

WOODHAM FERRERS AND BICKNACRE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th. September 2003 at 20.00 at Bicknacre Village Hall.

Those in attendance: Cllr. C. Saltmarsh in the Chair.
Cllr. B. Arnold. Cllr. R. Blanks. Cllr. L. Carroll.
Cllr. T. Dawkins. Cllr. J. Rushworth. Cllr. J. Saltmarsh.
Cllr. G. Woricker.
Cllr. R. Poulter. Chelmsford Borough Council.
Clerk of the Council.

Three members of the public.

224. **Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. J. Bishop who was unable to attend.

225. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd. September 2003.**

The minutes were approved (with one amendment).

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

The issue raised was Priory Lane, Bicknacre. Since planning consent was given for development at the rear of 15 and 17 Priory Road large vehicles have been using Priory Lane, causing concern to the residents of Priory Lane which is designated by C.B.C. as a "public bridleway". Residents fear lorries will cause damage to water pipes and other utilities beneath the surface. The question of ownership of the lane was discussed. Cllr. Poulter agreed to consult with the residents when their researches into the ownership of the land are complete.

226. **Matters Arising.**

A list of matters arising is appended to these minutes.

227. **Planning.**

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

02/01865/FUL	Priory Farm, Priory Road, Bicknacre. Erection of 10 homes and ancillary garages.	A
03/01060/FUL	Leighams Farm, Leighams Road, Bicknacre. 2 polytunnels for herb nursery (wholesale only).	A
03/01307/FUL	15, Peartree Lane, Bicknacre. Erection of conservatory extension.	A
03/01308/FUL	2, Peartree Lane, Bicknacre. Two storey side extension.	A
03/01326/FUL	19, Priory Road, Bicknacre. Demolish garage; new ground floor and attic extension.	A

goalposts, the Clerk reported that the recently ordered sockets are at Lodge Road. Members agreed that these should be delivered to Bicknacre F.C. as the clubs at Lodge Road do not need them now. The item relating to extra training sessions will be considered at the next meeting. A separate meeting to discuss the development of the facilities at Priory Field will be arranged when Cllr. J. Bishop is available to take part. The Clerk will respond to the letter. **CK**

Members also discussed the need to appoint a new groundsman. Some members thought there were possible candidates and will report at the next meeting.

229.2 The Hooe.

The Clerk reported on contacts with the play equipment contractor. The remaining work will be completed at the end of September or the beginning of November and the contractor will advise the Clerk when work is due to start. The handyman has been asked to fill in the holes under the swings.

The Clerk also reported that the litter contractor has been asked to empty the bins but not to duplicate the work of litter collecting on the field, which is currently done by Chelmsford Borough Council.

Cllr. J. Saltmarsh reported that the Playground Inspector has recovered a number of items from the playing field and handed them over together with the playing field reports.

229.3 Lodge Road.

Football. The Clerk reported that letters have been sent to the football clubs about the state of the pitch and also invoices for the first instalment of pitch fees. The handyman has been asked to paint the goalposts and the metal bar across the top of the swing.

Play Equipment. Cllrs. G. Woricker and R. Blanks reported that they have levelled the bark under the swings and weeded the area. The Chairman thanked them for their efforts.

Members agreed that from next year removing the weeds should be added to the grass cutter's contract.

230. Insurance.

The Chairman reported that he has amended his letter to the insurers, adding details of the Parish Council's response to the RoSPA Report, outlining what jobs have been done and what the Council intends to do. The letter will go off in a short time.

231. Post A130 Traffic Calming.

Members discussed further the possibility of approaching C.B.C. and E.C.C. officers to obtain a progress report after six months have elapsed from the date of the Annual Parish Assembly. Discussion was postponed at the last meeting to allow Cllr. R. Poulter to be present and take part in the discussions. It was decided that the Parish Council would try to arrange a meeting between Councillors and the officers concerned in November.

Members also discussed the progress of works in East Hanningfield.

