

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT HALLINGBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 4th JULY 2016, BEGINNING AT 8pm
IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

PRESENT: Cllr Alan Townsend (Chairman)
Cllrs Alan Pinnock, Vicky Wing, Andrew Noble, Tom Streeter, and David Barlow.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs Freda Townsend (Clerk).

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from County Cllr Susan Barker, District Cllr Lesley Wells, and Cllrs Kaylash Juggurnauth and Mark Bloomfield.

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Andrew Noble re Housing.

24. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF PUBLIC

No public present.

25. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2016 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

26. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

27. CHAIRMANS COMMUNICATIONS

SSE had telephoned the Clerk to ask if she and the Chairman would be willing to do an interview with ITV Anglia, regarding compensation from the airport. On 10th June they interviewed Freda and myself, and we were also invited to attend the press conference that followed. Information from this has been circulated to councillors and will be sent to Highlights so that residents are informed.

Highways Panel meeting attended. We should submit requests for any new projects for 2017 very soon. It was suggested that perhaps we should have a sign to warn of flooding by the bridge since Highways are not in a hurry to fix the problem.

Uttlesford Association of Local Council's held their AGM on 30th June. Sadly this was not well attended.

28. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

No reports.

29. AIRPORT

SSE Press release – I had forwarded this information to all Cllrs on 8th June, prior to the Press Conference being held on 10th June. At the press conference the outline of the compensation story was given by Brian Ross who also explained that at a hearing in the Royal Courts of Justice in March, Stansted Airport had accepted that they could not use the 'golden rivet' as an excuse for not paying compensation, but then said that claims were now time-barred under the Limitation Act. It was clear the judge could not believe this new excuse. Following a meeting with Stansted Airports

managing director, SSE gave the airport an ultimatum of 31st May to make a public statement with a commitment to introduce a compensation scheme, failing which SSE would itself make a public statement and do all in its power to safeguard the interests of local residents, including legal action. A few hours before the expiry of this ultimatum MAG offered SSE a further meeting to discuss the matter, but this was declined as SSE took the view that the issues should no longer be discussed behind closed doors, hence the press conference and television coverage.

SSE have now sent a copy of the information from the press conference and a sample compensation claim form. Details to come on the process to be followed.

The Clerk had written to Duncan Smith at Stansted Airport who confirmed that the change of all outward daytime flights from the Dover to Clacton routes has now been implemented. This had been questioned at our May meeting, and although we were fairly sure of seeing the flight path change, we had not received notification. The change was made in late February 2016.

30. HIGHWAYS

Communications still in progress regarding the blocked gully by the bridge near Captains, and maintenance work on Footpath 15 – Restricted Byway – Leapers Lane.

I had been contacted by Penny Hutley of Old Cottage, Start Hill, on 13th June about the road flooding outside her property. As I was actually on leave, and this matter had been raised before in 2014, I passed this to Susan Barker who soon managed to get some investigation on this and an email of 24th June from Rebecka Champion to Susan (which she forwarded on to Jim Hutley and myself) contained an apology for the works not happening in 2014. It also explains that raising the kerb here is part of the remedial work which they hope should be completed by September.

Church Road and the road to Woodside Green, including New Barn Lane, is to be resurfaced next week.

Resolved – that the Clerk continues to pursue Highways on the matters of the gully by the bridge and the work needed on the restricted byway at Leapers Lane; also that she finds out when the road will be resurfaced from Bedlars Green to Start Hill.

31. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Currently waiting for a decision on the outline planning application.

32. POLICE

A letter had been sent to Chief Inspector Craig Carrington at Braintree Police Station on 20th May regarding the speeding through the village. Sadly this has not even been acknowledged. An email had then been sent to the address given on the website for Uttlesford and Braintree Policing Team, but bounced back.

Resolved – that the Clerk will telephone to see if the letter has been received and / or obtain a working email address.

33. POST BOX BEDLARS GREEN

I had spoken to Lynn Strange at Royal Mail on 25th May to check the progress of our proposed new post box at Bedlars Green. She said that the results from the utilities had been sent to the required department and marked for the interest of the Chairmans Office because Sir Alan Haselhurst had been the communicant here. It should now be about 6 weeks to the time we see our new post box.

34. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Little Hallingbury School held a Consultation to Federate Little Hallingbury School with St Mary's School Hatfield Broad Oak. As Little Hallingbury Parish Council were in agreement with the proposal we supported their comments which were that the new Governing Body should include a representative from both Little Hallingbury and Hatfield Broad Oak Parish Council's. A letter from the school reported that the response to the consultation was overwhelmingly positive with 95% of respondents in support of the proposal. On 31st August 2016 the two current governing bodies will cease to exist and from 1st September the new federation Board of Governors will take over.

b) Affinity Water have notified parishes in this area of their Water Saving Programme through the Herts & Essex area. The Saving Programme includes Saving Water with free advice and water saving devices, Metering which is to be compulsory and Reducing leakage, which is their commitment to reduce leakage by 14% by 2020. The email goes on to say they would welcome our support to help them reduce water demand in this area and would like to meet with us to discuss their plans.

