

WOODHAM FERRERS AND BICKNACRE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th November 2003 at 20.00 at Bicknacre Village Hall.

Those in attendance: Cllr. C. Saltmarsh in the Chair.
Cllr. J. Bishop. Cllr. R. Blanks. Cllr. T. Dawkins.
Cllr. J. Rushworth. Cllr. J. Saltmarsh. Cllr. G. Woricker.

Clerk of the Council.

273. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. B. Arnold and L. Carroll (Parish Council) and Cllr. R. Poulter (Chelmsford Borough Council), who were unable to attend.

274. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st October 2003.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

275. Children's Play Equipment.

The report of the Working Party, made on 21st October 2003, was discussed by members. The findings of the Working Party were agreed in principle, and this will be conveyed to them at the next meeting. "Play value" was considered to be the best measure of judging the various tenders, and fencing the car park was also agreed to be cheaper and more beneficial than fencing the play area, although some issues, such as keeping dogs and cycles out of the play area were also discussed. The Working Party will now be asked to advance to the next stage which will be fund raising. In the meantime members will look at what other councils have done and consider ways of segregating the age groups. The position of the new playground will also be considered.

276. Planning.

Members considered the following applications:

03/02019/FUL **Mingaladon, Priory Lane, Bicknacre.**
Single storey rear extension. **NO OBJECTION**

03/02032/FUL **Ta-nan, Priory Lane, Bicknacre.**
Proposed rooms in roof space and dormer windows.
NO OBJECTION

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

03/00827/FUL **Dyers Farm, Main Road, Woodham Ferrers.**
Two storey extension. **A**

03/01597/LBC **Dyers Farm, Main Road, Woodham Ferrers.**
Extension over existing single storey to create bedroom over. One no.
lead rolled dormer to rear and other windows to match existing. **A**

51, Priory Road. Cllr. Bishop advised members that a site meeting to consider the position of the boundary and the hedge has recently taken place. The Parish Council has not

been informed of the exact location of the boundary between the property and the bridleway. The Clerk will inquire. **CK**

Priory Farm. The Clerk reported on the present position. English Heritage have recommended that the Parish Council should inquire of Essex County Council whether there are surveys or reports on the condition of the Priory Arch. The Clerk has done this. Cllr. R. Poulter has consulted with the solicitor, and has reported that, in his view, all outstanding issues are now settled. We now await the arrival of the contract.

The Clerk also reported that a number of contractors are interested in tendering for the fencing contract, and would like to view the site. Members decided that arrangements should be made for next Tuesday if possible.

Members also discussed the question of funding assistance from E.C.C., and the work that needs to be done on the site of the monument to level the ground.

Members noted the Interim Planning Advice from Chelmsford Borough Council.

277. Accounts.

Members approved the following cheques for payment:

			VAT.
Playdale. Repairs at The Hooe.	Ch. No 103114.	£ 767.97.	£ 114.39.
Cheque cancelled.	Ch. No 102115.		
Post Office.	Ch. No 103116.	£ 11,632.09.	

278. Field Reports.

278.1 Priory Field.

Football. Cllr. J. Bishop reported that the ground is now sufficiently improved for games to be played.

Car park. Cllr. C. Saltmarsh reported that one of the lights is not working. The Clerk will arrange for repairs to be made. **CK**

278.2 The Hooe.

Members discussed the recent flailing of the hedge by the bridleway, and also an article about bridleways in Ways and Means magazine. Members noted that plans are to be sent to Parish Councils.

Cllr. C. Saltmarsh reported some damage to the BMX ramp. The Clerk will ask the handyman to examine it. **CK**

278.3 Lodge Road.

Football. Members reconsidered the state of the pitches and the possibility of having them rolled. It was felt that the ground is still too hard to be rolled. The Clerk produced two packets of goal post net hooks and members agreed to purchase more of these. **CK**

279. Insurance.

The Clerk reported that the Insurer's queries have been answered as far as possible, and members agreed that replacement values for equipment will be considered at the next meeting. Cllr. Carroll will report on her investigations into the use of an insurance broker at the next meeting.

280. Christmas Lights.

Cllr. J. Bishop reported that the ownership of the shop is soon to change, and although the new owner will not object to the use of the lights, we will have to find somebody else to put them up. Cllr. G. Woricker agreed to see if he could find somebody to do the job. The Clerk

reported that the Handyman has been asked to check the lights.

281. **Information.**

Cllr. G. Woricker drew members' attention to the article in Ways and Means magazine about common land and open country. The Clerk will contact Miss L. Cross at Essex County Council and report back. **CK**

Cllr. J. Rushworth raised the issue of access to St. Mary's Church on Remembrance Sunday. Members discussed this and also the parts to be taken by Councillors and the Clerk in the Service.

Cllr. J. Rushworth also reported that the potholes in Priory Lane have been repaired and that the road surface is now much better.

Cllr. R. Blanks reported on the situation with bus services during the period of the road works at Woodham Ferrers.

The Clerk reported that the Playground Inspector will not be available to attend the Playground Inspections course.

282. **Council Diary.**

Members noted the Council Diary as follows:

9th November 2003. Remembrance Sunday Service. St. Mary's Church. 10.30.

10th November 2003. Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.

18th November 2003. Parish Council Meeting. B.M.V.H. 20.00.

24th November 2003. Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.

2nd December 2003. Parish Council Meeting. B.M.V.H. 20.00.

David Godfrey. Parish Clerk. 7.11.2003.