232. Training.

Cllr. B. Arnold reported that he hoped to be in a position to report on his researches into the ownership of the land at Bicknacre Village Green shortly. Further discussion was deferred to the second meeting in October.

233. Indemnities White Paper.

Cllr. J. Saltmarsh reported on the implications of the White paper for the Parish Council. Members agreed that its provisions gave Councillors an extra safeguard.

234. Friendship Club of Woodham Ferrers.

Members considered the request for a grant from the club. Cllr. G. Woricker undertook to contact the secretary to gain a clearer idea of the activities and costs which the Parish Council might consider supporting. To be considered further at the next meeting.

235. **Signs for Common Land.**

Members considered further the possibility of putting signs on the common land in the parish. Cllr. C. Saltmarsh remarked that the Parish Council will need to be certain that it has named the areas correctly, and some research will be necessary. The Clerk will study the Parish Council's collection of maps. To be discussed further at the next meeting. **CK**
The Clerk produced some new correspondence and maps of the parish. Cllr. B. Arnold will study these.

236. **Youth Councils.**

Members considered the correspondence from E.A.L.C. about Youth Councils. Cllr. J. Saltmarsh suggested that we refer E.A.L.C. to St. Andrews Youth Club. The Clerk will do this. **CK**

237. **Chelmsford Council for Voluntary Service.**

Members considered the invitation to attend the Chelmsford Council for Voluntary Service A.G.M. to be held on 25th September 2003. Cllrs. C. Saltmarsh and G. Woricker will attend. The Clerk will make the arrangements. **CK**

238. **Information.**

Cllr. T. Dawkins reported that the skip blocking the entrance to Priory Farm has now been removed.

Cllr. J. Saltmarsh reported on the Bicknacre Memorial Village Hall Committee A.G.M. which was held recently. The Accounts were presented and discussion ranged over the car parks and safety issues. The Clerk will ask our Community Police Officer to make contact with the B.M.V.H.C. secretary. **CK**

Cllr. L. Carroll informed members that she has been in contact with Essex County Council and discussed Bell Meadow bridge, and Footpath 32. Cllr. Carroll also mentioned that the Parish Paths Partnership might be relevant to the interests of the residents who came to raise the issue of Priory Lane. Cllr. R. Poulter will bear this in mind when he meets with them.

Cllr. B. Arnold spoke of his plans to produce a parish map to be displayed at a prominent site in the parish. He will involve the Scouts and Guides in this project. Members supported this. Cllr. J. Rushworth suggested that such a map would help to brighten up the village green at Bicknacre.

Cllr. R. Poulter mentioned recent correspondence regarding parish websites. This will be passed on to Cllr. J. Bishop. Cllr. Poulter also mentioned the C.B.C. plan to appoint Tree Wardens in each parish to work with the Arboricultural Officer at the borough council.

Cllr. G. Woricker enquired whether there was any news about the forthcoming road works at Woodham Ferrers. Members advised that they have seen nothing in the press.

Cllr. C. Saltmarsh referred to the uneven paving outside Priory School by the pedestrian entrance. Cllr. R. Poulter undertook to look into the matter.

Cllrs. C. and J. Saltmarsh gave their apologies for the next meeting.

Cllr. C. Saltmarsh asked that the possibility of providing the Clerk with a Fax machine be placed on the next Agenda. **CK**

239. **Council Diary.**

Members noted the Council Diary as follows:

18 th Sept. 2003.	Councillors' Training Day. Dunmow. 9.30.
25 th Sept. 2003.	Local Plan Meeting. Civic Centre. 19.00.
25 th Sept. 2003.	Chelmsford Council for Voluntary Service A.G.M. Essex Record Office. 19.00
29 th Sept. 2003.	Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.
7 th Oct. 2003.	Parish Council Meeting. B.M.V.H. 20.00.
11 th Oct. 2003.	Harvest Supper. Woodham Ferrers.
13 th Oct. 2003.	Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.
21 st Oct 2003.	Parish Council Meeting. B.M.V.H. 20.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 22.16.

David Godfrey. Parish Clerk. 19.9.2003.