

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT HALLINGBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2016, BEGINNING AT 7pm
IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

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

ALSO PRESENT: County Cllr Susan Barker, District Cllr Lesley Wells and
Mrs Freda Townsend (Clerk).

55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Vicky Wing, Alan Pinnock and
Tom Streeter.

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Andrew Noble re Housing.

57. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF PUBLIC

Cllr David Barlow raised a matter on behalf of a resident of Bedlars Green,
which was about the amount of vehicles parking around the Green and eroding the
verges. Discussion concluded that we can check the vehicles have road tax but, other
than this there is little we can do.

Resolved – that the Clerk would take note of the vehicles and check with UDC if they
do have road tax. If any do not have tax and have been there for a number of weeks,
it may be that UDC will remove them.

58. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2016 were approved as a
correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

59. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

60. CHAIRMANS COMMUNICATIONS

Defibrillator – we held the ‘unveiling’ of the Defibrillator on 21st September,
which was sadly not well attended. The Community Defibrillator Seminar was held
on 3rd October and this was better attended, with Martin Render, Chairman of The
Community Heartbeat Trust demonstrating the use of defibrillators and the benefits to
the community. Thank you to all who attended.

Litter Pick – the litter pick held on 16th October was again most successful
with almost 40 volunteers coming along. This had been organized by Cllr Vicky
Wing, along with a lunch in the hall after the work was done, so our thanks to Vicky
for all her work on this. Unfortunately some items collected were pieces of asbestos
guttering which the UDC Waste Services would not collect along with the rest of the
bags and obscure items. Having contacted UDC it seems we have to contact a
professional firm who will deal with this (they recommended Biffa) and the Clerk has
done this and has a quote of £140 plus VAT. Lesley Wells said that she was not
happy that, after the parish council’s efforts, we are left with a bill, so she will look
into this with Waste Services.

Fritch Way Bridge – On 19th October our bridge was severely damaged by a lorry from Dunmow Waste Services who had a 14 foot high skip on board and tried to go under the 12foot 9 inch high bridge! We were alerted by a local resident and Freda and I went to the scene, spoke to the police officer and took some photo's. Freda has since tried to contact Tom Hamilton at the Fritch Way Country Park to ask what will be done but has had no response.

Land rear of The Grove – Following a complaint from residents at The Grove about a camper van parked and occupied on land to the rear of their gardens, the Clerk had reported this to UDC Enforcement. On inspection of the site Uttlesford have instructed the owners of various vehicles to remove them from the site which belongs to Uttlesford and used to house the sewage plant.

Trees at Start Hill – I received a call from Mr. & Mrs Hutley of Old Cottage, Start Hill, to say that trees were being cut down at the rear of their property. I took the relevant TPO order with me and went to the site where I found contractors who thought they should be removing the trees. I explained the TPO and that this was screening for residents here from the Distribution Centre. They stopped work and I then contacted Ben Smeeden at Uttlesford who confirmed there was a works order for some clearance work. This has now been left with Ben Smeeden who will clarify with the contractors what should and should not be removed.

61. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Cllr Lesley Wells reported that the Uttlesford Local Plan is now on pause in order that members can take more time and be more precise in their decisions. Members also required more information to make comments and therefore the consultation on the Local Plan, previously due to begin in November, will not begin now until after Christmas.

County Cllr Susan Barker said that of the 7 larger sites proposed, only 3 were considered to be viable for various reasons. There are more meetings to be had to discuss the pro's and con's of each of the sites.

Susan also reported that she is now Deputy to the Cabinet Member for Committees for Essex County Council.

Councillor David Barlow asked about our housing and Cllr Andrew Noble reported that application issues were being dealt with. The number of houses for the site is being reviewed and a new application should be in by the end of November. Stansted Airport objected as the pond to aid drainage might attract wildfowl which, in flight, could be a danger to aircraft.

62. AIRPORT

The SSE newsletter for October acknowledges the Governments support for a third runway at Heathrow. An excerpt from the newsletter reads:-

“Stansted currently handles 24 million passengers per annum (mppa) and has planning permission to handle 35mppa. Stansted could potentially cater for up to 45mppa on its existing runway. However, this would need planning consent, and we would not expect consent to be granted unless the airport could demonstrate that this level of throughput could be achieved without significant detriment to local residents and the local environment. Potentially therefore, Stansted's throughput could grow by 21mppa to 45mppa – i.e. almost 90% - over the next 10 – 20 years, without any new runway, so there is not room for complacency. There will be important planning battles to be fought in the coming years.”

63. HIGHWAYS

Further to Mrs Miltons letter about the kerbs at Copthall Close, the clerk had written to Highways Customer Services as the website was not working properly. The reply was to say that they are aware of the kerb defect outside Copthall Close, however, this has been risk assessed as a low priority and did not meet their criteria for immediate repair. Regrettably they are unable to provide a timescale for repair. A copy of the email had been delivered to Mrs Milton.

Highways have now launched a new online report-it tool and request that issues are reported via the following link:

<http://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads.aspx>

The application to request a 30mph speed limit at Start Hill will be submitted this week to The Highways Panel. It was agreed that we should also put in an application for some speed measures at Bedlars Green, and flashing speed signs at either end of the village.

64. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The application for housing on land rear of Hallingbury Manor has been withdrawn due to an objection by Stansted Airport on grounds of increased bird movements from the balancing pond. The number of houses on the site is being reviewed and a new application will be submitted at the end of November.

