

WOODHAM FERRERS & BICKNACRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th. October 2004 at 20.00 at The Pitman Room, Bicknacre Memorial Village Hall.

Those in attendance: Cllr. J. Bishop in the Chair.
Cllr. B. Arnold. Cllr. R. Blanks. Cllr. T. Dawkins.
Cllr. J. Rushworth. Cllr. G. Woricker.
Cllr. R. Poulter, Chelmsford Borough Council.

P.C. Ashley Wall, Community Police Officer.

Clerk of the Council.

One member of the public.

276. **Apologies.**

Cllr. L. Carroll. Family business.
Cllr. C. Saltmarsh. Family business.
Cllr. J. Saltmarsh. Family business.
Cllrs. B. Arnold and J. Rushworth would be late, due to earlier meetings.

277. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th October 2004 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.

Our Community Police Officer drew the Council's attention to the forthcoming Rural Police Surgeries to be held on the following dates:

Saturday 23rd October, Monks Mead, Bicknacre.
Sunday 24th October, Woodham Ferrers.
Wednesday 27th October, Priory School Car Park, Bicknacre.

P.C. Wall also informed members of measures he has taken to prevent disorder at the forthcoming Hallowe'en celebrations in the parish.

A resident raised the issue of the effect that the expected road works in Danbury will have upon this parish, and in particular the increase in traffic which might be expected in Peartree Lane. Members discussed the issue but were unable to predict the effects of the roadworks on this parish. The Clerk will write to Essex County Council to seek their views on the likely traffic increase in this parish as a result of the roadworks in Danbury. **CK**

278. **Planning.**

Members considered the following applications:

04/01875/FUL	Tamasha Indian Restaurant, The Street, Woodham Ferrers.
04/01876/LBC	Demolition and replacement of outbuilding with similar and minor internal alterations. NO OBJECTION

04/02056/FUL **Hyde Hall, Hyde Hall Road, Rettendon.**
New visitor centre and associated facilities. Parking and access road via Creephedge Lane.
Members were concerned about the expected increase in traffic on the already dangerous Creephedge Lane.
Members also felt that the cost of improvements to Creephedge Lane would fall largely upon taxpayers. **OBJECTION**

Cllr. J. Rushworth arrived at this point.

04/02086/FUL **49, Peartree Lane, Bicknacre.**
Two storey rear extension, replacement porch with first floor above. Additional dormer and new roof to existing dormer. **NO OBJECTION**

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

04/01617/FUL **Chapmans Gorse, Bicknacre Road, Bicknacre.**
Temporary removal of condition to permission CHB/057/48, requiring dwelling to be occupied by person engaged in working this farm or until replacement dwelling occupied. **A**

04/01653/FUL **Brevion, Moor Hall Lane, Bicknacre.**
Raising roof to provide first floor accommodation, side extension and relocation of garage. **A**

04/01719/FUL **6, Brockenhurst Way, Bicknacre.**
Two storey rear extension. **A**

279. **Accounts.**

Members approved the following cheques for payment:

			V.A.T.
Ace Bins. Cleaning.	Ch. No 103334.	£ 10.00	
B.M.V.H. Lettings.	Ch. No 103335.	£ 13.80.	
P. Evans Ltd. Grass Cutting.	Ch. No 103336.	£ 470.00.	£ 70.00.

Cllr. B. Arnold arrived at this point.

280. **Field Reports.**

280.1 **Priory Field.**

Cllr. T. Dawkins remarked that the goal areas on the football pitches are already becoming worn, and that the pitches should be turned around before the start of the next season.
The Clerk reported on a message from the St. Andrews Church group. Their enquiries with Essex County Council are ongoing.

280.2 **The Hooe.**

The Clerk reported on discussions with the handyman about the repair and repositioning of goalposts. He will speak to the resident who is interested in using the facilities for football training for local youngsters.

The Clerk reported that another resident is also interested in using the pitch for junior football training. Cllr. B. Arnold produced a letter from her outlining her plans. To be considered at the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that he has been in touch with East Hanningfield P.C. about CCTV and lighting for playing fields, and a possible meeting with Councillors from that parish. They will respond soon.

280.3 **Lodge Road.**

The Clerk reported that he has written to the neighbouring landowner about the overhanging branches, and asked him to trim them. We await his response.

