

# **WOODHAM FERRERS AND BICKNACRE** **PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2003 at 20.00 at Woodham Ferrers Village Hall.

Those in attendance: Cllr. C. Saltmarsh in the Chair.  
Cllr. B. Arnold. Cllr. R. Blanks. Cllr. J. Saltmarsh.  
Cllr. G. Woricker.  
Clerk of the Council.  
Two members of the public.

139. **Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. J. Bishop, L. Carroll, T. Dawkins and R. Poulter (C.B.C.) who were unable to attend.

140. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2003.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the motion of the Chairman the meeting was adjourned for a maximum of 15 minutes for members of the public/press to address the Council.

The matter discussed was the planning application relating to 1, Priory Road, Bicknacre. Residents wished to state that their objections to the previous application still held good. A copy of their letter to Chelmsford Borough Council was handed in. After some discussion, the Chairman pointed out that the application would be discussed by Councillors at this meeting.

141. **Matters Arising.**

A list of matters arising is appended to these minutes. The Clerk advised that a response had been received from E.A.L.C. on the matter of Quality Councils. Discussion was deferred to the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> June 2003.

142. **Planning.**

Members considered the following applications:

03/00827/FUL **Dyers Farm, Main Road, Woodham Ferrers.**  
Two storey extension. **NO OBJECTION**

03/00830/FUL **Allcar, Main Road, Woodham Ferrers.**  
Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 2 no. dwellings.  
Members were concerned that the garage would be in front of the building line. **OBJECTION**

03/00935/FUL **1, Priory Road, Bicknacre.**  
Demolition of existing house and erection of four detached dwellings and access driveway.  
Members had numerous objections: one house in front of the building line; boundary not as shown on plans; distance from property to boundary less than minimum required, trees covered by TPO's would have to be removed; car parking, entrance and exit, emergency vehicle access concerns; many more trees on site than shown on plan; nearby residents' objections noted. **OBJECTION**

Members noted the following decisions by C.B.C.:

03/00369/FUL            **27, Lyndhurst Drive, Bicknacre.**  
First floor front extension; ground & first floor side/rear extension. **A**

03/00524/FUL            **3, Priory Road, Bicknacre.**  
Single storey rear addition to existing doctor's surgery. **A**

49, Priory Road. Members considered a letter from a nearby resident, and decided to re-examine the terms of the planning approval. The Clerk will circulate these. **CK**

Cllr. C. Saltmarsh declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

15/17, Priory Road. The Chairman reported that he had attended the site meeting, and it seems probable that the application will be approved.

Priory Farm. Members considered the latest letter from the solicitor. On the matter of the drainage search Cllrs C. Saltmarsh and G. Woricker will consult together before a reply is sent. On the access question, members felt that the views of the developer on suitable access terms should be sought. The Clerk will contact the developer, and inform the solicitor. **CK**

#### 143. **Accounts.**

Members approved the following cheques for payment:

			V.A.T.
Ace Bins. Cleaning April.	Ch. No 103021.	£ 10.00.	
Allianz Cornhill. Insurance premium.	Ch. No 103022.	£1394.89.	
B.G. Appleton. Cleaning. April.	Ch. No 103023.	£ 253.42.	£ 37.75.
B.M.V.H. Lettings. Mar/April.	Ch. No 103024.	£ 40.50.	
C.B.C. lease. The Hooe.	Ch. No 103025.	£ 10.00.	
TXUEnergi. Electricity. Priory Field.	Ch. No 103026.	£ 19.05.	£ 0.91.
Canon UK Printer paper.	Ch. No 103027.	£ 20.16.	£ 3.00.
Cutting Power. Grass cutting.	Ch. No 103028.	£ 482.33.	£71.83.

#### 144. **Field Reports.**

##### 144.1 Priory Field.

The Clerk reported that the handy man has now completed all the jobs he was asked to do. Members decided that discussion of the drainage problem should be deferred until the Bicknacre F.C. secretary is able to be present. Cllr. J. Saltmarsh will contact him. The goalposts need to be moved to The Hooe as soon as possible. Cllr. G. Woricker will attend to this.