With all the numbers of housing proposed in the Uttlesford area, councillors were dismayed at the lack of support for a village that is trying to provide part of that need, including some affordable houses.

65. POLICE

Since communications with Lynda Samways at Essex Police Casualty Reduction Section, we have seen what we might presume to be 'speed wires' in the village, although it may be they were to count traffic numbers. The Clerk had emailed, and tried unsuccessfully to phone, Lynda to ask for results in either case but has had no reply.

66. GREENS

Bedlars - It would seem that time has beaten us and that work on the pump, a new notice board and general tidying of the green will not now be until the spring. Cllr Alan Pinnock is currently trying to obtain a new arm for the old water pump.

Howe Green – We had asked the residents who planted the tree on Howe Green to remove it in October. This has not happened and there is a 'For Sale' sign outside the property. It was agreed that the Clerk should write again and ask if they intend to remove it and, if not, we will undertake the work as the tree can be safely moved at this time of year.

67. CORRESPONDENCE

UDC - Sharon Speller at Planning and Building Control had asked for our approval on naming the new road which accesses the newly built 5 commercial units at Start Hill/Dunmow Road. The proposal from the developer is one of Gilbert Way, Gilbert close or Gilbert Road. Gilbert does not refer to a person, it is the name of Royal London's Pelican mascot. Royal London own the site. On discussion it was agreed we should have a name referring to the local area. As it has been built on a green site, previously meadow land, it was unanimously agreed that we propose Mead Close or Mead Way.

East Herts Pre-Submission District Plan 2016 will be available to view and comment on between 2/11/16 and 15/12/16. The consultation documents and supporting technical studies are available via the Council's website:

<http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/presubmissiondistrictplan>

Saffron Walden Museum Society holds monthly meetings in St Mary's Parish Room, Saffron Walden at 8pm. 14th November talk is The History of Coggeshall Tambour Lace.

BT have written with information on providing Superfast Broadband to Howe Green School, and the possible funding available towards the cost. It is suggested that it may benefit this area of the village also. On discussion it was agreed that we should invite BT to our March meeting, (the January meeting will be slightly prolonged with Budget details) which will give time for the Chairman to meet with the Head Teacher at Howe Green to talk about the proposal, and to see the Head Teacher of Little Hallingbury and Hatfield Broad Oak schools and ask about their broadband reception. We could then also invite the Head Teachers to the meeting.

Resolved – that the Clerk puts forward our proposal as above for naming the new site on Dunmow Road; that she invites BT to come to our March meeting; and that the Chairman will arrange to meet the Head Teachers of the schools to discuss the broadband reception.

68. FINANCE

The following payments were made during the period 13th August to 13th October 2016:

	£
HMRC – tax July	33.40
The Community Heartbeat Trust – Defibrillator	2,424.00
HMRC – tax August	33.40
Hutley Electrical – Defib fitting	213.96
Alan Pinnock – Phone box renovation	99.39
F. Townsend - net salary August - month 5	388.45
- expenses August	62.57
Great Hallingbury Highlights – payment for costs	500.00

Income

05/09/16 Bank interest Gratuity Acc	.23
05/09/16 Bank interest Business Premium Acc.	1.61
15/09/16 UDC Precept 2 nd half	£5,803.00
27/09/16 VAT return	£555.66

Balances

Business Premium Account	12,932.10
Community Account	11,285.42
Gratuity Account	2,099.66

69. PLANNING

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

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Site and Development</u>	<u>Decision</u>
UTT/16/1852/HHF	Proposed removal of existing fence and erection of replacement brick wall and timber gates. Woodside House, Woodside Green.	Consent (no obj.)

UTT/16/1882/HHF	Proposed single storey rear addition. Trevanger, Woodside Green.	Consent (no obj.)
UTT/16/2170/FUL	Construction of 1 no. single storey dwelling together with landscaping, parking and access to Church Road utilizing existing access. Land Adjacent Cobblestones, Church Road.	Refused (no obj.)
UTT/16/2240/FUL	Demolition of the existing shop and forecourt and erection of replacement shop and forecourt. Formation of parking spaces and erection of two new jet wash bays. Alterations to existing vehicular access. Start Hill Service Station.	Consent
<p>(Too large on busy road near to junction and M11 roundabout. Already many accidents outside the service station. Motorists often queue up to the M11 junction. Fears that so much activity will make the area more dangerous. Noted the proposed removal of trees which currently provide a noise barrier to neighbouring properties.)</p>		
UTT/16/2423/HHF	Conversion of garage to residential annexe. Woodside House, Woodside Green.	Consent (no obj.)

Applications dealt with by the Planning Working Group:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Site and Development</u>
UTT/16/2486/HHF	Replacement pitched roof and windows to existing side extension. 154 Bedlars Green.
No objections raised.	
UTT/16/1612/HHF	Proposed erection of building to rear of garden to be used as hobby room. Cherry Trees, Bedlars Green.
No objections raised.	
UTT/16/2767/HHF&	Erection of single storey rear extension.
UTT/16/2768/LB	The Old Barn, Jenkins Lane.
No objections raised.	

Applications to be dealt with at this meeting:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Site and Development</u>
Nothing further at present.	

70. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr Andrew Noble had attended Uttlesfords Town/Parish Forum on 10th October. He reported that discussion had been about updates to the Local Plan and housing. It was also mentioned that, perhaps from next year, planning applications would be provided on the Uttlesford website rather than in paper form.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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