

CANEWDON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Canewdon Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd October 2012 at 7.15pm.

Present: Vice Chairman: Cllr. L. Van Houten

Councillors: Cllr. C. Argent Cllr. J. Ince Cllr. R. Kirton
Cllr. C. Nicol Cllr. J. Smith Cllr. E. Toleman

Officers: Kelly Holland, Parish Clerk

Members of the public: Two

12/127 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. B. Wallace and N. Wallace.

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

12/128 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

12/129 Progress Report

12/93 - The Clerk was liaising with Sport England regarding a new bid for the skate park.

12/130 Declaration of interests

Cllr. C. Argent declared a personal interest in item 12/142 as he was an allotment tenant;
Cllr. R. Kirton declared a personal interest in item 12/142 as he was an allotment tenant;
Cllr. E. Toleman declared a personal interest in item 12/142 as he was an allotment tenant;

12/131 Public participation session

Two residents spoke regarding the proposed closure of both Canewdon and Rochford sorting offices, this would mean that residents of the village would have to travel to Southend to collect undelivered items.

Further to Standing Order 32a, members agreed to change the order of business.

12/141(d) Proposed Closure of Rochford Sorting Office

Members received information that many local sorting offices were to close and considered the effect this would have on the residents of the parish, particularly the elderly.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the Parish Council write to Royal Mail objecting to the closure of both Canewdon and Rochford sorting offices;
- (b) the Parish Council inform the District Councillors, County Councillor and MP of the closures and request their support.

12/132 District Councillor's report

No report was received.

12/133 General Power of Competence

RESOLVED that Canewdon Parish Council meets the criteria specified in paragraph 2 of the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) order 2012 and resolves in accordance with section 1 to adopt this power.

12/134 Quality Parish Council status

Following the submission of the Quality Status portfolio, the Essex Association of Local Councils had confirmed that the Parish Council is now a Quality Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the confirmation be noted and the Quality Status logo be used.

12/135 Finance

The list of payments due to be paid was received along with the bank reconciliation for September 2012 and the quarterly financial report.

Members considered the quotation for both 500 and 1000 letterheads and felt it best to use the company that had been used to print the annual report for 2011/12.

RESOLVED that

(a) the following payments be approved and cheque signed:

Mrs K Holland	101398	£920.00
Acumen Wages	101399	£22.20
HM Revenue & Customs	101400	£431.84
Essex & Suffolk Water	101401	£135.38
Canewdon Educational Foundation	101402	£150.00
Audit Commission	101403	£342.00
Viking Direct	101404	£63.48
Earth Anchors	101405	£671.95
Society of Local Council Clerks	101406	£140.00
Mr R Kirton	101407	£11.98
DSG Retail	direct debit	£11.00
EDF Energy	direct debit	£342.03

(b) the bank reconciliation figures for September 2012 be approved and accepted;

(c) the quarterly financial report be approved and accepted;

(d) 1000 letterheads be purchased from Rochford Printing Company.

12/136 Planning

The list of applications determined by the District Council during September 2012 was received.

RESOLVED that

(a) the District Council be informed of the comments as set out below the following applications:-

- (i) Application No: 12/00511/FUL
 Proposal: Demolish existing garages and construct two detached four bed roomed houses with access and parking spaces.
 Location: Garage block and forecourt, adjacent to 9 Althorne Way
No adverse comments so long as the residents do not object to the proposal.

- (ii) Application No: 12/00551/DPDP6
Proposal: Construct agricultural building for the storage of hay and machinery.
Location: Gardiners Farm, Gardiners Lane
No adverse comments

12/137 Emergency Planning

RESOLVED that the plan be submitted to the District Council for comment and approval.

12/138 Consultation - Proposed Localisation of Council Tax

RESOLVED that the Parish Council agree that the council tax base for local precepting authorities should be calculated excluding council tax support reductions.

12/139 Salt Strategy

Members considered the strategy and any amendments that were needed, it was noted that if the High Street was to be added to the strategy, volunteers need to be sought first.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the surgery be removed from the strategy as the surgery had now closed;
- (b) an article be included in the Broomstick requesting volunteers for the High Street.

12/140 Affordable Housing

Following the recent consultation on the Allocations Development Plan Document from Rochford District Council, members felt that the affordable housing provision within the document was adequate.

RESOLVED that no further action be taken regarding affordable housing within the parish.

12/141 Highways/Environment/Transport/Footpaths/Street Lights

Quotations were considered for the work required to the assets, reports were received from the transport representative and footpath representative.

RESOLVED that

- (a) advice be sought from the conservation office at Rochford District Council regarding painting the ironwork on the stocks;
- (b) the Clerk investigate whether the paint for the stocks and bus shelter was still in liquid form;
- (c) Southend Handyman be instructed to carry out the work required to the assets

12/142 Allotments

Quotations were awaited for fencing at the allotment site, the water would be turned off on 31st October 2012.

Members considered the amendments to the rules and procedures for the allotment gardens.

RESOLVED that the amendments to the rules and procedures be approved and effective immediately.

12/143 Future Parish Council meetings and events

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th November 2012 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

The next meeting of the planning committee will be held on Wednesday 17th October 2012 in the Trust House at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.43pm

Chairman's Signature

Dated

7th November 2012