

**LANE END PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES & PLANNING COMMITTEES.**

**Held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008 starting at 7:30 pm in the Sycamore Room of**

**Lane End Village Hall**

**ATTENDANCE:** Councillors Wright, Achurch, Lumbers, Mansell, Pullen, & Stewart.

**CLERK:** Mandy Dunning

**1. APOLOGIES & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies received from Cllr Coulter who is away at present. No apology was received from Cllr Fitzpatrick. Cllrs Davis & Detsiny were not due to be in attendance.

Cllr Wright declared an interest in the first two planning applications; the architect was known to her on the first application and the applicant for the second.

**2. PLANNING**

The Clerk reported a belated additional Planning Application result, which was not on the Agenda for Holy Trinity Church.

In summary: -

- i. 4 x New applications – see attached notes all no objections, but observations made to Woodpeckers and Shalom.
- ii. 4 x Results – see attached notes
- iii. Enforcements – none.

**3. OPEN SPACES (8:00)**

Cllr Lumbers reversed the running order of the two agenda items for ease.

- Oakshaw Proposal

Cllr Lumbers had previously circulated copies of his report and the Commons Warden report of 2005, on this subject to assist with the detail of the proposals Cllr Mansell provided a photographic slide show for the Clerk to project to allow Members to see firsthand some of the conditions the area currently was in. Cllr Lumbers advised that the continual dumping of garden waste would have a detrimental effect on the tree roots. Also clearly that as the area was now quite over grown there was no deterrent to stop this and other rubbish dumping occurring.

The Committee agreed that the previously organised annual tree inspection was clearly required, and that perhaps some bramble removal and grubbing out along Simmons Way would be beneficial, along with rubbish removal. This area is not common land but has been retained for the benefit of the Community.

**Note:** The meeting was recorded to assist with the capture of the Minutes

**Note:** The Clerk has checked the title deed and the area is registered freehold.

After a further round table discussion it was agreed that Cllr Lumbers would contact Andy McVeigh the botanist at County to ask if he would undertake an interim study on behalf of the Council to establish an appropriate way to deal with the area, perhaps on a quinquennial basis.

- Moorend Common – Treetop works

The photographs taken by Cllr Achurch on 11<sup>th</sup> October were circulated for the Committee to see the extent of the works.

A drainage ditch had been dug using a medium sized digger on Moorend Common at the bottom of Mr Longmans garden, and the ditch was then filled with shingle and covered over; also an area of approximately 25ft by 16ft of undergrowth had also been cleared from off of the Common. No permission had been sought to undertake these works and therefore constituted an encroachment on the land owned by the Council.

Cllr Wright stated that due to the severity of the encroachment to Council property it would be appropriate for the Councils Solicitors to write on Councils behalf along with the photographs advising this and requesting compensation for the encroachment. The Committee agreed to this approach.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20

Signed..... Date.....  
(Chair)

**Action:** Cllr Lumbers. Done  
**Note:** Cllr Lumbers has provided the history of the location in advance of a joint visit to the site with Mr McVeigh.

**Action:** Clerk Done.