Signed by Cllr Paul Burgess (Chair) 29th June 2016

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD 7.30PM IN THE PARISH HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 25TH MAY, 2016.

Please note that as the Clerk was unavailable, it was agreed that Cllr. Paul Burgess would act as Minutes Secretary and Cllr. Brian Noye would Chair the meeting.

Present:
Cllr. Paul Burgess, Cllr. Chris Day, Cllr. Dan Hull, Cllr. Neil Murray, and Cllr. Brian Noye.

In Attendance:
District and County Cllr. Bob Boyce MBE and 15 members of the public.

16/063 Election of Chairman
Cllr. P Burgess was re-elected as Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. N Murray, Seconded by Cllr. C Day; all in favour.

16/064 Chairman signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office

16/065 Election of Vice Chairman
Cllr. B Noye was re-elected as Vice Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. N Murray, Seconded by Cllr. C Day; all in favour.

16/066 Apologies for absence
There was a full attendance of council members.

16/067 Minutes of Meetings
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 27th April, 2016. Proposed by Cllr. N Murray, Seconded by Cllr. C Day; all in favour.

16/068 Declaration of Interests
To receive 'Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests or Non-Pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda – None.

16/069 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda
The Chairman reminded parishioners that this was the period when parishioners could raise issues relating to the Agenda, but not when the Item was being discussed in Council. - No comments

16/070 Finance
To advise members of receipts, automated payments and to approve cheques for payment and signing.

31/05/2016	EON – Pavilion Utilities	£ 25.24
01/05/2016	Althorne Parish Hall Trustees	£ 50.00
03/05/2016	MSJ Garwood – Grass cutting	£ 552.00
13/05/2016	Essex and Suffolk Water	£ 89.49

16/05/2016	J Jeffery Clerks wages	£ 428.11
20/05/2016	Plusnet – Telephone and broadband	£ 30.98
24/05/2016	A Spurling _ Pavilion Cleaner	£ 30.00

Approved: Proposed by Cllr. D Hull, Seconded by Cllr. C Day; all in favour

16/071 End of Year Accounts 2016

To approve accounts for submission to internal auditor. The Minutes Secretary gave a brief summary of the accounts submitted, noting that Income was £20,372 and Expenditure £17,688 resulting in an addition of £2,684 to reserves. During budgeting a small deficit had been planned.

16/072 The Pensions Regulator

Deadline for compliance is 1st July 2016, when paperwork had to be completed by Councillors. It was agreed that Cllr. Day would oversee.

16/073 To discuss insurance quotation renewal

A quote has been received from AON, (the existing insurers) for £1,579.97, the final price after negotiations by the Clerk. Last year's amount was £1,610.95. Broken down, Parish Hall premium £429.44, Parish Council premium £1,150.53. Proposed by Cllr. N Murray, seconded by Cllr. C Day; all in favour.

16/074 Planning

16/074.01 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council:
Week ending: 29th April 2016
HOUSE/MAL/16/00474 Two Storey side extension Edisswood, Burnham Road, Althorne, Essex. Response due by 20th May 2016, Clerk reported e-mailed Councillors' Response: Oppose.

16/074.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council:
Week ending: 29th April 2016
COUPA/MAL/16/00195 Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (C3), and for associated operational development. Cow Shed, Dairy Farm, Dairy Farm Road, Althorne: APPROVE

COUPA/MAL/16/0025 Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (C3), and for associated operational development. Maythorne Mushrooms, The Endway, Althorne, Essex REFUSE

Week ending: 6th May 2016
LBC/MAL/16/00201Removal of fireplaces in 3 living rooms to original openings and replace with wood burning stoves. Reinstate doorway between living rooms 1 and 2. Remove boarding between living room 1 and kitchen. Attach satellite dish to corner of property. The Cottages, Green Lane, Althorne, Essex. APPROVE

16/074.03 Planning Appeals advised by Maldon District Council
None

16/074.04 FOR INFORMATION ONLY
- None

16/074.05 Neighbourhood Plan: Althorne is a designated Neighbourhood Area. There was some discussion regarding the relevance of the statutory Rural Allocation (yet to be defined, as the MDC Local Development Plan has yet to be ratified by the Inspector) and how the concept of sustainable development will affect the Plan.