The Clerk also reported that the handyman has prepared the boards to be fitted to the climbing frame. They will be fitted shortly.

Cllr. G. Woricker remarked that the sign over the changing room door has become dilapidated and that he recently removed a protruding piece of metal. The Clerk will ask the handyman to remove the sign entirely. **CK**

281. **Priory Arch and Fields.**

The Clerk produced the first draft of a Management Plan for the ancient monument. Members agreed to study this and develop it at the next meeting.

Members considered the responses received from neighbouring residents to the Parish Council's letter about the fencing of the field containing the ancient monument. The Clerk will respond in a sympathetic but firm manner, pointing out the Parish Council's obligations in this matter. **CK**

Members received the letter from a past contractor about the maintenance of the Priory arch. They will consider its implications and discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

Cllr. T. Dawkins reported on the grant application form recently received. Cllrs T. Dawkins and J. Bishop will draw up a specification for the hedging requirements of the field, and also consider other grant possibilities.

The Clerk reported on contacts with Essex County Council and English Heritage regarding a meeting at the site to discuss management, grant, and presentation issues. Members decided that 19th November at 10.00 a.m. would be the most convenient time. The Clerk will relay the proposal to E.C.C. **CK**

The Clerk produced copies of a letter from our solicitors raising the matter of fencing around the fields. The Clerk will respond with details of the agreement regarding fencing. **CK**

282. **Children's Play Equipment. The Hooe.**

The Aerial Runway. The Clerk reported that the grass cutting contractor has referred the matter to his insurers. We await the outcome.

The Children's Playground. The Clerk reported that the handyman has obtained new and stronger hinges for the gates, and they will be installed shortly.

The Clerk produced a guide to the Disability Discrimination Act of 1995 with a checklist of items to be considered. Field Officers will examine the document.

283. **Traffic Problems. Peartree Lane.**

Cllr. R. Poulter hoped he would be able to report on a response from Essex County Council at the next meeting.

284. **Fixed Assets Register.**

Members considered the latest draft of the Fixed Assets Register, and decided upon a number of additions, which the Clerk will incorporate into the final version for the next meeting. **CK**

285. **Christmas Lights.**

Members discussed preparations for Christmas lighting in Bicknacre. The Clerk reported that the organisers of the Bicknacre Festival are keen to be involved, and the Chairman reported that the

shopkeeper who has helped in the past is also willing to allow the power cable to be fixed to his premises.

The Clerk will try to organise a meeting with possible outside helpers, and also contact the two schools in the parish to see if they would like to be involved. **CK**

Members discussed a number of issues relating to the Christmas lights. The damage done to the tree and the cost of erecting and dismantling the lights were considered, and will be referred to the extra meeting.

Members agreed that the sum of £25.00 should be paid to the shop owner to cover the cost of electricity for last year's lighting.

286. Tree Warden Scheme.

The Clerk reported on the discussions recently held with C.B.C. on the possible damage done to trees by ivy. Members noted the views of the Tree Officer. It was also noted that the pear tree in Peartree Lane which was recently cut down, was removed with the approval of C.B.C. in view of its dangerous condition, and also that it is to be replaced.

The Clerk announced that there would be a training evening for Tree Wardens at the Civic Centre on Thursday evening. Cllr. T. Dawkins hoped to be able to attend. He will raise the matters of seed collecting at St. Giles in Moor Hall Lane, possible Tree Preservation Orders at Priory Farm, and a possible tree planting scheme at St. Mary's School, Woodham Ferrers..

287. Information.

Cllr. G. Woricker informed members that he has disseminated information about the proposed mobile phone mast among Woodham Ferrers residents most likely to be affected by it.

Cllr. R. Poulter remarked that he has referred to the mast in his latest "In Touch" article.

Cllr B. Arnold remarked upon the hedge opposite Priory School which is becoming very overgrown. Cllr. J. Bishop will try to discover the address of the property, and will raise the matter at the next meeting.

Members noted the progress with the rebuilding of W.F.V.H.

288. Council Diary.

Members to note the Council Diary as follows:

25 th October 2004.	Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.
2 nd . November 2004.	Parish Council Meeting. B.M.V.H. 20.00.
8 th November 2004.	Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.
16 th November 2004.	Parish Council Meeting. B.M.V.H. 20.00.

David Godfrey
Parish Clerk
21.10.2004.