##### 144.2 The Hooe.

Children's Playground. Members considered the report of the first meeting of the Working Party produced by Cllr. J. Saltmarsh. The members are enthusiastic and it is working well. The next meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Members will consider ratification of the Terms of Reference at the next Parish Council meeting.

Cllr. Woricker undertook to arrange for a skip to be delivered to help dispose of the remains of the old playground.

Playground Inspector's Report. Cllr. J. Saltmarsh produced a letter reporting that the broken glass situation is getting worse. Also there is likely to be some opposition to the restrictions on dogs on the field following the erection of the new signs. Cllr. B. Arnold reminded members that the signs were put up because of the health hazards caused by dog fouling on the playing field, and also the recent cases of uncontrolled dogs worrying children. Cllr. J. Saltmarsh will contact the Playground Inspector to discuss these matters.

Tarmac. The Clerk outlined the additional cost of having a cambered tarmac surface on the concrete base, the contractor's views on the suitability of the tarmac as a surface for

skateboarding, and the possible problems with the expansion joints between the concrete blocks. Members decided that a written quotation to include these considerations should be sought. **CK**

144.3 **Lodge Road.**

Cllr. R. Blanks reported that a new football team wishes to hire the football field for Saturdays. Members decided that the team should be asked to put their request in writing. Cllr. Blanks will also discuss the earliest dates for the dismantling of the goalposts with the clubs.

145. **Annual Parish Assembly.**

The Clerk reported that letters of thanks and draft minutes have been sent to our guests at the A.P.A. The booking of the venue for next year's Assembly has been made and guests invited.

Members considered the proposed letter to E.C.C. regarding the post A130 road calming, and the suggested amendments. The Clerk will incorporate the alterations in the letter and confer with Cllrs. J. Bishop and R. Poulter, and then send it off. **CK**

146. **Parish Tours.**

Members considered the need to extend the scope of the Parish Tours. Cllr. C. Saltmarsh suggested a greater number of small scale tours. Cllr. B. Arnold suggested that they could take place throughout the summer period. Cllr. J. Saltmarsh undertook to produce a framework for the next meeting.

Consideration of Cllr. L. Carroll's suggestion for a visit from the E.C.C. parish paths officer was deferred to the next meeting, when she could be present.

147. **Mill Hill, Woodham Ferrers.**

Members noted the response of Chelmsford Borough Council to their concerns about flooding of the B1418 road at this point.

148. **Training.**

Members considered the training courses currently available. The Parish Council will be represented at the E.A.L.C. AGM. The Clerk will arrange this. Other courses will be reconsidered at a later date, including one particularly appropriate to new councillors. **CK**

149. **Information.**

The Clerk placed the Essex County Council document "Now We're Moving before the Council. Cllr. B. Arnold will read it first.

Cllr. C. Saltmarsh drew attention to the letter from E.C.C. re the A130 developments. The Clerk will put this on the next Agenda.

Cllr. C. Saltmarsh also reported on the E.C.C./C.B.C. exhibition at Stock and noted that the planned developments shown there were not on the original plans. Members were recommended to visit the forthcoming East Hanningfield exhibition if possible.

Cllr. G. Woricker referred to the parking and traffic problems caused by building work at Lilacs in Woodham Ferrers. Cllr. B. Arnold agreed to compose a letter to be used in this and other circumstances where inconsiderate parking causes traffic problems.

Cllr. G. Woricker drew attention to the fact that the proposed South Woodham Ferrers expansion plan has not been completely abandoned, and he has received a letter from C.B.C. asking if his previous comments still apply. Members agreed to watch the situation.

150. **Council Diary.**

Members noted the Council Diary as follows:

26 <sup>th</sup> May 2003.	Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2003.	Parish Council Meeting. W.F.V.H. 20.00.
9 <sup>th</sup> June 2003.	Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.
10 <sup>th</sup> June 2003.	Playground Working Party. B.M.V.H. 20.00.
17 <sup>th</sup> June 2003.	Parish Council Meeting. W.F.V.H. 20.00.
23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2003.	Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2003.	E.A.L.C. AGM. Great Saling. 19.00.

David Godfrey. Parish Clerk. 23.5.2003.