



MINUTES

Meeting: COUNCIL

Date: 5th November 2018

Time: 7.55PM

Venue: North Weald Library, North Weald

PRESENT:

Councillors (11) A Buckley (Chairman), G Mulliner, T Blanks, A Tyler, M Stroud
N Bedford, Mrs A Grigg, Mrs S Jackman, B Eldridge, B Clegg, D Stallan

Officers in Attendance (2)

Susan Deluca - Clerk

Adriana Jones - Principal Finance Officer

Members of the Public (2)

Members of the Press (1)

C18.110 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (2)

Apologies from Cllrs Mrs Godwin-Brown and Spearman.

C18.111 OTHER ABSENCES (1)

Cllr Bartram.

C18.112 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Councillors **NOTED** there had been one application for the position of Councillor for the Hastingwood Ward - Mark Stroud. After some discussion concerning the rules of elections in terms of which Ward individuals were eligible to stand, it was **AGREED** that Mr Stroud should be co-opted to the position of Councillor for the Hastingwood Ward. Cllr Stroud accepted this position, and duly completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

C18.113 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st October 2018, and the Personnel Meeting held on 19th October were **AGREED**. Councillors **NOTED** the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Hall at Thornwood held on 4th October 2018, the minutes of the Environmental meeting held on 26th September 2018 and the notes from the Meeting between District & Parish Councillors held on 24th September 2018. Cllr Bedford advised that with regard to minute reference C18.104 concerning the request from EFDC to review the CCTV, any such request need to be made within 30 days from the date of the incident. The Chairman advised that request had been completed within this timescale, however the response from EFDC was that the actual timeframe of the request needed to be very specific in terms of timings as the identification of the vehicle which caused this damage was extremely difficult.

C18.114 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All present declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 19 by virtue of being a patient of the Limes Medical Centre. Cllr Stallan declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 8(f) by virtue of knowing two of the proposed trustees. Cllr Grigg, the Chairman and Cllr Mulliner declared non pecuniary interests in agenda item 12 by virtue of being a members of the RBL.

C18.115 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Chairman welcomed those members of the public who were present. One resident read out a letter she had sent to the Council, of which the Clerk had received a copy, requesting a dog waste bin be located on the Bluemans Recreational Ground which is managed by the Parish Council on lease from EFDC. This was accompanied with a signed petition as evidence there was local support for such a bin. The Clerk advised that if a request for a dog bin is made, normal procedure would be for this to be supported by evidence of local need, which in this case had been completed. Cllr Clegg suggested that rather than waiting for this item to go on the Budget and Precept meeting, was there a fund from which the cost of a dog bin in this location could be obtained. The Clerk confirmed there would be, and possibly monies from the S106 fund could be used, however prior to this she would need to obtain the agreement of EFDC to place a dog bin in this location. Cllr Mrs Jackman **PROPOSED** that the wheels were set in motion to obtain this permission, and that a dog bin be purchased for the Bluemans Recreational Ground. This was **SECONDED** by Cllr Tyler. All **AGREED**.

C18.116 CLERKS COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Members **NOTED** the following Clerks Report:

