

**Minutes of Birchanger Parish Council meeting
held on Tuesday 6th December 2016 at 8.00 pm.
in Birchanger Village Hall**

Present: Angie Driscoll (AD) – Chair
Maria Davy (MD)
Linda Pocklington (LP)
Alex Stewart (AS)
George Taylor (GT)
Sandy Dowle (SD)
Ken Wheatley (KW)
John Revell (JR)

Ray Gooding (RG) County Councillor
1 member of the public
Keith Williams (Parish Clerk)

238. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

239. Apologies and Reason for Absence

Elizabeth Godwin (illness)

240. Declarations of Interest

KW declared an interest as treasurer for the Village Magazine.

241. Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

There were no representations from the public.

242. Minutes of the last meeting

Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 1st November was proposed by AS and agreed as a true and accurate record, and duly signed by the Chairman.

243. Recreation Ground Working Group/Allotments – Glebeland

1. Report from LP (already circulated) noted.

Regarding the drug use, the Parish Clerk to write to the Police Commander pointing out that the presence of drug paraphernalia at the recreation ground had been reported to the police but no action had been taken.

2. Increase in payment to Debbie Crouch (DB).

It was agreed to accept an increase of £40 per quarter, to a total of £200 per quarter. LP will advise DB.

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3. Bicycle rack update.

JR suggested that it might be worthwhile approaching a local metal worker with a view to making the stands. He will investigate the possibility. No budget was agreed at this stage.

244. Transport

Report from KW (already circulated) noted.

244. 1. Planning application UTT/16/3366/FUL – 280 Birchanger Lane.

No comments

245. Agree donation of £30 to Royal British Legion

Agreed

246. Agree donation of £500 to Birchanger Village Magazine

Agreed.

247. Restoration of Duck End Triangle

1. Payment to Will Grange – Agreed.
2. Payment to Jean Williams – Agreed.

248. Finance

- a. Account Balances (already circulated)
- b. The payments were accepted and authorised to be made.

249. Reports from county and district councillors

Ray Gooding – At a full council meeting the proposal for splitting NHS services in Essex was discussed. There may be some confusion over which areas cover which responsibilities. It will be a long process to formulate a satisfactory process.

The Children and Young People Now first prize was awarded to a team of youngsters from Uttlesford. In addition the Duke of Edinburgh Award organisation acknowledged the contribution to the community of youngsters in Uttlesford.

250. Closure of meeting

There being no further matters to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.50.

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