

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF COTTERED PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN COTTERED VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2010 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Bryan Pitman (Chair) Terry McGrath
David Charles Brian Murchie
Lesley Greensmith Derek Newman

Officer present: Marty Kilby (Clerk and RFO)

Attending: Simon Adey; James Fenwick; Harry Hall (Hallwick Energy)
29 members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES** **Action**
No apologies for absence
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING**
The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 September 2010 were before the meeting and signed as a correct record.
4. **PLANNING**
 - 4.1. **Buttermilk Farm, Baldock Road, Buntingford – 3/10/1598/FP**
Farm based anaerobic digester.
An application for a farm based anaerobic digester had been received and the Parish Council had resolved to oppose this development.
Hallwick Energy Limited was invited to give a presentation to Council and public explaining the application in detail. After the presentation the Chairman opened the meeting to the public and invited questions.
A number of people supported the application, but the majority indicated concerns and ask questions about a number of issues including the amount of heat wasted, CO2 emissions, vehicle movements, visibility of the buildings and chimneys, and the operational efficiency of the plant itself.
The presentation concluded at 8.30. The Chairman thanked Hallwick Energy and the parishioners.
The Parish Council meeting then formally recommenced.
Resolved: The Parish Council did not amend their objections and the Chairman would ask to make representation on behalf of the Council objecting to the development at the East Herts Planning meeting on 15 December 2010.
 - 4.2. **Suncrest, Throcking – 3/10/1889/FP**
Replacement detached dwelling and double garage.
Resolved: No objections
 - 4.3. **Land adjacent Cottered Road, Throcking – 3/10/1671/FP**
Erection of stable block, outdoor riding arena and change of use to equine from agricultural.
Resolved: No objections
 - 4.4. **Garden House, Cottered – 3/10/1615/FP**
Erection of 2.75m high chain link fencing round tennis court
Resolved: No objections

4.5. **Southern Green Farm, Rushden – HCC**

Importation of clean inert material to provide earth bund for improved security and screen farm buildings.

Resolved: Oppose this application. The Chairman will represent the Council at the Herts County Council Planning meeting on Tuesday 23 November 2010

4.6. **Planning Schedule**

The updated planning schedule is an appendix to these minutes.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Buttermilk Farm. The Chairman would reply to the Hallwick Energy letter which had responded to the Parish Council objections.

New Clerk. The Chairman welcomed Marty Kilby, the new Clerk. Thanks were expressed to Joan Diales, the retiring Parish Clerk, for her work over the past eighteen months.

East Herts Core Strategy Statement. Cllr Brian Murchie will return this to the Chairman who would complete the forms and send to East Herts Council.

6. **MAINTENANCE**6.1. **Notice Board and Telephone Boxes**

Cllr Terry McGrath reported that the Throcking phone box and notice board had been repaired as well as the Brook End phone box.

6.2. **Playground Inspection Report**

Clerk to obtain estimates for the minor repairs which had been highlighted in the Annual Inspection Report. All the repairs needed had been designated very low risk by the Inspectors.

Clerk
Action

7. **FOOTBALL PITCH**

The Agreement with Stevenage Ladies Football Club to make use of the football pitch at Cottered Village Hall Recreation Ground during the winter months was approved and signed.

8. **FINANCE**8.1. **Financial Report**

The finance report was before the Council and accepted. The report is an appendix to these minutes.

8.2. **Payments**

The following cheques and payments were approved:

585	EHDC	£52.75	Playground inspection
586	CDA for Herts	£330.00	Subscription
587	Clerk	£183.00	Salary and expenses October
588	C Patton	£390.00	Repairs Throcking board/phone box
589	Wilsons	£387.79	Repairs CClub drive tarmac

9. **COTTERED GUIDE CENTRE**

The heating system at Cottered Guide Centre needs replacing at an estimated cost of £18,000 plus VAT. The Guide Centre asked if the Parish Council were able to make a grant towards the project.

Resolved: The Parish Council supports the project and the Cottered Guide Centre but is unable to provide a grant of funds at this time.

10. **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report was before the Council and the correspondence noted. The Clerk

advised that all Local Authorities were being pressed to register their Council land with the Land Registry. The Clerk recommended that serious consideration be given to complying with this guidance within the next twelve months.

Resolved: Clerk to ascertain costs and procedure for registering all Parish land and report back to Council for final ratification.

Clerk

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 11 January 2011 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm and was followed by an open session.

Signed _____

Date _____