Date	Reported By or Action Initiated By	Regarding	Action Taken	Further Action Taken
OCT	PFO	NPSG	MASTERPLAN, QUESTIONNAIRE, OTHER NP DOCS	ONGOING
OCT	CLERK	FIRST REGISTR ATION OF LAND	Ongoing	LIAISING WITH SOLICITOR & ARCHIVE RESEARCH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THORNWOOD COMMON NATURE RESERVE
OCT	SENIOR ADMIN OFFICER /CLERK	PARISH HALL	Various Actions	Including Maintenance Issues/Various Matters / Storage container & Garages
OCT	ALL STAFF	PLAY AREAS	VARIOUS ACTIONS	VARIOUS MAINTENANCE MATTERS ARISING FROM Annual Inspections – FINAL COMPLETION OF GRANT APPS
OCT	PFO/CLERK	ALLOTME NTS	ALL SITES	Various Matters – INCLUDING TREES ADJACENT TO THORNWOOD SITE AND ORCHARD OPENING NORTH WEALD
OCT	CLERK & PFO	DEFIBRIL LATOR	Deployment in North Weald	ADMIN & INSTALLATION – ACTUAL NOW INSTALLED IN NORTH WEALD
OCT	CLERK/SENIOR ADMIN OFFICER	MEETING	EFDC procedures	Death of a Prominent Person - Ongoing
OCT	PFO	ACCOUNT S	ONGOING – FOR INTERNAL AUDIT	ONGOING
OCT	CLERK	CORPOR ATE GOVERN ANCE/ POLICIES/ PERSONN EL	ANALYSIS OF PROCEDURES	ONGOING
OCT	CLERK & SENIOR	REMEMB	MANAGING OF	ONGOING

	ADMIN OFFICER	RANCE SUNDAY	EVENTS	
OCT	CLERK & SENIOR ADMIN OFFICER	QUEENS HALL	MEETING WITH NEW TRUSTEES	CONTINUES TO BE ONGOING
OCT	ALL STAFF	EALC PROFILING EXERCISE	ANALYSIS OF WORK THAT PC IS CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING	ONGOING
ITEMS RECEIVED WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST				
Various EFDC Agendas, North Weald Village Life, Various Periodicals, ICCE 1/4LLY MAGAZINE, RCCE OYSTER MAGAZINE				

C18.117 REPORTS AND MEMBERS REPORTS

- a) Chairman's Report** – The Chairman advised that he had received the resignation of Cllr Mrs Crosby from her position as Councillor for Thornwood Ward, advising that this would need to be formally recorded as an agenda item at the December meeting. Mrs Crosby had confirmed that she would continue with the work she had already started as a resident of Thornwood Common. The Chairman advised that an envelope was being passed around into which Councillors were able to donate funds towards this year's Norway House Christmas Party for children. This event would be taking place on the 19th December, and Father Christmas has been arranged.
- b) Vice-Chairman's Report** – Cllr Eldridge reported that traffic along Hastingwood Road and Mill Street remained extremely dangerous, stating that a mirror was needed opposite Glovers Lane. Cllr Eldridge advised that the use of a speed gun in Hastingwood would be very welcome.
- c) District Councillors Report** – Cllr Mrs Grigg advised Councillors of SANGS (Special Area of Natural Green Space) which is something that the Epping Forest Conservators are very interested in and would in fact like their buffer zones to become this. Cllr Mrs Grigg advised that if residents of North Weald wanted green spaces in the development proposals for the area, they should state as such in the Masterplan exercise when it comes to the public. Cllr Blanks advised that at the recent Masterplan meeting held with representatives of EFDC, NWBPC, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, landowners and land promoters, it was pointed out that within the proposed development in North Weald there would be large areas of public green space, mainly due to restrictions around the sewage works and brook. In addition, during this meeting members of the Steering Group had advised that as part of the development there should be open public green space. Cllr Mrs Grigg advised that residents may wish to have this space near them, so they too should request it.

Cllr Bedford advised that the manhole along the A414 by Blake Hall seems to have now sunken in the road, and asked that this be reported to Highway as he is concerned the manholes may well be collapsing.

Cllr Bedford advised that local people and residents are able to apply for free trees via the Woodland Trust.

Cllr Bedford advised that had received a phone call regarding the St John's development in Epping and proposal regarding there being a leisure facility at this location. Cllr Bedford is aware there was talk that such a facility would be coming to North Weald Airfield, and that this issue has gone back to Places for People. Cllr Bedford advised he was concerned that if this development did go to the St John's Road site, he hoped they wouldn't put a pool at this location, as he felt this would be much better suited to Ongar, which serves a different area of the district and surrounding areas. Cllr Stellan declared a non pecuniary interest by virtue of being a member of Places for People. Cllr Mrs Grigg advised that it was more likely that the leisure centre would go in St John's Road if that development takes place, however reminded members that within the EFDC Local Plan it was mentioned that a leisure centre would be coming to North Weald, and if this doesn't take place this Parish Council should be following that up with strong requests for community facilities in its place. The Clerk advised that she had already raised this point on numerous occasions, with numerous parties including EFDC and at the recent Masterplan meeting. Cllr Bedford suggested perhaps the Clerk should contact EFDC asking if the St John's consultation can be opened up to Parish Councils.

