## **BYGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL**

# A meeting of Bygrave Parish Council was held in the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2008 commencing at 8pm.

#### **Present:**

Cllr P Culpin (chair) Cllr Patterson Cllr Kingsbury

Cllr Hills

Mrs K Clark (Clerk)

**In Attendance:** No members of public

### 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Sinclair & County Councillor Tony Hunter

### 2. To approve and sign the minutes of last meeting

Approved

## 3. Declaration of members interests for items on this agenda

None

### 4. Finance report and to agree the following payments.:-

Phone Bill £36.63 Clerks Float £62.46

HAPTC £50.00 Councillor training course 07/10/08

K Clark £168.91 – Back pay due to pay rise backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008

and Mileage increase

M Rainbow £184.00 Grass cutting

An amount of £50.00 was approved to repair the bench in the Churchyard

To amend Standing order for Clerks pay to reflect the NALC agreed pay rise

All the above were approved

### 5. To agree the Precept for 2009/2010.

It was agreed to keep this the same as last year £5,200.00 taking into account that the bank account balance is currently £ 2462.68

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Clerks Salary	£2300.00
Office allowance	£120.00
Mileage	£160.00
HAPTC	£140.00
Insurance	£450.00
Audit	£300.00
Churchyard Maintenance	£600.00
Lease	£250.00
Grass Cutting	£1,000.00
Stationery and Printing	£400.00

### 6. To approve Planning Applications as notified by the District Council:-

No new applications received

# 7. To agree any comments on the proposed Weston Wind Turbine and for consultation by NHDC

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Weston Parish Clerk and to Oliver Heald MP outlining their views that it will set a precedent for further wind farms to be erected on other rural sites in North Herts. Concern was raised that great lengths were made to preserve the countryside with the planning of the Baldock by pass, and now if very large wind turbines are erected this will be a blot on the landscape.

Whilst the parish Council support renewable energy this should be in the appropriate environment and are not aware how much noise would be created by these turbines and would be interested to hear where there is an equivalent wind farm.

### 8. Councillor training course – to receive feedback

This was viewed as a very interesting training session and views were shared.

## 9. Report on Recycling facility

Cllr Sinclair is waiting to hear back from NHDC on the sizes of container available.

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# 10. Correspondence

## Circulated

SENDER	SUBJECT	TASKED
HAPTC	Notification of 2009 fee	Agenda
BT	Phone bill	Agenda
HAPTC	Newsletter	Circulated
Lloyds	Bank statement	Filed
NHDC	Baldock Town centre enhancement	Circulated
HCC	Withdrawal of waste development plan documents	Circulated
NHDC	Precept	Agenda
HCC	<b>Transport progress report</b>	Circulated
Communities	Code of Conduct and	Circulated
and local	Byelaws consultations	
Government		

# 11. Any URGENT business

None

# 12. To approve the date of next meeting

This was agreed as Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 8pm in the Church

# Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed......Dated.....