

KELVEDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.45 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

PRESENT: Cllr C Martin in the Chair
Cllrs Mrs J Coates Q Colborn T Dixon G Dossett
N Ezra J Hackworth
Clerk Ms L R Fuller Clerk's Asst Mrs A Carruthers

ALSO PRESENT

Dist Cllrs T Foster R Mitchell
Police Representative: PC John Hallworth
Five members of the public

108/2008-09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Mrs Anderson and Mrs Hill.

109/2008-09 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2008

Prop. Cllr Ezra, sec. Cllr Martin and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

110/2008-09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded Members that declarations must be made at the beginning of the meeting or as soon as an interest in an item became apparent.

The meeting was adjourned for:

111/2008-09 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

111.1 Play Area – Thorne Road

Mrs Christine Huggett, 33 Glebe Road, made representations about the proposed play area at Thorne Road. An error had been made by Greenfields Housing Association in their circular letter, which had been rectified to the satisfaction of local residents.

111.2 Car Park

Mr Jenkins, 82 High Street, queried the lighting on the car park. Cllr Hackworth responded.

The meeting reconvened.

112/2008-09 MATTERS FOR REPORT

None.

113/2008-09 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

113.1 Planning

The reports of the meetings held on 15 and 29 September 2008 were noted.

113.1.1 Rivenhall Waste Disposal Planning Application

The comments of the planning committee were noted and discussed. It was agreed that the council was not against the proposal in principle, noting that the site would provide local employment. It was noted that the application formed part of a directive from the European Commission. The tonnage would be greater and the site larger than previously planned, although the plans indicated that traffic movements would remain as on earlier applications. The main concern was traffic, particularly on the A120. The council objected to the 'piecemeal' planning applications which continually added to the size of the facility, including the installation of a commercial pulping plant. Dist. Cllr Mitchell offered some technical information about the application.

113.1.2 Public Meeting

Dist. Cllr J Abbott had asked if the parish council intended to hold a public meeting

about the application. Councillors agreed that the public meeting to be held in Feering on Friday, 10 October, would give local residents an opportunity to air their views.

113.1.3 Public Enquiry

Rivenhall Parish Council had invited Kelvedon and a number of other local parishes to join it in a joint working arrangement to oppose the planning application and to call for a Public Enquiry. It was agreed that the parish council would not be involved in such an arrangement although it would welcome a Public Enquiry. Braintree District Council had invited the parish council to a meeting about the application and it was agreed that Cllr Dixon would attend, also Cllr Ezra if available.

113.2 Recreation

The meeting scheduled for 11 September 2008 had been cancelled. The next meeting was arranged for 7.15 pm on Tuesday, 21 October 2008.

113.3 Finance

Noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 14 October 2008.

113.4 Environment

Noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 30 October 2008. The council agreed that an allotment tenant could erect a shed on his plot.

114/2008-09 POLICE REPORT

PC John Hallworth presented his report for September on incidents in Kelvedon. In response to concerns of local residents raised at recent Neighbourhood Action Panel meetings, regular patrols had been arranged in the Glebe Road area to counteract youth nuisance and speed surveillance had been undertaken in London Road. PC Hallworth urged Councillors and residents to support the NAP meetings.

115/2008-09 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

115.1 Tripartite Group

No report

115.2 Kelvedon Community Association

A general meeting had been held and the AGM would take place on 8 November 2008.

115.3 Kelvedon in Bloom

The AGM had taken place. A silver gilt certificate had been awarded to Kelvedon In Bloom for 2008.

115.4 Brockwell Group

Cllr Ezra reported a successful Youth Festival Day on 20 September at Brockwell Meadows.

115.6 RCCE

No report

115.7 Witham Area Local Committee

No report

115.8 Blackwater Cluster Group

The next meeting had been changed to Wednesday, 29 October 2008 at Feering Community Centre. No councillor was available to attend.

116/2008-09 CORRESPONDENCE & ITEMS FROM EALC

The correspondence and items from EALC were noted. Cllr Dossett remarked upon an item concerning registration of land owned by councils; this was referred to Finance Committee.

117/2008-09 HIGHWAYS & ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

Members noted that work was due to start on A12 improvements during November, with night-time closures.

118/2008-09 COMMUNITY SAFETY & HEALTH

118.1 Community Warden Report

The report from the Community Warden was noted.

118.2 Any other Reports

None received

119/2008-09 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

The resignation of Cllr Raison was noted. The council commented upon his very long service within local government and his valuable contribution to the parish council. The casual vacancy had been advertised in accordance with statutory requirements. If no request for a by-election had been received by Braintree District Council by 15 October 2008, the Parish Council would be free to co-opt a new councillor. It was agreed that the vacancy would be advertised on the noticeboard, the website and around the village, with a closing date two weeks hence. A group of councillors consisting of Cllrs Colborn, Dixon and Mrs Hill would meet candidates and report back to the council with a recommendation.

119/2008-09 NEW CAR PARK

Cllr Hackworth had responded during Public Questions to concerns regarding light pollution. He had arranged for quotations for installation of shields for the lamps and for half-night photo cells, which would also reduce electricity consumption. It was intended to have double yellow lines painted on the entrance way to the car park. An amount of £786 for additional works was agreed. Essex County Council Highways Department would be asked for a 'P' sign to be erected to indicate the entrance. Following the handover meeting Knights had agreed to minor works.

Kelvedon in Bloom volunteers planned to apply for a grant for planting round the perimeter of the car park and this was agreed.

Finance Committee would consider residents' parking permits and cash collection.

120/2008-09 TOILET BLOCK, RECREATION GROUND

It was noted that Essex County Council had said that the timing of the project could be flexible and the funding could be available. It was difficult to proceed at present as the council had no detailed plans or costings. The Clerk would approach ECC and Braintree District Council regarding drawing up plans.

121/2008-09 FUTURE EVENTS

A list with details of future events was circulated.

122/2008-09 PAYMENTS

It was proposed by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Mrs Coates, and agreed that the accounts for payment be passed as follows.

122.1 To note payments already made

Cheque no.	Payee	Purpose	£
104840- 104847	Staff	Salaries and wages	2701.64

122.2 To agree the following accounts for payment

104848	Jane Goodchild	Brockwell Youth Festival sundries	59.92
104849	J Windus	Office furniture removal	65.00
104850	Kelvedon Festival	Marquee hire for Brockwell Festival	100.00
104851	Friends of Essex Heritage Trust	Subscription 2008/09	15.00
104852	Kelvedon Institute	Hire for Children's Activity Day	26.80
104853	SLCC	Annual & Regional Conferences, VAT Course	540.50
104854	J Hackworth	Keys to car park bollards padlocks	30.97
104855	Kart-A-Way	Skip hire	244.69
104856	BDC	Rates – 102 High St – Oct/Nov	230.00
104857	Kelvedon Social FC	Contribution to training lights	160.00

104858	e-on	Electricity – 102 High St & PI Fd pavilion	160.41
104859	Cash	Reimburse petty cash	145.13
104860	L Hill	2-way walkie-talkies (emergencies)	39.90
104861	A & J Lighting Solutions	Spiked lamp collars, PI Fd	454.73
104862	Kempco	Stationery	57.08
104863	N Ezra	Office cleaning	32.50
104864	Ridgeons	Supplies for Scouts re: grant	587.50
104865	J L Knight Roadworks Ltd	Car park final invoice (less retention)	15,933.55
104866	T Dixon	Expenses	83.20
104867	M Powell	Logo competition winner	50.00
		TOTAL	£21,718.52

Signed:

Date: