

At a Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held at the Village Hall on
Monday 26th April 2010, at 7.30pm.

1. **Present.**

Councillors Andrew Eyles, Paul Lewis, Michael O'Malley, Andrew Noakes, Mrs. Gail Skillings (Chairman) and Don Smith

Cllr. Rod Chamberlain. UDC
Mr. David Green (Clerk)

2. **Matters Arising from the Public.**

There were no matters arising from the public

3. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllr. Justin Patrick

4. **County Councillor's Report**

There was no County Councillors Report

5. **District Councillor's Report.**

Housing Finance.

Councillor Chamberlain reported that the Government were considering changing their policy on housing finance in that, currently the Government takes 50% of the housing rents, this could, in the future, be reduced to zero thus allowing local authorities to keep all the monies. However, this would be offset by the Government amortising the national housing debt across all local authorities. This would mean that in Uttlesford, the Council debt would rise from zero to approximately £85M. This would put the District Council in debt for many years to come.

NATS Flight Path Review.

It appeared that this had been put on the back burner for the immediate future.

6. **Minutes.**

Resolved – that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th March 2010, previously circulated, be signed as a true record. (Cllr. Smith)

7. **Matters Arising.**

Flood and Flood Prevention

Village Hall. Notification had been received from Viridor Waste Management that the grant application for Phase 2 had been successful. The claim procedure would now be put in hand.

Flood Defence Measures upstream of the Village. There was no further progress to report at this time.

Parish Plan

Environment. Cllr. Eyles. Nothing further to report

Information. Cllr. O'Malley. Nothing further to report.

It was noted that Cllr. and Mrs. O'Malley had secured a photocopier for the Parish Council free of charge for which the Council were very grateful. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr. & Mrs O'Malley for their help in making this possible.

Leisure. Cllr. Noakes. Councillor Noakes confirmed that the proposed tennis court development in partnership with the school would not now go ahead.

Traffic. Cllr. Lewis. Speed Watch Meeting 30th March, Bocking. Minutes not yet received. VMS sign in Radwinter Road not yet re-installed.

Land at Church Field /All Saints Close

- i. Transfer to the Parish Council. Cllr. Chamberlain had investigated the whereabouts of the documents and requested duplicates. These had not yet been received.
- ii. Fence at the Community Space, Church Field. The Clerk reported that ERHA had promised £250.00 towards the fence. Mrs. Lisa Swan would approach Cambridge Housing Ass. to ascertain if they would contribute.

Playing Field Rectory Lane.

Pre-RoSPA inspection carried out. Nothing major to report other than the bark surfacing would need investigating in the near future.

Highways.

The VMS sign in Radwinter Road had not yet been replaced.

Restoration of the "waiting room" at Ashdon Halt.

The Chairman would contact the owner to seek her views on the matter.

Neighbourhood Watch – to review the system

It was agreed that the current system required reviewing particularly in light of the recent concerns in the village. It was proposed that the dates of the Annual Parish Meeting (10th

May) and the Annual Parish Council Meeting (24th May) be swapped to enable Neighbourhood Watch to be a major part of the Annual Parish Meeting. It was hoped that the District Council and Police would be represented at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 24th May.

Housing at Church End

It was noted that the problems being experienced with some of the housing at Church End were under investigation by the District Council. It was also noted that some of the boards on the bus shelter had been removed. This had only happened over the weekend. To be investigated and the boards replaced.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. CVSU "Volunteer" March 2010 edition
- b. Neighbourhood Watch AGM. Wednesday 5th May, Thaxted Day Centre
- c. EALC "Pack"

9. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS . There were no new planning applications

10. NEW ITEMS. There were no "New Items"

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

- a. UTT/0116/10/FUL. Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling
Springmead, Fallowden Lane

Conditional Approval

- b. UTT/0285/10/FUL. Retrospective application for replacement dwelling with integral garage following lapsed application UTT/2064/06/FUL granted 5/2/2007 Wayside. Steventon End

Conditional Approval

12. ACCOUNTS (Appendix i)

Resolved - that the Accounts in Appendix i be noted and passed for payment. (Cllr.Lewis)

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA. There were no "Items for the Next Agenda"

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed. Chairman

Date

Appendix i

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 26th APRIL 2010 ACCOUNTS 29th MARCH 2010 to 26th APRIL 2010

Monies received

	£
Essex County Council. Flood Grant	10,000.00
Interest 2.5% Consols	0.70
Andrew Cohen Ass. Rent White Horse House.	1,550.00
Daniel Robinson. Purchase of grave & interment fee re the late Thelma Haynes	150.00

Monies passed for payment

£

David Wiffen Builders. Phase 1 Village Hall Flood Defences	22,325.00	Ch.No. 101481
E.ON. Electricity Acc. March 2010	83.62	Ch.No. 101482
D. Green. Stamps	4.08	Ch.No. 101483
May Gurney (Cartledge Lighting) Light o/s 9. Rogers End	228.69	Ch.No. 101484
EALC. Affiliation fee 2010/11	204.99	Ch. No.101485
EPFA Best Kept Playing Field Comp. Entry Fee	10.00	Ch.No. 101486
Viridor Waste Management Limited. 3 rd party funding V. Hall Gran	1,023.00	Ch.No. 101487
PWLB Village Hall loan repayments	2,380.42	D.D.

Balances at Bank at 26th April 2010

Current Account	£16,920.93
Business Reserve Account	1,062.40
Business Base Rate Tracker Account	£12,364.72