Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14th March 2018 in the Parish Council Office, Silver End Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Galley (Chair,) Cllr Ashford, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Waine, Cllr Hopkins, Cllr Bugg, Cllr Hayward, Cllr Murray, Cllr Facett, Mrs Temple (Clerk) and Cllr Abbott (arrived during 0318/FC1259 and left after 0318/FC1260.)

0318/FC1251 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Holmes, McDonald, Vickers, Bowers and Cllr Abbott apologised for his lateness. Absent without apologies: None.

0318/FC1252 Declarations of Interest by Members in respect of any items on the agenda. None offered.

0318/FC1253 Members of the public are given an opportunity to speak at this point, however none were present at this meeting.

0318/FC1254 Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising:
The Clerk reported that:
- She has provisionally booked dates for the refuse truck on 7th July 2018 and 19th January 2019, however cannot confirm them until increased costs are known – she has chased BDC.
- The annual Landlord’s Inspection took place on 26th February. There were no problems raised by BDC. The potential for storage was discussed and since the meeting the Clerk has been provided with a key to the basement, where there is a small area available for storage. No rise in costs for this year. The lease is due for renewal in early 2019 and BDC seem prepared to renew with the same contract for a further 7 years. The Clerk will diarise to make this an agenda item towards the end of the Summer.
- Since the last meeting Keepmoat Homes have applied to BDC to name the streets of the new development. They have asked for SEPC’s suggested names (Tait, Hennell, McManus, Miller, Quenell and Clare) to be used. A site meeting is to take place with BDC to agree the numbering then a public notice will be placed at the entrance to the site for 21 days. Cllr Waine reported that he has visited the site in his capacity as Tree Warden and met the site manager.
- She has passed on Tessa’s Lambert’s specification of the photographic evidence of the Conservation Area to Cllr Hughes. He has interpreted what is required and will complete as soon as he can. All agreed that any charges incurred by Cllr Hughes will be covered by SEPC – maximum of £15 anticipated.

0318/FC1255 Report from the Window on Silver End (WoSE) Working Party
The planned additional meeting to discuss WoSE was cancelled due to the poor weather. It has been reconvened on Tuesday 20th March.
The Chair reported that it appears that a local organisation in the village attempted to charge residents for copies of the magazines that they held for free distribution. All copies have now been removed and it is thought that no more than one copy would have been sold, if any.

0318/FC1256 Report from District/County Councillors
As Cllr Abbott had not arrived at this point, due to a meeting elsewhere, the Chair asked for Members’ agreement to delay this item until his arrival. All agreed.

0318/FC1257 Planning Applications
Planning Application: 18/00036/VAR
15/01392/FUL Car park adj. Deveron Lodge, Sheeepcotes Lane
Variation of condition 2 – change to parking arrangements
No comment

Planning Application: 18/00289/FUL 4a Temple Lane
Replacement windows
Objection does not conform to conservation guidelines

Planning Application: ESS/36/17/BTE Land at Rivenhall Airfield
Increase stack height from 85m to 108m
Objection – this application is contrary to the Planning Inspectorate’s decision. It causes a visual intrusion, the stack coating will reflect sunlight, the photographic evidence provided is very misleading, there have been so many alterations/amendments etc to the original application that is far removed from the Inspectors’ decision. For this reason, SEPC request further consideration from the Planning Inspectorate.
Planning Application: ESS/37/17/BTE  Land at Rivenhall Airfield
Continuation of Integrated Waste Management Facility permitted by ESS/34/15/BTE without compliance to conditions 2,14,17&56
Objection – The photographic evidence in this application is misleading. There have been so many amendments to the original application that comprehensive understanding has been severely reduced. This takes the application further away from Inspector’s decision. SEPC therefore request a new planning enquiry.

Applications received after Agenda Setting
No additional applications.

0318/FC1258 Correspondence
Member of the public – complaint re noise issues in their flat. As a Greenfields resident the Clerk liaised with them and explained to the resident that SEPC have no control or power over housing stock although do sympathise. The issues are not yet resolved but Greenfields are keeping SEPC informed. Noted.
PAIN – the planned walk is this Saturday 17th March at noon. Noted.
Library Service – Braintree Library 27th March 7-9pm, chance to attend to consider and suggest how the library service can move into the future.
Firstserv – following communications with the Clerk and Cllr Hopkins it was agreed that the hosting service is no longer required and therefore the invoice and contract for the coming year has been cancelled.