Cllr Jackman advised that the bollards near to the roundabout by Rayley Lane were either not working or flashing, and asked that these were reported.

Cllr Tyler reported that buses were continuing to use Church Lane, despite this lane having a 7.5T weight restriction. The Clerk advised that she had investigated this issue previously, and the 7.5T weight limit only applies to HGVs, and the buses were classed as public light vehicles. It was also noted that there was not a weight restriction sign when entering Church Lane from Wellington Road.

d) County Councillors Reports – Councillors **NOTED** the ECC Highway Highlights as attached to the agenda.

e) Parish Councillors Reports - Cllr Blanks reported that he had been made aware that EFDC would be spending £250K updating the North Weald Gymnasium. Cllr Mrs Grigg declared a non pecuniary interest in this item as she will be presenting it.

Cllr Mulliner advised that the surplus daffodil bulbs had been given to Norway House. In addition, the dedication of two benches on the Queens Road Orchard had taken place the prior weekend with over 50 people in attendance. Pansies had been purchased for the garden outside the shops, with the Chairman negotiating a 50% reduction in price from the supplier.

Cllr Mrs Jackman advised that she recently attended an event in Ongar run by the Ongar Neighbourhood Plan group, and saw that Kevin Bentley wants to spend £1m on works to the two roundabouts either side of Ongar. On Wednesday this week, Cllr Mrs Jackman and the Clerk will be attending a Highway Briefing and Cllr Mrs Jackman advised she would be challenging Mr Bentley on these proposals. The PFO advised that these works were included in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan that accompanied the Local Plan, and that she would provide the relevant details to the Clerk and Cllr Mrs Jackman. Cllr Bedford asked if the Clerk or Cllr Mrs Jackman

could also raise the issue of works and diversion signs being left at the Four Wantz roundabout by Ringway Jacobs, as this is causing confusion for road users.

The Clerk advised that she would also be attending a meeting on Highway Devolution, whereby a number of councils in Essex would be asked to take part in a pilot scheme for 6-12 months to take on Highway works for their area.

f) Queens Hall Report - The Clerk provided Councillors with a summary of the recent action concerning the Queens Hall, advising that the new Chairman had advised the group were ready to take on the Administration of the hall again. As such, and being as the Parish Council staff had sorted the Queens Hall accounts into a legible and clear format, it was felt that it would be best to hand over the administration. This also took place as actions were starting to be duplicated by both parties.

Cllr Mrs Jackman stated that as a previous trustee on this committee, she had grave concerns about the fact that hall users were actually setting their own hall hire rates, being as this should be a hall run by a charity for the benefit of local residents. The Clerk advised that one recently appointed Parish Council trustee has already resigned over concerns about transparency. Cllr Tyler expressed his concern as to the Parish Council's continued involvement with the Charity. Cllr Blanks mentioned that the Charity had been offered a sum of £6000 from a developer, and that both the Clerk and Cllr Blanks had offered advice concerning this sum stating that the agreement whether or not to accept these funds would need to be a Committee decision, and following the correct procedure being totally transparent.

The Clerk summarised the rescue package that had been put in place to support the charity with essential health and safety works that were needed and to ensure the hall remained viable. In addition, the Clerk confirmed that she had submitted a grant funding request for funds to support the hall.

