
BYGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Bygrave Parish Council was held in the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch on Monday 6th March 2006 commencing at 8pm.

Present: Cllr. M Sheppard (Chairman)
Cllr. P Hughes
Cllr. P Culpin
Cllr. P Sinclair

Mrs K Clark (Clerk)

In Attendance: Tony Hunter (County Councillor) and six members of public

Prior to the start of the meeting Philip Bergin and his colleague from Thames Water gave a talk regarding storage and distribution of sewage sludge within the Parish. Information can be found on thameswater.co.uk and terraecosystems.co.uk. He can be contacted on 02085095315 or PhilipBergin@thameswater.co.uk .

Mr. Hunter was welcomed to the meeting and invited to address the meeting on any matters that he considered to be of current interest. He explained that the budgets for the coming year had now been set at County Hall and that consequently County rates would be raised by approximately 5%. He also noted that to the best of his knowledge rates for the North Herts District would be raised by a similar amount. Having asked for comments from the meeting on any local issues Mr. Hunter was left in no doubt as to the concerns of those present that the conditions of the roadways within the Parish had continued to deteriorate to an unacceptable level and he promised to convey these views to those responsible.

The meeting commenced at 8.30pm

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Barry Huffer due to an illness

2. To approve and sign the minutes of last meeting

These were signed as a true copy

3. Clerks report

Received and appended to minutes

4. Declaration of members interests

None were declared for this meeting. Cllr Culpin completed his details in the book.

5. Finance report and expenditure approval

The report was received and expenditure approved as detailed in the Clerks Report.

6. To approve planning applications as notified by the District Council

Application number 06/0258/1HH 2, Royston Road (Roseview) Baldock – single storey and two storey rear extensions re - locating existing barn- **Approved**

Application number 06/0225/1HH 3, Royston Road (West Dene) Baldock – Single Storey and two storey rear extension – **Approved**

7. Door Step Green update

Cllr Sheppard reported the estimated costs for the project as follows:-

Rent for land	£ 250.00 per annum
Fencing	£6,500.00 Maximum
Gates access and kissing gate	£ 500.00
Hedging	£ 450.00
Hard standing / access	£ 500.00
Legal costs	£ 250.00

The landowners would consider the adoption of a similar lease to the one currently applicable to the playing field behind Wedon Way.

Resolved Cllr Sheppard will explore other sources of possible grants and income options to assist in the funding of this project and report to the next meeting.

The Parish Council will fund the rent and grass cutting for the area.

8. To consider joining the Society of Local Council Clerks

This is an association for Clerks that gives legal updates, training courses, meetings and support for Clerks.

Resolved As the membership pack had not arrived this will be held over until next meeting. The Clerk will circulate the information prior to this meeting.

9. To confirm date, time and format of Parish meeting and Annual Parish meeting.

Resolved that both meetings would take place on the same date the Parish meeting at 8pm and the Annual Parish meeting at 8.30pm. The Clerk will contact the Police and County and District Councillors to see if they can attend.

10. Correspondence

Circulated to Councillors

11. Any urgent business

No matters arising

12. To approve date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8pm on Monday 8th May 2006 at St Margaret's church bygrave, this will be the Parish meeting followed by the Annual meeting at 8.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

SignedDated.....

CLERKS REPORT 6TH MARCH

The bank mandate has been changed as agreed at the last meeting, and the first standing order for Clerks Pay has been activated.

I have confirmed with NHDC that the Parish is due for an election year in 2007.

Payments to be approved

Clerks mileage allowance for meeting 06/03/06 44 miles x 50.5p	£22.22
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