

CANEWDON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 7th April 2010 at 7.30pm.

Present:	<u>Chairman</u>	Cllr. N. Wallace	
	<u>Vice Chairman</u>	Cllr. V. Newby	
	<u>Councillors</u>	Cllr. R. Kirton	Cllr. P. Merrell
		Cllr. J. Smith	Cllr. N. Storer
		Cllr. E. Toleman	Cllr. L. Van Houten
	<u>Members of press and public</u>	One	

APM10/1 **Apologies for Absence.**
APM10/1.1 None.

APM10/2 **Acceptance of Minutes of APM dated 01/04/09.**
APM10/2.1 Proposed acceptance of minutes by Vice Chairman, V. Newby and seconded by Cllr. J. Smith
Signed by the Chairman, N. Wallace as a true record.

APM10/3 **To Receive the Chairman's Report.**
APM10/3.1 The Chairman gave his report of events during 2009/10. See attached report.

APM10/4 **Parish Question Time.**
APM10/4.1 *Cllr. R. Kirton noted that there is no signage for the new bus stop in Anchor Lane.*
Chairman, N. Wallace advised that the CPC are awaiting Highways.

Extraordinary meeting for the proposed new housing – are any notices being put up or leaflets being delivered?

The Chairman, N. Wallace advised that the notices are already on the notice boards and in the village shops. Other notices will be put up in the village over the next few days.

APM10/4.2 *A member of the public spoke regarding the land opposite Lark Hill Avenue in Pudsey Hall Lane and the acceptance of the planning application. The gentleman does not object to the horses, just the hard standing and the creation of the embankment. The original application for 7 stables was refused however the second application for 4 stables was accepted. All the previous arguments for 7 stables have been overruled.*

It appears that rubbish from another property has been left on the land which is spoiling the openness of the Green Belt. It also looks like the rubbish is being used to make a large bonfire.

The Chairman, N. Wallace advised that there is little that the CPC can do to enforce anything but can support the resident in any action that he may take.

Cllr. L. Van Houten advised that there is different legislation regarding lighting fires in the Green Belt. The issue would need to be referred to the Environmental Health department of

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RDC. Cllr. L. Van Houten suggested taking photos of the lit fire and keeping records and the pass complaint to RDC.

The meeting was closed at 7.50pm

Chairman's Signature

Dated

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Chairman's report 2009/2010

There have been some changes to members & positions within the CPC during 2009/10; In April 2009 we had a change of Chairman, to Nigel Wallace. Victor Newby stood down to the position of vice chairman to replace Lynne Van Houten; both had held their positions for 3 years. We have also recently co-opted two new councillors, Nicola Storer, & Paula Merrell. Both are parishioners who live within our parish & we welcome them on board. We have also sadly said goodbye to Andy Haken, who has decided to step down from the council due to change of career & other commitments, we wish Andy well for his future plans. We are also hoping to co-opt one more new member at April's meeting; this will then bring us back to a full membership of councillors.

Our clerk Kelly Holland has been successful in passing her Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA) qualification, & we thank her for her hard work in achieving this, which will benefit the village.

We have also appointed Hugh Cumberland as our new public footpath rep; Hugh is currently highlighting defects, signage & access issues with the parish's footpaths where we are asking for improvements from ECC.

The youth shelter was successfully erected in 2009 & seems quite popular with some of the local youths. The youth club was closed late last year, & we have been engaged in talks to try & get it running again at the village hall, in the meantime we thank Mark Hughes for his involvement & support with this & also for organising the mobile youth bus to attend the village on a Wednesday evening, which does appear to be proving popular with some of the younger members of the village.

A proposal to erect lockable gates at the entrances to the playing field in Althorne way was considered by councillors in Autumn of 2009, but after much deliberation & offers of funding from RDC we decided not to go ahead with this, as it would prove difficult to manage the locking & unlocking of gates and could also cause more anti sociable behaviour and the possibility of injuries with people trying to access the park by climbing over garden fences or gates.