Councillors **AGREED** the appointment of Dawn Wood, Helen Gould & James Alan Prior as a Parish Council Appointed Trustees. The Parish Council could appoint one more Trustee. Cllr Stallan confirmed he had been approached, however was unable to commit at this time. It was **NOTED** this was an ongoing concern.

g) Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors **NOTED** that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had completed its second round of meetings with local land owners and site promoters who had expressed an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan. The purpose of these meeting is to give each of these parties an opportunity to advise the Steering Group of their plans for each of their respective sites. This information will then form part of the evidence base and be considered against the results of the questionnaire. The next round of meetings is not expected to take place until January 2019.

Members **NOTED** that the data analysis of the recent questionnaire consultation was expected back this week, and that three public events would be held in December to present the results to residents as follows:

- Thursday 13th December – 5.30pm to 8.30pm – Parish Hall at Thornwood
- Friday 14th December – 4.30pm to 8.30pm – Methodist Hall, North Weald

- Sunday 16th December – 12.30pm - 3pm – Hastingwood Village Hall

Members **NOTED** that the Steering Group had attended a second masterplan meeting with officers from EFDC, this Parish Council, and the site promoters for the sites in North Weald allocated for 1,050 homes. This included a site walk around of the development site itself, followed by a SWOT analysis session. The Steering Group state they are present and involved in this process to ensure as far as possible that what development comes this way is right for the village and its residents. These meetings are to ensure all parties are involved in the masterplan process so that any locally identified issues or concerns can be addressed as far as practical at the outset. The Steering Group made it very clear to those present that the issue of Church Lane must be addressed as part of the masterplan exercise as this road already presents an issue for local residents.

Cllr Blanks advised that he also attended the meeting and expressed his concern at the reluctance of those present to admit that discussions had already taken place with Highways concerning the access to this site. Cllr Blanks stated that this was crucial and was almost more important than some of the other issues that were discussed.

Cllr Stellan expressed his concern at the article in a recent edition of Village Life concerning comments made with regard to houses being offered to the Parish Council to allocate to local people. It was **NOTED** that this was an article written by the editor of Village Life and was concerning the comments made by a member of Quinn Estates at a public meeting. Cllr Mrs Grigg advised that some time ago Fyfield Parish Council considered this option, however decided against it. With regard to access to the site, Cllr Grigg stated that anywhere where there is a current access will always be a potential access point.

h) Local Plan update

The Clerk advised that notification had been received from the Independent Programme Officer that the inspector had been appointed, and that any further correspondence concerning the Local Plan would come via this Officer.

C18.118 FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) List of Cheques & Monthly Statement of Accounts

The Cheque list for October 2018 was **APPROVED**, and the bank balances **NOTED**. Cllr Blanks asked if Barclays had been dealt with, to which the PFO advised that a letter had been sent to Barclays asking them to reimburse any charges and close down the accounts.

b) General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) - Standing Item

It was **NOTED** that no work had been carried out on GDPR this month. However works to remove the storage garages at The Parish Hall at Thornwood had begun, and the work to install the new storage container will begin shortly. Add to this the report from the Personnel Committee regarding the proposal to recruit an additional member of staff, currently for an initial 6 month contract, these will then make the GDPR work easier.

c) INTERNAL AUDIT

Councillors **NOTED** the Internal Auditor would be in attendance at the Parish Council office on Wednesday 28th November, and that any Councillor was able to attend to speak with the Auditor and discuss Parish Council matters.

C18.119 DEFIBRILLATOR

Councillors **NOTED** that the Defibrillator had been installed on the wall of the Methodist Church in the High Road North Weald and was now operational. Cllr Mulliner has agreed to undertake the weekly and monthly visual checks and report these back to the office, in order that these can be reported on to the WEBMOS System. A small opening ceremony is currently being arranged. Cllr Bedford suggested another CCTV camera could be erected on the pole outside the shops, to which the Chairman advised that he would be liaising with EFDC regarding altering the positioning of one of the cameras to cover the zebra crossing, and would look at this also.

