepherd

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 20.15 hrs

548. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Councillors Meredith, Wilson and Donnelly

549. Councillors Declarations

No declarations

550. Minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting held on 11th May 2010

APPROVED: for signature by the Chairman

551. To confirm appointment of Barney Stinton as a new Council member for Coggeshall West Ward.

Councillor Stinton was duly co-opted and welcomed onto the Parish Council

Proposed by: Councillor Mills

Seconded by: Councillor Spraggon

552. Public Forum

The Chairman invited the members of the public who had attended to speak on The Dogs on Lead signs, which had been put up in the Recreation Ground and had resulted in a petition against the signs being completed and handed into the Parish Council Office. This Petition contained approximately 170. Signatures.

The members of the public put forward their views – written copies attached. The general view was that having dogs on leads would not stop the dog-fouling problem, although the Dog Warden had indicated at the surgery he held on 9th June that it did help, as people are more likely to pick up dog mess if their dog was on a lead. The members of the public stated that they infact picked up dog mess left by other dog owners and have also confronted dog owners who have not cleared up. They have also help to keep the Recreation Ground free of litter, i.e. glass bottles etc.

The Chairman stated that the Council had received complaints regarding residents being frightened of going into the Recreation Ground because of large dogs being running free

The Chairman told the meeting that all avenues would be explored by the Parish Council to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion to all concerned.

553. Petition against dogs being kept on leads in Recreation Ground

The matter was discussed and it was agreed that all avenues would be explored including the suggestions that an area of the Recreation Ground be sectioned off for dogs to run free whether permanently or for a period during the winter months.

Councillor Stinton suggested that naming and shaming was perhaps the best way of dealing with the matter which the members of the public agreed with.

A member of the public brought up the matter of Vicarage Fields and as this had now been ploughed roughly and was almost impossible to walk on. The Vice Chairman advised the members of the public that this land belonged to the Parochial Church Council not the Parish Council.

It was agreed that Shirley Ratcliffe would be approached as to ascertain if she was aware of any regulations regarding dogs being free in the Recreation Ground. The Recreation Ground being infact the War Memorial and may have restrictions because of this.

It was agreed that this matter would be discussed again at a future Full Council meeting.

554. Correspondence

Noted

555. Councillors Reports

The Chairman invited PC Aaron Heard to give his report at this stage –

Report attached

Councillor Horne - Report and Additional Report attached

Councillor Mills at this stage told the meeting that it had been established through a Land Registry Search that the land known as Fabians Playground was transferred in error to Greenfields Community Housing. GCH were unaware of their ownership and as a housing provider GCH do not usually own recreation areas. They are approaching Braintree District Council to establish if they require this land transferred back. Through liaison with GCH Councillor Mills had asked GCH to consider transferring ownership to the Parish. This matter is still subject to negotiation between BDC and GCH Councillor Mills will update the Full Council as soon as she is able.

Councillor Donnelly –Report attached

Councillor Hewitt –Report attached

556 Letter from J S Wright & Sons Limited

A letter – attached – had been received from Mr. Ruggles of J S Wright & Sons regarding the public entering his land between the Grange Barn and Vineyard in West Street. He wished it to be minuted that this was not a public footpath but private land and therefore members of the public should not enter the land or remove the No Public Right of Way signs.

557. Review of Parish Website

Following discussion it was agreed the website would be updated and three companies would be approached to give quotes for undertaking the working and attend to give short presentations at the next Full Council Meeting in July.

558. Parish Need Survey – High Speed Broadband

A Parish Need Survey regarding High Speed Broadband had been received from the EALC in conjunction with Essex County Council. It was agreed that the documentation regarding a survey be requested and the matter looked at again when received.

559. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To resolve pursuant to S1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act to exclude the press and public from consideration of business having regard to its confidential nature.

a) FINANCE

560. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th July 2010 @ 20.05 hrs

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40 hrs

Signed P Meredith..... Dated 13th July 2010

Chairman