
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TOPPESFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 5 JULY 2010 AT 20.00.
AT THE VILLAGE HALL, TOPPESFIELD**

1 MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The following Councillors were in attendance:

Steve Amerio
Andrew Bull Vice-Chairman
Frazer Croft
Fran Laskowski
Peter Moore Chairman
Shaun Sheldrake

Also in attendance:

Steve Marshall Clerk to the Parish Council
2 members of the public

Apologies were received from;

John Levick

1.2. There were no Councillors declarations of interest.

2 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC / PRESS TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

There were no questions raised by the public.

3 ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report from the ECC Councillor.

4 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

There was no report from the BDC Councillor.

5 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 07/06/10 were approved and signed by the Chairman, as being an accurate record of the meeting.

6 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1. BDC Garden Refuse Collection dates

Service withdrawn due to financial restrictions.

ACTION: PM to contact BDC to enquire why.

6.2. Speed Limit

30 mph speed limit funding – awaiting notification of work by ECC (subject to £15k funding issues)

6.3. Flooding in centre of village

ECC has visited the village to investigate flooding. Problem may be due to blocked drains to the rear of the Village Hall, due to grass cuttings. ECC to be informed immediately there is flooding, so action may be taken.

6.4. Outstanding Actions

It was noted that the following actions were still outstanding:

FC to erect new gate to playing field at a cost of £200-220.

JL to complete village broadband survey. (add to Village Plan)

PM to liaise with ECC regarding flooding.

SA to grass area outside PO / Shop and erect two wooden posts / bollards to prevent parking.

SA to erect "No Kite Flying" sign on playing field gate.
(sign has been purchased, awaiting gate to erect)

SA & SS to obtain further quotes to repair play equipment.

7 PLANNING

There was no report from the Planning Committee.

The Chairman outlined future development plans by one land owner to erect three executive style houses. PC to make observations upon receipt of planning application.

8 HIGHWAYS

8.1. Causeway

Following discussions between the Chairman and ECC the long overdue £100k project to form pathways and vehicle crossovers in The Causeway has now been put on a program for consideration.

9 PLAYING FIELDS / RECREATION GROUNDS

It was agreed to remove this item from future agendas and include in the Village Plan section.

9.1. RoSPA Report

SS advised councillors of the contents of the RoSPA Report on the play equipment.

ACTION: Clerk to contact BDC regarding cleaning of play equipment.

10 VILLAGE PLAN

The Chairman gave a progress report following the successful meetings held on 14/06/10 and 01/07/10. The next meeting will be held on 26/07/10.

11 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Clerk reported on correspondence received.

11.1. BDC Green Heart Campaign

ACTION: PM to contact BDC

12 ACCOUNTS

The Clerk's Report indicating receipts and payments requiring approval was received and approved. (Appendix A)

13 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

13.1. The following previously agreed schedule of dates for the year 2010/2011 was noted:

Mon	06/09/10	20.00
Mon	04/10/10	20.00
Mon	08/11/10	20.00
Mon	06/12/10	20.00
Mon	10/01/11	20.00
Mon	07/02/11	20.00
Mon	07/03/11	20.00
Mon	09/05/11	19.30 APM & AGM
Mon	06/06/11	20.00
Mon	04/07/11	20.00

13.2. Frequency of meetings

In order to reduce administration costs it was suggested that the PC should reduce the number of meetings from ten to four per year. Matter to be considered further at the next meeting.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1. Newsletter / Vic Turner

Thank you gift for Vic Turner to be purchased and presented at a Village Plan meeting.

ACTION: PM to suggest gift.

14.2. Salt Bins

**ACTION: SA to check if bins have to be approved by Highways.
One green bin to be ordered at a cost of £146 + Vat (£135.00 for 2-4)**

14.3. Allotments

FL to investigate the feasibility of providing water to the allotments. It was suggested that an old stand pipe may already exist on the site.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

Chairman _____ Date _____

ACTION SUMMARY

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PM to liaise with ECC regarding flooding.

PM to contact BDC to enquire why Garden Refuse Collection service has withdraw

PM to contact BDC regarding Green Heart Campaign

PM to suggest gift for VT

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APPENDIX A

ACCOUNTS 5 JULY 2010

	£	£
National Savings Deposit account:		
Balance as at 02-03-10	2,498.26	
Balance from 07/06/10		11,129.00
Cheques received:		
BDC Streetscene		970.87
Subtotal:		12,099.87
Payments to be approved:		
101229 AON		542.40
101230 Marshall Whittaker – clerks fees & expenses		590.87
101231 mh-p – website costs		311.68
101232 Playsafe Ltd		303.15
101233 RCCE		40.00
101234 Paul Chinnery – verge cutting		451.20
101235 Andrew Bull – newsletter		214.30
101236 Paul Clark Printing – newsletter		488.00
Balance	2,498.26	9,158.27