

Minutes of Kelvedon Annual Parish Assembly held on Thursday 26 April 2007 at 7.45 pm at Kelvedon Institute Hall

Present: Cllr Craig Martin in the Chair, 55 public and Councillors present.

Apologies: Cllr Raison (KPC), Sgt Natalie Mackintosh, Mesdames Townsend & Colborn, Messrs Elliott and Hoare. Kelvedon Carpet Bowls Club

Minutes of Previous Assembly: Thursday, 27 April 2006: Summary available in Hall.

Chairman's Report: Copies available in Hall. Matters dealt with included the completed acquisition of the access to the Kelvedon House land and initial progress on the design and building of a car park, together with KCA's grant submission to the Big Lottery Board; general reduction in vandalism and anti-social behaviour following installation of CCTV at Playing Field and establishment of the Neighbourhood Policing Team which was working well; work of Kelvedon Youth Forum in partnership with the Council, with particular reference to Playing Field improvements.

Member of Parliament's Report: Mr Newmark congratulated Kelvedon on its active community life and mentioned a number of functions to which he had been invited during the year. Current issues of concern were rail services, on which he had worked with the Rail Users Association to place pressure on 'One'; through traffic, which remained an ongoing concern at all levels of local government; the A120 for which plans were still awaited – Mr Newmark had expressed concerns at an Adjournment Debate in the House of Commons. He had taken part in meetings with the Environment Agency re flood protection measures and had been active in supporting provision of a Community Hospital in Braintree. His parliamentary interests included Treasury, disability legislation, youth and environment.

Police/Community Safety Report: In the absence of Sgt Mackintosh, this was presented by PCSO Heseltine: Neighbourhood Policing had led to a 30% increase in detection rates. Recent priorities for the Community Warden were fly-tipping and dangerous parking near the school. After a brief Q & A session, Dist.Cllr Mitchell urged all present to make use of the Community Warden.

Youth Forum Report: Five members gave a concise joint report on their work in planning and costing new equipment for the Playing Field. They were congratulated for their work.

Financial Report: Cllr Hackworth, Chairman Finance Committee, presented Income and Expenditure comparisons for the past four years and outlined the Budget for 07/08. Acquisition of the land for the car park had been financed by long-term borrowing. Copies of comparison tables were available to all present.

District Councillor's Report: Cllr Foster presented the report on behalf of the two ward members. He outlined the forthcoming transfer of BDC housing stock to Greenfields Housing Association. A new Local Development Framework was in preparation and BDC had been particularly concerned with major projects at Rivenhall (waste disposal), A120 and Stansted 2nd runway.

County Councillor's Report: Cllr Edey reported changes at County Hall from 1 May and drew attention to plans to switch off street lights during part of the night. He had recently been appointed to the Eastern Area Flood Committee but noted funds were reduced and local plans unlikely to be pursued. Cllr Edey congratulated Kelvedon on its successes in grant applications to ECC funds.

Public Questions: Matters covered included A120, Tiptree link to A12, possible residents' parking scheme, speeding in the High Street and commuter parking.

The Assembly closed 10.05 pm with thanks from the Chair to all who had taken part. Light refreshments were then served and all present were invited to inspect displays by Kelvedon Youth Forum and the Packhorse Bridge Society, with voting on Kelvedon in Bloom's Spring Gardens Competition.