

WOODHAM FERRERS & BICKNACRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th. November 2004 at 20.00 at The Pitman Room, Bicknacre Memorial Village Hall.

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

Clerk of the Council.

14 members of the public.

305. **Apologies.**

Cllr. B. Arnold. Family business.
Cllr. R. Poulter. C.B.C. business.

306. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd November 2004 were approved (with one small alteration) 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 matter raised was the new planning application relating to the land at the rear of 15-17, Priory Road, Bicknacre. Residents of the area had a number of concerns about the application and also about work which has been started before consent has been given. It was agreed that the Clerk should notify Cllr. R. Poulter and also the Enforcement Officer at C.B.C. of these developments. **CK.**

The Chairman informed our visitors that the application would be considered later in this meeting.

307. **Planning.**

Members considered the following applications:

04/02267/FUL

Longfields, Crows Lane, Woodham Ferrers.

Single storey rear extension and erection of storm porch.
Consideration of this application was deferred due to the absence of the Planning Officer.

04/02293/FUL **Land rear of 15/17, Priory Road, Bicknacre.**
 Erection of two detached bungalows.
 Members felt that all their previous objections remained valid. The proposed buildings would now be larger than those previously applied for, thus aggravating the situation. The plans would also encroach onto the grass verge at the corner of Hill View which they are not entitled to do. Members decided to request that all work is suspended until the case is determined.
OBJECTION

04/02320/FUL **Kingsteps, Moor Hall Lane, Bicknacre.**
 Two front bay windows. **NO OBJECTION**

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

04/01921/FUL **Trio Lodge, Main Road, Bicknacre.**
 First floor side extension. **REFUSED**

04/01958/FUL **6, Ormonds Crescent, Woodham Ferrers.**
 Rear conservatory. **A**

04/01985/FUL **Dawn, Moor Hall Lane, Bicknacre.**
 Replacement garage; single storey side extension; rooms in roof space to existing bungalow with front and rear dormers. **A**

04/01988/FUL **Priory Farm, Priory Road, Bicknacre.**
 Amendments to house and garage previously approved. (Plot 5). **A**

White Elm Farm. Members decided to review the situation in January 2005.

308. **Accounts.**

Members approved the following cheques for payment:

			V.A.T.
B.G. Appleton. Litter.	Ch. No 103351.	£ 88.07.	£ 13.12.
Fenland Hrdrotech. WfVH.	Ch. No 103352.	£1164.72.	£173.47.
Powergen. Lodge Road.	Ch. No 103353.	£ 18.19.	£ 0.87.
D. Wybrow. Handyman.	Ch. No 103354	£ 217.21.	

309. **Field Reports.**

309.1 **Priory Field.**

Members agreed that Priory Field could be used for junior football training so long as the goal areas are avoided.

309.2 The Hooe.

The Clerk reported that all graffiti has been removed from the BMX ramp except the large design on the riding surface.

The Clerk also reported on contacts with the resident who wishes to start football training for young children in the New Year. During the darkest months (ie January and February) they would like to use Priory Field, and then train at The Hooe when the evenings begin to get lighter. Members were pleased to agree to this.

Cllr. J. Saltmarsh remarked that it would be useful to have a working party to clear up the rubbish on the playing field. Councillors agreed to try to get a team together next week.

Members also noticed that a large hole has appeared by the side of the car park. The Clerk will speak to the handyman about this, and ask him to contact Cllr. G. Woricker for material to fill the hole. **CK**

309.3 Lodge Road.

The Clerk informed members that the Community Service youngsters will start their work at Lodge Road on Saturday. They need some materials for painting and preserving woodwork, and also a skip to dispose of rubbish. Members agreed to provide these materials. The Clerk will arrange it. **CK**

310. **Priory Arch and Fields.**

The Clerk referred to the forthcoming meeting at Priory Farm with representatives of Essex County Council and English Heritage. A number of Councillors hoped to be able to attend. A copy of our draft Management Scheme has been sent to Mr. Gascoyne for his comments.

Members agreed to carry out inspections of the fencing as requested by the insurers. The Clerk will email the draft inspection form to Cllr. J. Bishop. **CK** Members considered further the question of additional fencing around the perimeter of the field, and decided to monitor the need for it in the coming months.

Members noted the approval of Chelmsford Borough Council for the railings to remain unpainted.

Cllr. J. Bishop mentioned the recent meeting with C.B.C. Tree Officer and her views on conservation and planting in the area. Her detailed response is expected soon.

Cllr. T. Dawkins reported that preparations for the pathway and a gap in the existing fence are under way.

Further consideration of a Friends of the Priory Arch group will take place at the next Parish Council meeting.

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

Members examined the photographs sent by Cllr. B. Arnold to show damage to the gates. Cllr. C. Saltmarsh reported that the handyman has done the repairs. The possible need for larger metal posts to act as gate stops will be considered on site before the next meeting.

Cllr. C. Saltmarsh also reported that there has been some damage to the swing seat, and it will need replacement. The Clerk will produce manufacturers' details at the next meeting. **CK**

Cllr. J. Saltmarsh referred to the letter to the grant authority acknowledging the need for some repayment. With a small amendment this will now be sent off. Members were concerned about the lack of progress with the repair to the aerial runway. If no news is forthcoming by the next meeting, the Clerk will inquire who the contractor's insurer is and take the matter up with him. **CK**

312. **Christmas Lights.**

Cllr. J. Bishop reported that the handyman has been asked to put up the lights ready for December 9th.

Cllr. C. Saltmarsh felt that the electrical connections should be checked, and this might be a job for the contractor who has previously done this work.

The Clerk reported that the letter regarding the transfer of land to the Parish Council has been sent off. An initially favourable response has been received, although the process will take some time. The matter of village greens will in future be a separate Agenda item.

313. **ACDPC.**

Members considered attendance at the meeting on 18th November. The Clerk reported that it would be quite acceptable for several members to attend.

314. **Risk Assessment.**

Members decided that consideration of this matter should be part of a wider review of Parish Council procedures and planning for the future. To be considered further at the next meeting.

315. **Information.**

The Clerk reported on trees planted at Leighams Common. Members felt that there is scope for further planting there.

The Clerk drew attention to the letter from C.B.C. regarding the provision of salt bins. To be considered at the next meeting.

The Clerk also drew attention to the savings to be made by submitting Inland Revenue returns online. The Clerk will send off the form.

The Clerk reported that residents of Peartree Lane continue to press for traffic calming measures in the lane. Copies of letters to Essex County Council have been received.

Cllr. C. Saltmarsh circulated details of the forthcoming roadworks at Danbury.

Cllr. J. Saltmarsh reported on the recent Bicknacre Village Hall Committee meeting. A programme of refurbishments is under way, including the disabled toilet.

316. **Council Diary.**

Members to note the Council Diary as follows:

19th November 2004.	Meeting with E.C.C. reps. Priory Farm 10.00.
29th November 2004.	Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.
2nd December 2004.	Tree Wardens' Meeting. Civic Centre. 19.30.
7th December 2004.	Parish Council Meeting. B.M.V.H. 20.00.
13th December 2004.	Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.
21st December 2004.	Parish Council Meeting. B.M.V.H. 20.00.

David Godfrey

Parish Clerk. 22.11.2004.