

WOODHAM FERRERS AND BICKNACRE

PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th. February 2004 at 20.00 at Bicknacre Village Hall.

Those in attendance: Cllr. C. Saltmarsh in the Chair.
Cllr. B. Arnold. Cllr. J. Bishop. 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.

Seven members of the public.

46. **Apologies.**
None.

47. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd. February 2004.**
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

The first subject to be raised was the planning application relating to White Elm Farm. Road safety issues were discussed. Cllr. R. Poulter reported that he is investigating the possibility of a change to the speed limits in the area. The Planning Application will be considered at item 49 on the Agenda.

The second subject was the condition of the road surface in Priory Lane, Bicknacre. A resident outlined the steps taken by C.B.C. to improve the situation by applying road planings. However, inappropriate use by heavy vehicles has made the situation worse. Cllr. R. Poulter is in contact with the Highways department on this matter.

At this point the Chairman exercised his discretion to extend the adjournment of the meeting by a further 15 minutes.

The third subject was the proposed children's play area at The Hooe in Bicknacre. Members of the Working Party reported on their progress in fundraising and their hopes of a substantial grant from the Essex Environment Trust. Councillors were pleased with the progress that has been made.

48. **Matters Arising.**
A list of matters arising from recent meetings is appended to this Agenda.

49. **Planning.**
Members considered the following applications:

04/00172/FUL	White Elm Farm, White Elm Road, Bicknacre. Sealing up existing vehicular access and formation of new access.	NO OBJECTION
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04/00212/FUL	Fairfield, Main Road, Bicknacre. Two storey rear extension.	NO OBJECTION
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Priory Farm.

The Clerk reported on the following issues:

- (a). Insurance for Priory Arch. The Clerk has followed up suggestions from English Heritage and various insurance and broking firms regarding specialist insurers, but with no success. Some further suggestions from Chelmsford Borough Council will be pursued.
Cllr. L. Carroll suggested some other possible avenues. **CK**
- (b). Structural Survey of the Arch. Members discussed possible contractors to carry out a survey. The Clerk will follow these up. **CK**
- (c). Fencing of the monument. The Clerk reported that English Heritage have been informed of the preferred fencing choice, and we await their decision. A letter will be sent to the insurers to keep them up to date with developments. **CK**
- (d). Solicitors. Members decided that the Clerk should write to our solicitors to keep them informed of the present situation, and particularly the insurance problems which are holding up the signing of the contract. **CK**
- (e). Developer. The developer has been informed of the present situation.
- (f). Visit of E.C.C. Archaeologist. The visit to take place 24/2/2004. 10.00.
- (g). Grants. The Clerk reported that an invitation to apply for a grant has been received. Members decided to defer consideration of this until the contract has been signed.

Lilacs.

Members discussed the situation relating to the grass verge outside this and neighbouring properties. Cllr. G. Woricker will send copies of relevant documents to the Clerk, who will contact C.B.C. **CK**

50. Accounts.

Members approved the following cheques for payment:

			VAT.
B.G. Appleton. Litter.	Ch. No 103175.	£ 67.16.	£10.00.
Mrs. C. Coe. Audit.	Ch. No 103176.	£ 40.00.	
D. Godfrey. Fax machine.	Ch. No 103177.	£ 94.98.	£14.15.
Powergen. Lodge Road.	Ch. No 103178.	£ 19.25.	£ 0.92.
B.M.V.H. Lettings.	Ch. No 103179.	£ 13.50.	
S.L.C.C. Subscriptions. 2004.	Ch. No 103180.	£ 80.00.	

51. Field Reports.

51.1 Priory Field.

No report at this time.

51.2 The Hooe.

Recycling Bins. The Clerk reported on the visit of C.B.C. staff to inspect the bins and their actions to secure the contents of the bins. Members considered that insurance problems with broken glass and deliberate dumping at the car park warranted the removal of the bins. The Clerk will contact C.B.C. to point out the position of nearby bins, and ask for the ones at The Hooe to be removed. **CK**
BMX. Members discussed the question of soil being brought in to build up the BMX humps and the implications for the children's playground. No soil has been brought in so far.

51.3 Lodge Road.

Members discussed possible improvements to the changing rooms, and plans drawn up by Cllr. G Woricker. Cllrs G. Woricker and J. Bishop will discuss the plans with representatives of the football club at their next meeting.
Cllr. R. Blanks reported that white lining material has been spilled on the grass.

52. **Village Hall Reports.**

52.1 Woodham Ferrers Village Hall.

Members considered the relevance of sections of the new VAT booklet to the situation at the Village Hall. Cllr. Woricker will send a copy to the Village Hall Committee.

The Clerk drew members' attention to the latest letter from the bookings secretary.

Cllr. Poulter reported that he has met with a member of the committee and signed the documents relating to the Community Fund application.

52.2 Bicknacre Memorial Village Hall.

Clerk has written to Essex County Council about the damaged wall. We await their response.

53. **Common Land.**

The Clerk reported that one set of documents relating to registration of Common Land have been received. Cllr. R. Poulter agreed to examine them and report back at the next meeting. He will also investigate the need for planning permission for the erection of signs.

54. **Training.**

Members considered a number of training opportunities. The Clerk will make the arrangements.

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55. **St. Andrews Church and Hall.**

The Clerk reported on contacts with the representatives of the church, and a group of members agreed to meet with them on the coming Monday . The Clerk will make the arrangements. **CK**

56. **Annual Parish Assembly.**

Members considered the arrangements for the forthcoming meeting. Further invitations were considered and the likely main issues for discussion at the meeting.

Cllr. C. Saltmarsh undertook to start work on a parish newsletter.

Arrangements to be considered further at the next meeting.

57. **Parish Paths Partnership.**

Members considered further the formation of a pathway to give access to the Priory Arch.

58. **Bicknacre Pre-School.**

Members considered the letter received from the Pre School group. It was decided that the Clerk would write back with the Parish Council's decision. **CK**

59. **Information.**

The Clerk drew members' attention to the forthcoming A.C.D.P.C. meeting.

Cllr. L. Carroll reported on problems experienced by residents on Footpath 32. Complaints have been received about dog fouling and churning of the pathway by horses.

Cllr. R. Poulter reported that the planning application relating to 14, Monks Mead has been referred to the Planning Committee. It is possible that temporary permission might be considered.

Cllr. R. Poulter also reported on possible breaches of planning permission in Lodge Road.

Cllr. R. Poulter advised members that he is dealing with complaints about the smell of burning horse manure in Leighams Road.

Cllr. R. Poulter offered to arrange for Cllr. N. Hume to come to the meeting with Mr. N. Robinson and Parish Councillors next Tuesday. Members were pleased to agree.

Cllr. J. Rushworth reported on several incidents of flooding in Priory Road caused by blocked drains. This has been reported to Chelmsford Borough Council.

60. **Council Diary.**

Members noted the Council Diary as follows:

- 21st February 2004. Visit of archaeologist from Maldon Archaeological Society. 10.00.
- 23rd February 2004. Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.
- 24th February 2004. Meeting with Mr. A. Gascoyne. E.C.C. Priory Farm. 10.00.
- 24th February 2004. Meeting with Mr. N. Robinson. C.B.C. B.M.V.H. 20.00.
- 2nd March 2004. Parish Council Meeting. B.M.V.H. 20.00.
- 8th March 2004. Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.
- 9th March 2004. Clerk's Performance Review meeting. B.M.V.H. 20.00.
- 16th March 2004. Parish Council Meeting. B.M.V.H. 20.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 22.40.

D. Godfrey.

Parish Clerk. 18.2.2004.