

**Hormead Parish Council Meeting held on 15 December 2016 at the
Mead's Pavilion**

The meeting opened at 8pm with the Chairman welcoming both Councillor's and Parishioners to the meeting and welcomed the new resident to the parish (Bell House).

PRESENT: Councillor Jayne Denham (Chairman), Councillor Robb Denham, Councillor John Kilby, Councillor Margaret Kilby and Councillor Matthew Reeves-Hairs.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Richard White (Work commitments) and Councillor Teresa Marks and Clerk Colin Marks (Other commitments).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS: No requests for dispensations and as Councillor Teresa Marks was not at the meeting no declarations of interest as stated on the agenda.

THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on the 17 November 2016 were agreed and signed.

POLICE REPORT: None.

CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

PLANNING: New application for Japonica Cottage and decision notices as per the agenda all decision awaited.

FINANCE REPORT: All councillors approved the cheque signing. As there was no bank statement to verify appendix A of the accounts this could not be voted on and all agreed the current position on the budget.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chairman read out the list of emails received on the future of the phone box, five emails for remain and three to decommission. Councillor Margaret Kilby said that she had listened to a programme on the news stating that local phone boxes were likely to be decommissioned in the coming year so it was agreed that we would await the outcome of this to see if the box in Hare Street is one of those to be decommissioned.

Copies of the emails and photographs received from a resident regarding the unsheeted lorries through Hare Street was shown to the meeting along with the email sent to Highways from the Hormead Clerk, Colin Marks and as yet

no response has been received from Herts Highway's Enforcement, so nothing to update on this matter.

All councillors had received from the Clerk a copy of the report regarding the fire at Hormead Cottage and the report of low water pressure. There was nothing further to add to this other than all were surprised to note that nothing untoward had been reported by the fire service.

The Chairman said that she had written to the family both personally and on behalf of the council. She apologised for speaking on behalf of the council but hoped that all would agree that we as a council would help in any way that we could. All present agreed with this request to help in any way that we could.

The chairman also said that she had today received an email from the family thanking her for the offer of support.

SPECIAL INTEREST MATTERS: Councillor Matthew Reeves-Hairs gave a report on the Village Hall, He said that the driveway had now been completed and a small grant had been received for the small committee room upstairs. They are hoping to have future events in the hall for the parish including a casino night. Councillor Reeves-Hairs also said that the village hall would like to work more closely with church for more events in the parish. The chairman said that she has been approached by a member of the village hall about forming a committee for a hoedown to be held at the Mead's this summer and if this goes ahead it is hoped to involve the church, Parish council and village hall committee.

Members of the parish are very keen to have a cinema club in the village hall and it is hoped that money raised at this event could go towards getting this up and running.

Footpath and byways: The footpath at Stoneybury farm no longer seems to be a footpath, it appears to be at the owner's discretion as to right of way.

FUTURE AGENDA'S: Nothing other than it is hoped that the date for the Neighbourhood Plan referendum will be announced in the New Year.

It was resolved to suspend the meeting for public comments.

One of the parishioners at the meeting ask that the main photograph of the Queen and Prince Phillip be put back in the Village Hall. Councillor Reeves-Hairs addressed this question and said that he had put up a picture of the Queen but obviously not the right one. He said that he would make sure that this was changed to the requested one.

Councillor Reeves-Hairs then asked if he could speak as a parishioner. As a resident of Willow Close he was concerned about the parking situation and the number of cars parked on the green in the middle of the Close. Several of these vehicles appear to have no tax and insurance on them it has been reported to the police but little has been done. He would like the council to

contact the housing association on behalf of the residents. Councillor Reeves-Hairs said that several of his neighbours had approached him to bring the matter to the attention of the council.

No one at the meeting appeared to sure of the name of the current housing provider it was Anglia Housing. In the New Year, the clerk to be asked to find out the name of the provider and write a letter on behalf of the council.

The meeting was called to order.

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 19 January 2017, at the Mead's Pavilion.

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year and thanked everyone for attending and the meeting ended at 9pm.

Signed/dated.....

In the Clerk's absence, the Minutes were taken and written up by the Chairman.