c) RCCE AGM will be held on Wednesday 6th July at Chelmsford City Racecourse, commencing at 7pm.

d) UDC Community Achievement Awards are being held again this year.

e) Essex County Council and Southend Borough Council submitted their Replacement Waste Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The plan, once adopted, will form part of the Development Plan in Essex and Southend and will replace the Essex Waste Local Plan which was adopted in 2001. The examination will include Examination in Public and further details will be published on the ECC website - www.essex.gov.uk/WLP

f) UDC Salt Bag Scheme – we are invited again to join this scheme, either with or without the provision of more salt.

g) UDC have issued an invitation to the Town and Parish Forum to be held on Monday 10th October. An Agenda will be sent out nearer the time, but they are asking us to let them know if we have anything we would like to put on the agenda.

h) Superfast Essex is holding a Parish Engagement Event on 13th July at the Essex Record Office in Chelmsford. The agenda includes, Fibre Rollout Phases 1 & 2, Basic Broadband and Community Wi-Fi.

Resolved – That we ask a representative of Affinity Water to attend a future meeting; that we consider possible candidates for the Community Achievement Award; that we do join the Salt Bag Scheme with the provision of salt, which Cllr Tom Streeter has kindly offered to store at Harps Farm; that we suggest for the agenda for the Forum meeting on 10th October the matter of Community Assets and how money can be raised to save them, e.g. the pub, and perhaps before this to ask someone to come and talk to us on this matter at our next meeting; and that the Chairman hopes to attend the Superfast Essex event.

35. FINANCE

The following payments were made during the period 14th April to 13th June 2016:

	£
Gt Hallingbury Highlights – first payment for costs	500.00
F. Townsend - net salary April - month 1	381.80
- expenses April	63.23
HMRC – tax April	31.60
NALC – LCR subscription	17.00

Aon UK – Insurance renewal	348.69
EALC – Subscription 2016/17	214.61
CPRE – membership 2016/17	50.00
F. Townsend – new computer from PC World	421.15
F. Townsend – stationery	33.41
Saffron Walden TC – ‘What’s On’ Subs	38.40

Income

15/04/2016 UDC precept first half	£5,803.00
16/05/2016 UDC precept grant	£394.00
06/06/2016 Business Premium Acc. Interest	1.61
06/06/2016 Gratuity Acc. Interest	.22

Balances

Business Premium Account	9,001.28
Community Account	5,011.13
Gratuity Account	1,750.85

36. PLANNING

Application decisions (the Council’s comments are shown in brackets)

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Site and Development</u>	<u>Decision</u>
UTT/16/1104/HHF	Proposed new garage block. Old Tithe Hall, Start Hill.	Consent (no objection)

UTT/16/0872/FUL Conversion of existing double garage to form new dwelling.
3 Moat Farm Cottages, Howe Green. Consent

(No objections as already a two storey building with road access, but must remain as a separate dwelling and preferably be connected to the mains drainage.)

UTT/16/0735/FUL & The erection of 4 buildings to provide offices with café, gym
UTT/16/0736/LB and function room together with the provision of new hard
surface car parking. Construction of building attached to
existing garden wall including the removal of 4 panels of the wall.
Thremhall Park, Start Hill.

The original buildings were renovated to a very high standard and are well kept. Proposals have been designed sensitively to compliment the existing buildings and those on the adjoining site. We are pleased to support this application.

Applications dealt with by the Planning Working Group:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Site and Development</u>
UTT/16/0964/OP	Outline application with all matters reserved for 35 dwellings. Land adj. Great Hallingbury Manor, Tilekiln Green.

The Parish Council is satisfied with this outline proposal for 35 units of which 8 will be affordable, gifted by the landowner to UDC. The site layout looks most agreeable and it is hoped will meet the established need for housing within the village. We are therefore pleased to support this application.

UTT/16/1232/HHF Erection of one and half storey side and rear extensions.
The New Cottage, Howe Green.
No objections raised.

UTT/16/1339/HHF Proposed demolition of existing summer house/tool shed and
erection of new summer house.
Little Beldams, Beldhams Lane.
No objections raised.

Applications to be dealt with at this meeting:

Application No. Site and Development
There were no applications to deal with at this meeting.

The application for Woodside Green Farm (UTT/15/3785/FUL & UTT/15/3786/LB) had gone to full committee and the Chairman had attended the site visit, at which there did not seem to be any objections raised to the proposals.

37. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr Alan Pinnock is refurbishing the phone box, but needs to purchase more paint to complete the job.

Cllr Tom Streeter reported that the dustcarts had not been collecting from Harps Farm or Beggars Hall, and that litter is often seen coming from the back of the dustcart when it is Green bin collection, this adding to our litter problem in the village.

Cllr Vicky Wing informed members that she is organizing a litter pick for Sunday 16th October at 10am. She will liaise with Andrew so that he can be there to update on the housing project. If we have any ideas for ‘do not litter’ signs please let Vicky know; Vicky had not yet managed to look further into getting Elm trees for planting; and she had put an article in Highlights on Neighbourhood Watch but had not had any volunteers come forward.

Resolved – that the Clerk reports to UDC the problems with the refuse collections.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed.....
(Chairman)
Date.....