

WOODHAM FERRERS AND BICKNACRE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th April 2003 at 20.00 at Bicknacre Memorial Village Hall.

Those in attendance: Cllr. C. Saltmarsh in the Chair.
Cllr. B. Arnold. Cllr. J. Bishop. Cllr. R. Blanks.
Cllr. A. Dawkins. Cllr. J. Saltmarsh. Cllr. G. Woricker
Clerk of the Council.

111. **Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. L. Carroll and R. Poulter (C.B.C.) who were unable to attend.

112. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st April 2003.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

113. **Matters Arising.**

A list of matters arising is appended to these minutes. The Clerk raised the matter of the Christmas lights at Bicknacre village green. Councillors decided that if they have not been taken down by the contractor by the end of April, other arrangements will be made. The Clerk will notify the contractor. **CK**

Cllr. T. Dawkins mentioned that the oak tree referred to in the planning application for 15/17, Priory Road has now been removed. Cllr. G. Woricker confirmed that the tree was diseased.

A letter has been received from residents thanking us for our support on this issue. The Clerk will respond to their letter and bring them up to date with what the Parish Council has tried to do. **CK**

The Clerk has written to the resident of Compasses Farm to ask him to abide by the agreement reached with his agent regarding the fence which borders Priory Field.

114. **Resignation of Cllr. M. Yarham.**

Members noted, with regret, the resignation of Cllr. M. Yarham. The Clerk reported that Mr. Yarham would continue to support the council and give advice whenever requested. A letter has been sent to thank him for all his efforts in the past.

115. **Planning.**

Members considered the following applications:

03/00586/FUL **Woodlands Bungalow, Main Road, Bicknacre.**
Erection of rear conservatory. **NO OBJECTION**

03/00551/FUL **2, Peartree Lane, Bicknacre.**
Two-storey side extension. **NO OBJECTION**

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

03/00242/FUL **Bluegem, 55, Peartree Lane, Bicknacre.**
Detached garage.

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The Clerk reported that Cllr. Yarham has made a visit to **Acorn Lodge and Chapman's Gorse** and had **No Objection** to the application. C.B.C. have been informed.
The Clerk also advised members of the response of C.B.C. to the concerns about the reported situation at Rosemary, Leighams Road.

Priory Farm. The Clerk has contacted our solicitor regarding the proposed access to the agricultural land. Members decided to make their own proposal about where the access should be. The Clerk will write, identifying members' proposal.
The subject of fencing the ancient monument, and contact with English Heritage regulations was also discussed. **CK**

116. **Accounts.**

Members approved the following cheques for payment:

			V.A.T.
B.G. Appleton. Cleaning. Mar.	Ch. No 103001.	£ 78.31.	£ 11.66.
BT. Telephone bill. Jan - Mar.	Ch. No 103002.	£239.64.	£ 35.69.
C.B.C. lease. Lodge Road.	Ch. No 103003.	£ 20.00.	
Mr. T. Penn. Fuel for mowing churchyard.	Ch. No 103004.	£ 20.00.	
Stocksigns Ltd. Dog control signs.	Ch. No 103005.	£166.62.	£ 24.81.
Ace Bins. Cleaning. Mar.	Ch. No 103006.	£ 19.00.	
C.P.R.E. membership.	Ch. No 103007.	£ 25.00.	
Glasdon UK Ltd. Bins.	Ch. No 103008.	£383.02.	£ 57.04.

117. **Field Reports.**

117.1 Priory Field.

The Clerk reported on contacts with the handy man re repairs to the sleepers. Members agreed that he should now go ahead. The Clerk will contact him. **CK**

Cllr. J. Bishop reminded members that he is holding the dog control notices. The Clerk will arrange for the handyman to put them up. **CK**

Cllr. C. Saltmarsh referred to the BT huts. The Clerk replied that Mr. M. Yarham intends to remove them over the Easter period. CS will contact MY to confirm arrangements.

117.2 The Hooe.

Children's Playground. Cllr. J. Saltmarsh reminded members that there is work to be done on the children's playground before the RoSPA inspection is made. The compound to be cleared; swings to be repaired; adjustments made to the adventure trail. Cllr. R. Blanks will arrange for the removal of the compound and concrete blocks; Cllr. G. Woricker will arrange a 9m skip; representatives of the council to be present. These activities must be co-ordinated. The Clerk reported that he has been in touch with the suppliers of the adventure trail regarding maintenance requirements. The Clerk will contact the handyman to arrange for the swings to be secured. **CK**

Vehicle barrier. Cllr. C. Saltmarsh advised that this needs to be replaced as cars have been seen on the playing field. The Clerk will ask the handyman to do this. Remnants of the basketball net also to be removed. **CK**

The Clerk reported that the Tree Officer has visited and proposes to issue T.P.O.'s to protect mature trees and groups of trees here and at Lodge Road playing field.

Car Park Gate. This has now been repaired. The Chairman thanked Cllr. G. Woricker for arranging to have the work done. The Clerk has written to C.B.C. on the matter.

Car Park. Cllr. J. Bishop suggested that the contractor be asked to rake over and smooth the car park surface if possible. The Clerk will arrange this. **CK**

117.3 Lodge Road.

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with the grass cutting contractor. The grass around the changing room will be cut during the coming week.

Cllr. R. Blanks mentioned that the willow tree is to be taken down after Easter. Members agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

118. **Annual Parish Assembly.**

Members discussed the reports that are to be made available at the meeting. Cllr. J. Bishop submitted the Priory Field Report. The Chairman suggested an extra meeting on 29th April to finalise arrangements, such as refreshments and displays. The Clerk to arrange. **CK**

Copies of the newsletter were issued to members and arrangements for distribution made.

Members also noted the invitation to the Danbury Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk will acknowledge this and invite their Councillors to our meeting. **CK**

119. **Football.**

Cllr. J. Bishop reported on the recent meeting with representatives of the football clubs. A copy of the minutes is appended to these minutes. Regarding the broken stanchions at Lodge Road, Cllr. G. Woricker undertook to examine them to see if they can be repaired. If not it was agreed that they should be replaced with unwanted stanchions from the Priory School playing field, if suitable. The Clerk will write to the club which wishes to roll and spike the field at Lodge Road, asking for prior notice of when this is to be done, and the cost. The drainage of Priory Field is to be discussed at the meeting of 6.5.2003.

120. **Notice Boards.**

Members agreed to look at the notice boards which have recently been repaired.

121. **Information.**

The Clerk placed two complimentary letters before the Council

Cllr. B. Arnold reported that he has received requests for details about future sports activities from the editor of "In Touch" magazine. Cllr. J. Bishop will respond.

Cllr. C. Saltmarsh recommended that members consider the C.B.C. Financial Assistance scheme and its possible application to this parish. The Clerk will circulate the document.

Cllr. B. Arnold suggested that ideas on this matter be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr. C. Saltmarsh suggested that in future the Parish Tours should include the ancient monument and other areas of the Parish. This was agreed.

122. **Council Diary.**

Members noted the Council Diary as follows:

28 th April 2003.	Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.
29 th April 2003.	Extra Meeting. B.M.V.H. 20.00.
2 nd May 2003.	Annual Parish Assembly. B.M.V.H. 20.00.
6 th May 2003.	Parish Council Meeting. W.F.V.H. 20.00.
12 th May 2003.	Agenda for next P.C. meeting closes.
20 th May 2003.	Parish Council Meeting. W.F.V.H. 20.00.

David Godfrey. Parish Clerk. 17.4.2003.