C18.120 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN THE PARISH

Councillors **NOTED** that the Christmas lights in North Weald will be turned on during December, and that this would normally coincide with the Thornwood Christmas Lighting at the Parish Hall which will take place in time for their Carol Service on the 9th December at 4pm December. Member's **AGREED** to contribute £40 towards a Christmas Tree and lights in Hastingwood Village Hall.

C18.121 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY EVENTS

Members **NOTED** that all the relevant details were being actioned for the events at the Debt of Honour and for the Lunch. At the time of compiling the agenda there were fifty attendees for the Community Luncheon, with over 35 Wreath Layers expected at the Debt of Honour. This year, the 100th Anniversary of the RAF we are very honoured to have a representative of the family of Wing Commander Tom Neil DFC and Bar, AFC, AE who sadly died on 10th July 2018. The Wing Commander first came to RAF North Weald in September 1940 as a 20 year old RAF Pilot Officer at the height of the Battle of Britain. Although going on to fly more than 140 missions and shooting down 14 enemy planes during World War Two, he is rightly best remembered as one of "The Few" - the pilots who fought for our freedom in the epic summer of 1940. A Wreath will be laid in his honour. Lieutenant Colonel Henning Hansen Homb Commanding Officer Air Force Base Bodø and 132 Air Wing Bodø Group will be attending also, and will be representing both the Norwegian Defence Attaché and the Royal Norwegian Air force.

The Parish Council Staff have carried out all the typing and printing of the service sheets and pamphlets for the Royal British Legion Service at the Parish War Memorial in the Churchyard. The cleaning of the Parish War Memorial in the Churchyard has also been arranged prior to the service. Cllr Mulliner's wife Mrs Margaret Mulliner has also been very involved this year and will be handing out the pamphlets and service sheets on the day.

C18.122 ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE

Members **AGREED** that the following should be put forward to EFDC as Assets of Community Value:

- North Weald Library

- Ad Astra House
- Hastingwood Village Hall
- Horn & Horseshoes Pub
- Miller and Carter Pub
- North Weald Airfield
- North Weald Village Hal
- Parish Hall at Thornwood
- Queens Hall Community Centre
- Thornwood Common Playing Field
- Weald Common

It was suggested that the Post Office in North Weald should also be considered.

C18.123 LEVEL 2 TREE ASSESSMENT

Following concerns raised by a Councillor together with discussion at the Environmental Committee regarding two trees on land adjacent to the Parish Allotments at Thornwood (unregistered land), the tree assessment due in 2019 was brought forward to 2018 and carried out in October under Health and Safety. The purpose of the Tree Assessment was to identify whether or not there was an issue with these two trees or any of the other trees on Parish Council owned land. Councillors **NOTED** the full tree report as attached to the agenda. After discussion, it was **AGREED** that the recommendations in the report should be actioned.

C18.124 GARAGES AT THE REAR OF THE PARISH HALL AT THORNWOOD

Councillors **NOTED** that the clerk had been verbally advised that as the storage container would be replacing the garage which is already in situ, a Planning Application will not be necessary. The Clerk received the following comment from the Planning Officer in a recent email. *“My opinion is the stationing of a container for ancillary storage purposes to the hall in the position of existing redundant garages would not amount to a material change in the use of the land and therefore is not development requiring planning permission”*. The Chairman advised that a company has been organised to lift and swing the new container over Parish Hall. It was decided that only one garage would need to be demolished, and this has been completed. The new container will need to be connected to the electricity supply at the Parish Hall. The lead time for the container is 10 weeks, with a further 1 week lead time for the crane to move it.

