

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT HALLINGBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2017, BEGINNING AT 8pm  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Alan Townsend (Chairman)  
Cllrs Vicky Wing, Alan Pinnock, Mark Bloomfield, Andrew Noble,  
David Barlow and Kaylash Juggurnauth.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs Freda Townsend (Clerk) and Mrs Urška Sydee.

**23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from County Cllr Susan Barker, District Cllrs Lesley Wells and Keith Artus, and Cllr Tom Streeter.

**24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**25. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF PUBLIC**

No public present.

**26. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

**27. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**28. CHAIRMANS COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Memorial at Anvil Cross – this is now hidden by the crash barriers installed by Highways earlier this year. The Chairman proposed that we look into raising the memorial to be seen above the crash barrier. Cllrs were in agreement with this proposal as the memorial is part of the history of the village and should not be hidden. The Chairman and Cllr Alan Pinnock to meet and discuss how this can be done.

2. The Chairman had recently attended an EALC Executive meeting, UALC AGM, NWEHPA AGM and the SSE Parish Liaison Meeting.

3. The Chairman has now resigned as UALC Rep on the Highways Panel, partly due to his frustration at not having a voice, a matter that John Gili-Ross, Chariman of EALC is questioning Highways on. Another UALC member is taking on this role.

4. John Gili-Ross also looked into Superfast Broadband and the delay in provision of this service in outlying areas such as our own, but sadly it does seem we have been put back to 2019 now.

Resolved – that Item 4. – Vicky will put an advert into Highlights asking people to write to Superfast Essex and complain; and the Clerk to write to our new M.P. to complain of the poor broadband reception in the village and the problems it causes.

## **29. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

County Cllr Susan Barker has arranged the strategic meeting, as proposed in May, for parishes to discuss Highways matters. This is to be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 15.00 – 17.30 at Leaden Roding Village Hall with each parish invited to send a maximum of 3 representatives.

Cllrs Alan Townsend, Andrew Noble and Freda elected to attend.

## **30. AIRPORT**

Stansted Airport have preceded their application for an increase in passenger numbers, from 35mppa to 44.5mppa, with a Scoping Opinion. While we do not have to comment on this it relates to the environmental impact and will identify relevant topics to be considered in Environmental Statement as part of the application. SSE arranged a Parish & Town Council Liaison Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June to discuss this before comments needed to be submitted on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. (The clerk had arranged with UDC Planning that our comments could be submitted on 4<sup>th</sup> July.) The Clerk distributed to Councillors a draft response which, with the addition of the quote from Nigel Brown at UDC that noise here is over World Health Organizations recommendations, was agreed for submission.

Comments had been submitted to NATS on the Post Implementation Review of the departure Clacton/Delting(Dover) routes, and a copy had been distributed to members.

With the coming confrontation between SSE and Stansted Airport on the proposed increase in passenger numbers, SSE are now requesting some financial help. We recall that they had asked us to not send large donations over the last few years while things were a little quieter, and so our annual donation had been reduced from £250 to £100. On discussion it was agreed that we would send £150 at present and then £100 later in the year.

District Cllr Keith Artus had sent copies of communication with a parish to the east of the airport, complaining of more overflying. Keith seems to think all will be well once all planes fly to the 'way points' or Precision Based Navigation (PBN), although at present we are experiencing more overflying, possibly due to the PBN.

Resolved – that the Clerk submits the response, with addition as above, to UDC on the Scoping Opinion; that she sends a cheque for £150 to SSE; and that she forwards the correspondence from Keith Artus to all Cllrs with a view to putting in our own complaints.

## **31. HIGHWAYS**

Nothing outstanding at present other than the usual speeding through the village. It was suggested that we ask Highways for a speed sign with the 'smiley face', which may be more effective.

## **32. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Nothing further on this at present.

## **33. CLERKS POSITION**

Our new Clerk, Urška, will officially start in September. Freda proposed that she would work until the end of September to complete the 'handover' and Cllrs were in agreement with this. Even though Freda and Urška will be working together in July, Urška then has annual leave for the month of August, hence the need to handover in September.

### **34. BEDLARS GREEN**

Cllr Alan Pinnock reported that the new notice board for Bedlars Green is in the making but not yet finished. Discussion took place on cutting the green as it is very untidy at present. It was agreed that it should be cut, and that if there are any wild flowers – which there does not appear to be – they will have dropped their seeds by the end of July. Further work to be done is to refurbish the old water pump, and to put more posts by the pond area to keep cars from parking and so preserve the grass.

### **35. SPEEDWATCH**

I have been in contact with Mary Whiley at Community Speedwatch with regard to training. It is possible that they will come out to us as a group, but this may be an afternoon. If our volunteers can liaise with those at Little Hallingbury perhaps we can arrange date in the near future. Cllrs agreed that we could share our speed gun with Little Hallingbury and acknowledged that occasionally the Great & Little Hallingbury teams may need to work together.

Former Cllr Alex Russell has, this evening, returned the Speed Gun and signs that need to be used with it.

Resolved – that the Clerk asks for some dates from Community Speedwatch and then contacts all volunteers to arrange a training day.

