

WOODHAM FERRERS & BICKNACRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th. April 2004 at 20.00 at the Pitman Room, 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 were present.

111. **Apologies.**
None.

112. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th April 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 issue raised was the Planning Application in respect of Hobclerks Farm, Woodham Ferrers. The applicants put forward their views about the way the proposed veterinary practice would be run. Another member of the public expressed the view that it would be of benefit to the parish. Some discussion ensued. The application is considered by Councillors at item 115 below.

The second issue raised was the proposed children's playground at The Hooe. Documents concerning grants needed completing. The Clerk will attend to these. **CK**

The third issue was the forthcoming Bicknacre Festival. Representatives of the organisers introduced the scheme and the charities which will benefit.

113. **Election of Chairman and Parish Council Officers.**

Members considered the elections and appointments to be made.

Cllr. C. Saltmarsh was proposed and seconded as Chairman, and elected unanimously.

Cllr. J. Bishop was proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman, and elected unanimously.

Cllr. L. Carroll resigned from the position of School Governor. No new appointment was made. Cllr. L. Carroll will investigate and clarify the situation regarding Parish Council nomination of future Governors at St Mary's School.

Planning Officers will deputise for each other when occasion requires.

Cllr. J. Rushworth will act as assistant to the existing Planning Officers.

Cllr. L. Carroll will succeed Cllr. R. Blanks as Village Hall Rep. for Woodham Ferrers

Cllr. C. Saltmarsh signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book

114. **Matters Arising.**

A list of matters arising from recent meetings is appended to these Minutes.

- 117.3 **Lodge Road.**
Members discussed the situation with whitelining lime on the field. The football clubs have agreed to remove it, and no complaint will be made unless it happens again.
Cllrs. G. Woricker and J. Bishop reported on the situation with new showers and the electricity supply, which might require some rewiring.
Cllr. Blanks mentioned that a broken bench needs attention. It is believed that the bench was damaged by the grass cutting contractor. The Clerk will contact the contractor. **CK**
118. **Traffic Calming.**
Members considered the latest letter from Essex County Council. Cllr. R. Poulter proposed a meeting of Councillors to consider the prioritization of traffic calming measures. This was agreed and will take place on 11th May 2004. The Clerk will make the arrangements. **CK**
119. **Annual Parish Assembly.**
Members discussed the arrangements for the forthcoming meeting.
A newsletter for residents will soon be ready, and distribution arrangements were discussed, as were refreshments.
The Parish Council has been invited to attend the Danbury P.C. Annual Village Meeting on May 5th 2004. Cllr. J. Rushworth will attend to represent this Parish Council.
120. **Football.**
Members considered Cllr. J. Bishop's report of the recent football meeting. The grass cutting contractor has been informed of the early end to the playing season which means that essential maintenance to the pitches can begin. The Clerk will ask the handy man to make repairs to the changing rooms at Lodge Road. **CK**
121. **Common Land.**
Members considered the situation with the signs for common land. The Clerk will arrange for the handy man to contact the Chairman with a view to having the signs erected. **CK**
122. **Woodham Fen.**
Members discussed the request from South Woodham Ferrers Town Council. Cllr. R. Poulter undertook to study the documents and to report his view at the next meeting.
123. **Chelmsford Borough Council Environmental Gateway Team.**
Members noted that the C.B.C. team would be in action in this parish on 26th May 2004.
124. **Chelmsford Borough Council Summer Sports Programme.**
Members agreed that a summer sports day should go ahead, and the Clerk will arrange it for a date towards the end of August. **CK**
125. **Information.**
Members noted the details of letters from Essex Wildlife Trust and A.C.D.P.C.
Cllr. G. Woricker advised members of defective drainage outside Colonial House in Woodham Ferrers. Cllr. J. Rushworth reported a similar problem outside 1, Priory Road, Bicknacre. The Clerk will report these matters to C.B.C. **CK**
Cllr. C. Saltmarsh referred to the problems with the litter bin at the new bus stop opposite Ormonds Crescent. Cllr. R. Poulter advised members that he is looking into the matter.

126. **Council Diary.**

Members to note the Council Diary as follows:

26 th April 2004.	Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.
4 th May 2004.	Parish Council Meeting. W.F.V.H. 20.00.
7 th May 2004.	Annual Parish Assembly. B.M.V.H. 20.00.
10 th May 2004.	Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.
11 th May 2004.	Meeting B.M.V.H. Traffic Calming.20.00.
18 th May 2004.	Parish Council Meeting. W.F.V.H. 20.00.

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

D. Godfrey. Parish Clerk.
23.04.2004.