16/075 District Councillors' Report

MDC Local Development Plan: Cllr. Bob Boyce commented on the timetable for submission by MDC to the Inspector's queries, which he had described as a too cautious a deadline. The council was determined to comply with his requests in a timely fashion.
County Devolution: Picking up on some of the comment on the Neighbourhood Plan, Cllr Boyce noted that devolution now appeared to be on the back boiler, as one aspect, the election of mayors, appear to be at odds with local wishes. Developments in neighbouring counties were being monitored.

16/076 Transport Report

Transport Rep. Alan Brignall noted that possibility of extended waiting times at Wickford was primarily for Sunday Travel, when the service intervals were longer. Regarding buses he reported a publicity campaign was scheduled for July and that the 17 June Review was unlikely to affect the Dengie.

16/077 Health Report

Health Rep. Janet Cloke noted that there were meeting due shortly with regard to both Broomfield Hospital and the CCG. She also reported that the Chief Executive of Basildon NHS will now be responsible for Broomfield and Southend Hospitals, the Essex Success Regime and the Acute Section of the CCG.

16/078 Clerk's Report

Roadworks with effect from 20th May 2016 will take place on B1010 Fambridge Road, Althorne. It was believed that the patching of the road edges was a preparatory to this. Once completed the white lines will be reinstated.

A letter from Riverview Park residents expressed concern that the parking space available for buses would be lost following redevelopment. This meant that elderly or infirm bus users would have to cross over the Fambridge Road to board a bus. This section is particularly dangerous due to the high speed of motorists. The residents asked the Parish Council support their request to MDC for a pedestrian crossing to be installed. Cllr. Boyce suggested the most productive avenue was to apply to the Local Highways Panel. This had devolved authority from ECC Highways and a budget for local safety matters. The council agreed to support the residents.

16/079 Recreation Ground

New Latchingdon Football Club have advised that the club will be winding down at the end of the season and will therefore no longer hire the pitches. Other teams have expressed an interest in hiring the pitches via NLYFC. The Clerk has advised any interested parties to contact her.

The club had also noted that their finances had declined due to the reduction in membership numbers. It was greed that once they had ceased to use the ground,

any further fees to the end of their contract would be waived. It was essential to retrieve the key to the equipment container.

There was discussion regarding the bramble infestation around the trees adjacent to the Under 12's Play area. This significantly reduces the visual amenity and accumulates rubbish. It was agreed that the council should get a firm quote for their removal, preparatory to further work to reduce those overhanging branches which might impede the use of mowing machines to cut the grass and prevent re growth.

16/080 Reports from Meetings and Events attended

None

16/081 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interest

There was further discussion relating to the impact of the closure of the bus stop at Riverview Park.
Clarification was sought re the termination of the football club contract.
The issue of public consultation regarding items in the Neighbourhhod Plan, such as the Rural Allocation, was raised.
The obstruction of both the carriageway and pathway it the top of Summerhill by a regularly parked car was raised (a ECC Highways/police issue).
There was further discussion relating to the role of the Neighbourhood Plan in controlling development and the criticality of MDC demonstrating a viable five year supply of building land in maintaining the continuity of planning policies.
Janet Cloke gave a short update on her discussions with Anglian Water / Essex and Suffolk Water in relation to flooding issues at Garden Close.
Odour intrusion from the chicken farm had re-occurred.
Clarification was sought re the status of the new gateway accessing the Recreation Ground from a private dwelling (the Clerk is seeking guidance from EALC).
Some concerns were raised regarding the scuffing of the tarmac from construction vehicles serving the new build at the top of Summerhill.

16/082 Information Exchange/Next Agenda Items Only

No issues raised

16/083 Date of next meeting and closure

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, 29th June 2016 @ 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. A meeting of the Parish Hall Trustees will precede it.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:24pm.