C18.125 ADVERTISING BOARD ON THE PLAYING FIELD / COMMON THORNWOOD

Members **NOTED** that work on the advertising board for the Parish Hall had been completed by previous Cllr Mrs Crosby, including the design and sizing of the board. The Clerk reminded Councillors that they had agreed to go ahead with the board. The cost to apply for planning permission for the board was £460, with a further £421 for the creation and installation of the board itself. Cllr Mrs Jackman asked how often the board was expected to be used, and who would monitor it. Cllr Mulliner stated that he felt the Parish Hall at Thornwood Committee should be consulted again to see if they actually felt this would be of use to the hall rather than spending just under £1,000 on something that may not even be used. Cllr Mrs Jackman agreed. The Chairman asked if agreement had been reached as to where the sign would be positioned,

however it was **NOTED** this had not been agreed, albeit it would be near the High Road. Cllr Mrs Jackman stated that the sign erected by previous Cllr Mrs Crosby for the Artisan sale was quite a good sign and looked like it would have got the message across. Cllr Clegg stated that his only concern with the design was that it was two dimensional which would be rather difficult to see from the road, and suggested it should be a three dimensional sign, however the cost of this may be hard to justify. After discussion, it was **AGREED** this should be put to the Parish Hall at Thornwood Committee to consider if the sign would actually be used and how it would be managed.

C18.126 ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Councillors **NOTED** the next Annual Parish Council Assembly is scheduled to be held during March 2019 (2019 being an election year for Councillors). Whilst this is not a council meeting, all Parish Councillors are expected to attend. The Council considered if it wished to change from its usual format, which is the delivery of the Annual Report by the Chairman followed by presentation of the Civic Awards. A new format could include the invitation of local groups and organisations and voluntary groups who could mount displays at the event to attract more attendees, and to give it more of a Parish Community feel. A guest speaker could also be invited and suggestions are welcomed in this regard. The meeting is usually concluded with refreshments and an opportunity for members of the public to speak informally with their councillors. Cllr Bedford confirmed he liked the idea, and suggested the event could have a youth focus, with representation about what youth facilities are in the area. Cllr Mulliner suggested an advert should go in Village Life. Cllr Bedford suggested the Children and Family Courts Advisory Service (CAFCAS) could be invited to attend to speak about issues such as the welfare of children in communities. Cllr Mulliner said there shouldn't be too many speakers as people will simply get fed up listening. Cllr Bedford suggested the Superintendent of the Forest should be asked to attend. After discussion, Councillors **AGREED** this would be a good format for the event next year. Councillors were asked to contact the Clerk if they had any suggestions of people or organisations who may wish to take part. Cllr Stallan reminded members about the purdah period in an election year.

C18.127 PASSENGER TRANSPORT MEETING

Councillors **NOTED** the Passenger Transport Meeting held on the 18th October at Epping Town Council Offices, and that this meeting was attended by previous Cllr Crosby as a Parish Council representative who raised the issue of fare charging in Thornwood with Trusty Bus. Previous Cllr Mrs Crosby's feedback was that the meeting was very positive and she was able to raise the fare charging issues with Trusty Bus who were present at the meeting. Previous Cllr Mrs Crosby has put a Thornwood resident and the bus company in touch to hopefully fully resolve this issue. It is understood that the next Passenger Transport meeting will be held sometime during March/April 2019.

C18.128 LIMES MEDICAL CENTRE

The Clerk had been asked to contact the Limes Medical Centre regarding the length of time it was going to take to continue the work to the Surgery in North Weald, and who would be running the surgery at the completion of the works. A copy of the response received by the Clerk was attached to the agenda. Cllr Mrs Jackman stated

that this was a ridiculous response, and that the Limes should have some idea of when the doctors surgery would be open. It was **AGREED** to respond advising that the Parish Council was extremely unhappy with the response.