0318/FC1259 Reports
• Police
Weekly reports emailed to members by the Clerk
Speedwatch – Cllr Ashford suggested meeting for a session. He reported an incident where he was threatened by a village resident who stated that if he took part in speed awareness again he would hurt him and his family. Cllr Galley suggested an article in WoSE – all agreed. Cllr Ashford is keen to participate in the future but is understandably nervous. Cllr Galley further suggested that Derek Hopkins is invited to take part in the next few sessions that take place. Cllr Hughes thinks we should take a hard line and report such incidents to the Police. He is happy to carry out sessions on behalf of SEPC.
Cllr Fecitt agreed to move SID to the other end of the village.
• SEPC Project Plan
Cllr Abbott arrived at this point. Clerk to chase Kev Lay re electrical works for the defibrillator.
• General Reports from meetings since 14th February
Parish Transport Meeting – In his absence Cllr McDonald sent his notes from the meeting to all Members. Noted.
Silver End Academy – Cllr Galley reported on a positive meeting. Both he and Kirsty Brown want to meet once a term and she has an open invitation to Full Council meetings. Cllr Galley introduced the topic of youth participation in SEPC and the school is keen to meet with Cllr Vickers to get things moving. Clerk to arrange a date.
• ECC/BDC reports – update
The report book was available during the meeting.
The Clerk has reported the pot holes along Silver Street.
Cllr Ashford asked whether Greener Silver End planted the hedging opposite his house in Boars Tye Road – as it has become overgrown. Cllr Abbott will raise this with them.
The Clerk was asked to report that outside 99 Boars Tye Rd the drain has loosened and is protruding, causing a health and safety issue.
At this point the Chair asked all Members present if they were happy to return to the earlier postponed agenda item, to allow Cllr Abbott’s report. All agreed.

0318/FC1256 Report from District/County Councillors
Cllr Abbott reported on the following:
• Rivenhall Airfield Applications: – not being heard until April at earliest.
• Airfield Walk on Saturday 17th March at noon, meeting at the Polish Camp. Posters left with the Clerk to advertise.
• LHP – 29/3. Sift through schemes. He will do his best to ensure that local ones do not disappear.
• Pot holes made even worse due to snow. ECC have promised to repair those in Silver Street.
• He has reported the 2 damaged drains on Boars Tye Road.
• Pathways – exhausted the possibility of ECC taking over paths that are not theirs’. He considered paying out of the councillor grant. Clerk could apply to him to cover the repairs. Agenda item for next month.
• Planning – BDC have given permission for over 200 new homes at Cressing Mills Lane.
• Complaints about Sheepcotes Lane site – children playing on it and mud and stones left on the road – he will investigate.
• Almost the entire hedge has been removed on Cemex site and more of the orchard has been removed than anticipated.
• Tea House planning – BDC have asked for more information of work that has been completed.
• A120 forum – latest is an announcement in June.
• A12 – announcement in Spring.
Cllr Abbott was thanked for his report.
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Cllr Abbott left the meeting at this point.

Consideration to be given to a Memorial to Joan Lyon

Patrick Wigg from Bradwell Quarry has very kindly agreed to pay for the bench and provide supplies for groundwork. Clerk to send a formal letter of thanks to Patrick Wigg and get figures for installation for the next meeting. Agenda for April’s meeting. Clerk setting up a list of contractors with details of public liability insurance etc.

Youth Participation in Silver End Parish Council

Cllr Vickers not present. Clerk awaiting confirmation of date for meeting with Silver End Academy.

Preservation of grass verges throughout Silver End

Cllr Waine referred to the document he prepared regarding the preservation of the verges. He stated that re-installing the trees into verges that have been removed would be a great start but is concerned that ECC may not be prepared to do it. Cllr Galley suggested a meeting with Greenfields whose properties front onto the verges to see if we can get their backing and support. The more people on board the better. Clerk to write to Greenfields/ECC/BDC explaining the situation and attempt to arrange a meeting, particularly relating to the conservation area. Suggest daytime meeting – Cllrs Galley and Waine suggest taking part. Cllr Bugg suggested that we get bollards installed at the front of the village hall as cars are parking on the grass and will become a mess if left. Clerk to write to Paul Partridge.

Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Joan Lyons Memorial. Maintenance of un-adopted footpaths.

Next Full Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th April.

There being no further matters to discuss the Chair called the meeting to a close at 20.58pm.