### **36. ELM TREES**

The order has now been processed and payment made. The trees will be delivered to Harps Farm in November. Vicky proposed that two of the trees are planted on properties with ‘Elm’ in their name and the other four in the hall field.

Cllrs were happy with this but final arrangements will be made nearer to the arrival time of the trees.

### **37. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Uttlesford District Council** – the next Parish Forum meeting will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 7pm, at Saffron Walden. The Agenda includes the presentation of the Draft Local Plan.

- Dawn French, Chief Executive UDC, has acted on her suggestion at the last Parish Forum held on 15th March, that a separate Local Council’s Liaison Forum is established to discuss other matters of common interest while the Local Plan is progressing. The date for the first Local Council’s Liaison Forum will be Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm at the Council Chamber, Saffron Walden. Details distributed.

Resolved – that Cllr Vicky Wing would attend the Parish Forum on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

### **38. FINANCE**

The following payments were made during the period 14<sup>th</sup> April to 13<sup>th</sup> June

2017:	£
Saffron Walden TC – What’s On Subscription	38.40
EALC – Subscription	224.68
SLCC – Membership (half cost with LHPC)	74.50
F. Townsend - net salary April - month 1	337.65
- expenses April	59.28
HMRC – tax April	84.20
St Clares Hospice – donation re Ron Coultrup	30.00
CPRE – subscription	50.00
Aon UK – Insurance renewal	356.65

F. Townsend – stationery	44.48
F. Townsend - net salary May - month 2	337.45
- expenses May	49.63

**Income**

15/05/2017 UDC – Precept grant 195.00

**Balances**

Business Premium Account	12,933.71
Community Account	8,546.89
Gratuity Account	2,099.92

Accounts agreed.

**39. PLANNING**

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

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Site and Development</u>	<u>Decision</u>
UTT/17/0071/FUL	Change of use of vacant agricultural barn to seven Light Industrial or Warehouse Units. Church Road Business Centre.	Consent (no obj.)

UTT/17/0394/HHF & Proposed erection of 2 bay cart lodge. Withdrawn  
 UTT/17/0395/LB Proposed replacement of concrete drive to gravel, extension to driveway and replacement of existing garage doors. White Lodge, Latchmore Bank.

(Proposed cart lodge not overbearing on site and mostly behind building line. However, the gravel drive is proposed to extend to the highway boundary and we foresee that this could cause problems as any gravel transferring to the road would be a safety hazard. Would like to see this revised so that the gravel does not go fully to the edge of the highway.)

UTT/17/0775/HHF	Erection of pool pavilion. The Old Forge, Woodside Green.	Consent (no obj.)
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**Applications received for comment and dealt with by the Planning Working Group:**

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Site and Development</u>
UTT/17/1364/AV	Erection of 2 no. Halo illuminated letters and logo fascia signs, 2 no. internally illuminated freestanding totem signs and 1 no. non-illuminated vitreous enameled branch nameplate sign. Thremhall Park.

No objections raised.

UTT/17/1496/HHF & Erection of two bay cart lodge.  
 UTT/17/1440/LB Proposed replacement of concrete drive to gravel, extension to driveway and replacement of existing garage doors. White Lodge, Latchmore Bank.

My Council were pleased to see that our comments on the previous application (UTT/17/0394/HHF & UTT/17/0395/LB – withdrawn) had been taken into account with this new application. No objections raised.

**Applications dealt with at this meeting:**

Application No.            Site and Development  
UTT/17/1640/SO            Request for EIA scoping opinion under Regulation 15 of The  
Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact  
Assessment) Regulations 2017 for proposed increase in  
annual number of passengers to 44.5mppa and corresponding increase of  
11,000 annual aircraft movements with associated construction within the  
airport boundary including two new links to the runway together with six  
additional aircraft stands.

Stansted Airport.

A response to be submitted with regard to noise and air pollution, and local road  
infrastructure.

UTT/17/1536/FUL            Installation of a 30m lightweight lattice mast with 3 antennas  
and 2 microwave dishes, 3 equipment cabinets and a meter cabinet and  
development ancillary thereto, all within a weldmesh fence compound.

Thremhall Business Park.

No objections raised.

UTT/17/1505/HHF            Erection of a side porch with roof overhang and new roof to  
existing elevation. Weatherboarding to front and side elevations  
and flue to front elevation roof for wood burner.

1 Copthall Close.

No objections raised.

**40. MEMBERS REPORTS**

**Cllr Mark Bloomfield** – Bedlars Green Road in need of repair or resurfacing.

**Cllr Vicky Wing** – Our Neighbourhood Watch Team now has 8 members.  
Has met with Alan Johnson, Steering Committee UDC and will email information  
from this to councillors. Signs are available at £30 each, which the parish council are  
happy to fund, and we will need to agree at our next meeting how many we need and  
where these should be placed.

- Next litter pick to be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**Cllr David Barlow** – The footpath sign that had been opposite the church has  
still not been replaced, even though we enquired about this some time ago.

Resolved – that the Clerk would report to Highways the need for the road to be  
repaired at Bedlars Green; and that she would look into getting the footpath sign  
replaced.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Signed.....

(Chairman)

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