C18.129 THORNWOOD SPEED WATCH AND SPEED GUN

Councillors **NOTED** that previous Cllr Mrs Crosby had been liaising with local Speed Watch volunteers and the Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) regarding the acquisition of a Speed Gun. Previous Cllr Mrs Crosby had advised that SERP are recalling a couple of speed guns so hopefully it will be known early November if Thornwood Speed Watch will get one. If so Thornwood could possibly share with North Weald. Previous Cllr Mrs Crosby had stated that bearing in mind how long it may take to get a gun, the Parish Council should be asked to consider buying a speed gun for use by all three wards (at a cost of £805). Cllr Bedford advised that in his opinion this cost was a waste of money, and that the police should be left to deal with this issue. Cllr Clegg stated he disagreed, and asked the PFO (who was also the Clerk to Stanford Rivers Parish Council) how successful the scheme was. The PFO advised that Stanford Rivers Parish Council did in fact run an extremely successful scheme which was very effective in slowing down drivers along a notorious stretch of road. In addition, Stanford Rivers Parish Council also loan out their speed gun at a cost of £50. Cllr Bedford advised that a fully owned speed gun would need to be calibrated and regularly tested, all of which are an additional cost.

A member of the public in the public gallery advised that she had attended the recent Community Speed watch training, which showed evidence of the success of the scheme. She stated that the equipment itself wasn't actually a gun, but a piece of equipment that measures the speed of traffic, and that it takes a lot of effort by local people to get this scheme up and running, and for there not to be a speed gun at the end of it was rather frustrating. Cllr Clegg stated that for each session there needed to be three people present, and that the sessions need to be held regularly and in accordance with where the designated agreed speed watch location is. Cllr Clegg stated that he saw this as an investment for the future. Cllr Mulliner stated that he had read somewhere that speed guns had been recalled, to which Cllr Clegg stated that if you own the gun this would not happen.

Cllr Eldridge advised that he felt a community speed watch event in Hastingwood would be very welcome. It was noted there were 8 volunteers in Thornwood and 4 in North Weald. When asked if the Thornwood volunteers would be willing to do an event in Hastingwood, Cllr Clegg said they may possibly be interested in doing this, but he would need to ask. Cllr Bedford advised that he fully supported the hiring of a speed gun for a couple of days, but not the actual purchase of a speed gun.

Cllr Clegg advised that if you are caught once, you receive a notification letter, but if caught a second time you actually receive a visit from the police.

After further discussion, it was **AGREED** to place this item onto the budget and precept meeting.

C18.130 EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Members **NOTED** that EFDC was looking for nominations for their Citizens of the Year Awards. The closing date for nominations is 30th November. Members were advised to contact the Clerk for further details, and details are also available on the EFDC website.

C18.131 THORNWOOD VILLAGE DAY

Members **NOTED** that previous Cllr Mrs Crosby had advised the Clerk that she wished to start fundraising for a Thornwood Village Day, and that as she would like to do this as a Parish Councillor and would be approaching businesses, had asked that this matter be placed on the Agenda to ensure she had the endorsement of the Parish Council to take this action. Cllr Clegg **PROPOSED** this item was deferred at this time. This was **AGREED**.

C18.132 BUDGET & PRECEPT MEETING

Members **NOTED** that the Budget and Precept Meeting will be held on Monday 17th December in the North Weald Library, following the Planning Meeting. This year the Parish Council will also be holding a Pre Budget & Precept Meeting on Thursday 13th December at 10am (the meeting is expected to last for no more than two hours). This will be held in the Lounge at North Weald Village Hall. This will enable all Members to have a full understanding of all the paperwork that has been produced, and will ensure that the Meeting on the 17th will be able to proceed and progress in a timely manner, with Members having a full understanding of the issues to be discussed. Members were asked to let the Clerk have full details of any items that they wish to be placed on the list of items to be considered for this meeting at least ten days prior to the Pre Budget & Precept Meeting taking place on 13th December. This would need to include full details of the item, cost, where any such item is to be located and whether they believe any permission would be needed if the item is not on Parish Council owned Land, or Land which the Parish Council has control over

C18.133 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Due to the agenda containing Exempt (pink) pages, the Chairman proposed a motion that the public and the press be excluded from the meeting, the Council believing that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be discussed. This was **AGREED**.

C18.134 EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL - LOCAL PLAN INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

Councillors **AGREED** that a meeting should be arranged with the sourced Specialist Planning Solicitor with regard to representation at the Local Plan Examination.

Meeting closed

Signed

Date