We attempted to get the Church lane an 'access only to church' status, due to a pattern of late night anti social behaviour in this area, but this has proved to be impossible, as by law the highway must be accessible to all & Essex highways were unwilling to take any further action.

As most people will have seen, we have had the installation of the new traffic calming island in Anchor Lane, this greatly improves the crossing area for access to the school, and we are still in the process of getting county highways to install a second island on Lambourne hall road. We also applied for a grant from the community initiative fund (CIF) to erect village gateways in November of last year; we are still waiting to hear if we have been successful. We have also continued to press county highways, for funding to build a footway in Lambourne Hall road between the Forge Stores & the school entrance, we firmly believe that this is a priority 1 for pedestrian safety & have the support of RDC.

The bus stop has now also been successfully moved from outside the Forge Stores to Anchor Lane, hopefully this has now addressed the issue of access to the buses via the high kerbs, and has also made it easier for traffic to park & negotiate the area outside the shop. We are still waiting for the new shelter to be erected which is currently on order by ECC highways & will be installed ASAP. There is also a proposal to move the current bus stop from outside Pylon Cottages to the village hall; this will hopefully address the issue for residents in Althorne way who now have to walk further to the new stop in Anchor Lane.

The RSPB Wallasea wetland scheme is now progressing; we welcome this project in our parish & are pleased to be part of the consultation group to ensure that our voice is heard during the planning & building phases.

We sent out questionnaires to all households in the parish last month, this is part of our plan to gather information from everyone so we can formulate a parish plan to put ideas forward to RDC about what is important to our village & parishioners. Your input is valued thank you.

We are hoping to have another village tidy up day very soon. The CPC have also entered the best kept village competition for 2010, so it would be good if we all do our bit by keeping the area around our homes tidy & free from litter & where possible keep hedges trimmed.

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We have seen recent plans for expansion of the village as part of the Allocations development plan (see the website http://www.rochford.gov.uk/PDF/planning_ldf_allocationsdpd2.pdf) the Canewdon sites are on the following pages: 12 - 21, 232 - 236, 287 - 298, 312 - 316, 357 - 361, 442 - 446, 692 - 698, 737 - 741 & 832 - 841., there is to be a consultation period to allow for objections & concerns to be raised, we are organising a separate event at the village hall this month on the 20th April, doors will open at 18:30 for preliminary viewing of plans & someone from RDC planning policy team will attend at 19:30 to give a brief presentation & advice.

I would like to thank all councillors, past & present for the time they have given to the parish during the last twelve months & to all those who give their time to making our village a nicer cleaner & safer place to live.

Nigel Wallace Chairman of Canewdon Parish Council.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – YEAR END 2009/2010

B/FWD	£19 281
PRECEPT	£19 208
OTHER INCOME	
Allotment Rents	£605
Insurance Claims	£0
Interest – All Accounts	£29
Other (inc Grants)	£2991
VAT Refund 2007/08	<u>£2307</u>
TOTAL INCOME	£44 421
EXPENDITURE	
Allotments Water	£333
Allotments Rent	£156
Allotments Maintenance	£25
Broadband	£422
Broomstick Advertising	£200
Clerks Salary	£7385
Clerks Allowance	£420
Computer Insurance	£112
External Audit	£285
Grant to CCA & Village Hall	£0
Grants (Other)	£80
Grass Cutting	£1740
Hire of the Village Hall	£0
Internal Audit	£150
Insurance Policy	£1337
National Insurance & Tax	£1069
Other Office Equipment	£157
Stationary/Post/Equipment	£735
Streetlights Power	£2623
Streetlights Maintenance	£917
Subscriptions	£563
Teen Shelter	£9020
Training/Travel/Cllr. Expenses	£1104
Village Repairs	£462
VAT	£2238
Wage Service	£226
Young at Heart Party	£235
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£31 994
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	£12 427
NET C/FWD	£12 424

****Please note – totals have been rounded up and down****