

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT HALLINGBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2017, BEGINNING AT 7pm
IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs Freda Townsend (Clerk), four members of public and
County Cllr Susan Barker.

71. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from District Cllr Lesley Wells.

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Andrew Noble re Housing.

73. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF PUBLIC

Mrs McCarthy, Highbanks and Mr. Bruce, School Cottage, Church Road, raised their objections to the planning application for the 'Land adj. Centuries', which were on the access being so near to the blind bend, and the proximity to a listed building.

Mr. & Mrs Munns, Start Hill, raised the problems with speeding traffic. While we are applying for the speed limit here to be reduced to 30mph, the worry is that there will be more heavy traffic once the new industrial estate is complete. Discussion took place on possible measures that could make this stretch of road less hazardous. Mr. & Mrs Munns also requested that UDC/Highways check the signage at Start Hill, the new 'Clearway' signs being turned side on at present, also that the grass areas along the footpath here are tidied and, once the new water meters have been installed to the houses at Start Hill, the footpath is resurfaced.

The matter of the trees to the rear of the gardens at Start Hill, and bordering the Distribution Centre, was also raised. The Chairman said that he would contact Mr. Munns and make an appointment on site to discuss the trees.

Resolved – that the Clerk requests of Uttlesford Rangers that the grass is tidied on the footpaths; that the 'Clearway' signs are straightened; that a request to resurface the footpath here is submitted before work on the water meters commences; further suggestions of 'Blind Summit' signs or speed cameras will be put to Highways.

74. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2016 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

75. MATTERS ARISING

60/16 Chairmans Communications – Trees at Start Hill. Since the problems with trees being cleared to the rear of White Cottage at part of the Stansted Distribution Centre, Ben Smeeden had put the contractors right on what was to be cleared, which was the dead wood and scrub in the area. This has now been done and Mrs Hutley had telephoned the Chairman to express her thanks for his prompt action on the day, which saved the whole area from being cleared as the contractors instructions had not been clear.

67/16 Correspondence – The naming of the road at the new industrial site. Following our discussion at the meeting the Clerk had put forward to UDC the suggestion of Mead Way or Mead Close for the site currently under construction. She is pleased to report that this went in our favour over the previous suggestion of Gilbert Way by the land owners, and the site address is now Mead Way, Great Hallingbury, Bishop's Stortford. CM22 7FD.

76. CHAIRMANS COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman informed members that the Clerk had announced to him her intention to retire in the summer of this year, by which time she will have been Clerk for some 24 years. Freda will meet with Joy Darby at the Essex Association of Local Council's to get the post advertised for a new Clerk.

77. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Susan did not have a report but listened and discussed with us the highways issues as mentioned under Questions from Public. The problem of many vehicles parking around Bedlars Green was also raised, and the resulting erosion to the green areas. She suggested that the Clerk applies to the ECC Parking Partnership with a request for double yellow lines in this area.

78. FLITCH WAY BRIDGE, START HILL

Since the incident with the skip lorry hitting the Flitch Way bridge, it has been made safe, and the Clerk had emailed Tom Hamilton, Flitch Way Ranger, who informs us that "Essex Highways plan to carry out work to return the Bridge to its condition prior to the lorry strike. They hope then to recharge this fully to the insurers of the lorry owner. There are no other plans at this time aside from programmed routine maintenance. I am not aware of the time scale as yet."

79. HIGHWAYS

Discussion took place on so many vehicles parking at Bedlars Green. The road here, and edges of the greens, are getting eroded, not just from the parking, but other vehicles passing between the vehicles and the green. It was agreed that we would ask to meet Henry Bexley, National Trust, on the site to discuss the possibility of edging the greens with posts. As under item 77, Cllr Susan Barker suggested we ask the ECC Parking Partnership for double yellow lines to be painted in the area.

The footpath along Church Road has once again become very narrow and needs 'siding back' but very thoroughly in order to reveal a full width of footpath. Resolved – that the Clerk arranges for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to meet with Henry Bexley at Bedlars Green; that she submits a request to the Parking Partnership for double yellow lines at Bedlars Green; and that she requests the Uttlesford Rangers clear back the growth along the footpath along Church Road.

80. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

We have now received the outline application for the proposed 35 dwellings, which will include affordable housing, on the land to the rear of Great Hallingbury Manor, which will be discussed under Planning, item 13.

Andrew did report that Uttlesford's Planning Committee is likely to look at the site, and the case will hopefully be heard in February or March.

81. CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of correspondence between Mr. Devoti of The New Cottage, Howe Green, Cllr Vicky Wing and the Clerk had been distributed with the minutes. The subject is the adoption by the CAA of the sole use of the Clacton route for daytime flights from Stansted, as put into operation earlier this year. On discussion it was agreed that we should write to support those more affected by the increased use of the Clacton route.

Cllr Howard Rolfe, Leader, Uttlesford District Council, has written to say that in the last few months he has had productive discussions with a number of Parish Council's but has not seen everyone. He asks that, if we would like a meeting, possibly to include a senior planning officer, to contact his PA.

A letter of thanks has been received from St. Giles PCC for the annual grant, also from Uttlesford Community Travel, SSE and NWEHPA for the donations sent last month.

An email had been received from Mrs Gill of Captains because the road over the brook by her property had flooded again in November, despite the gullies here being cleared earlier last year. Cllr Tom Streeter has since checked that the drain and gully are clear and suggested the Clerk asks Highways to flush this through again and more often than once or twice a year.

A copy of information received from the NHS West Essex Group on improvements in stroke care, was distributed to all members present. Also a copy of the Herts & West Essex Sustainability and Transformation Plan called A Healthier Future, which sets out the challenges and opportunities facing the NHS and care services across the area.

Resolved – that the Clerk writes to Stansted Airport now that the Clacton route has been used for all daytime flights for a whole year, and ask for further acoustic measures to be put in place for residents in our village who suffer more noise as a result; that she arranges for Cllr Howard Rolfe to attend our Annual Parish Meeting; that she writes to Mrs Gill to assure her that we will do our best to keep the drain and gully clear by the bridge over the brook in Church Road; and that other items are noted.

82. FINANCE

The following payments were made during the period 14th October to 13th December 2016:

	£
PKF Littlejohn – Audit 2015/16	120.00
HMRC – tax September	33.40
F. Townsend - net salary Sept - month 6	388.45
- expenses September	67.91
- litter pickers	32.52
- Defib open evening	65.55
UALC – subscription	25.00
F. Townsend - net salary October - month 7	388.45
- expenses October	60.54
Crest Computer Services – set up of GH computer	264.00
HMRC – tax October	33.40
F. Townsend - net salary November - month 8	388.45
- expenses November	55.64
Biffa Waste Services – removal of asbestos	168.00
Vicky Wing – litter pick expenses	65.92

Income

05/09/16	Bank interest Gratuity Acc	.26
05/12/16	Bank interest Business Premium Acc.	1.61

Balances

Business Premium Account	12,933.71
Community Account	9,128.19
Gratuity Account	2,099.92

Budget 2017/2018

Details of payments to date for 2016/17 were provided and examined to see where payments might need revising. On discussion of some matters, agreement was made on all items in our budget including a reserve for the purchase next winter of 6 Elm Trees for the village. On looking at the figures, it was agreed that we would, once again, not need to raise our precept request, and it would remain at £12,000.

83. PLANNING

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

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Site and Development</u>	<u>Decision</u>
UTT/16/0965/FUL	Construction of 19 letting rooms in association with the Hop Poles public house including provisions for drainage and landscaping. The Hop Poles, Bedlars Green.	Consent

(It would seem that none of the matters that we raised in our comments on the previous application have been addressed, and no actual changes are evident. The reports are still fanciful, the plans still say Little Hallingbury, and the proposal would add nothing good to our village. We therefore object most strongly to this application.)

UTT/16/2486/HHF	Replacement pitched roof and windows to existing side extension. 154 Bedlars Green.	Consent (no obj.)
UTT/16/1612/HHF	Proposed erection of building to rear of garden to be used as hobby room. Cherry Trees, Bedlars Green.	Consent (no obj.)
UTT/16/2767/HHF& UTT/16/2768/LB	Erection of single storey rear extension. The Old Barn, Jenkins Lane.	Consent (no obj.)

Applications to be dealt with at this meeting:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Site and Development</u>
UTT/16/3382/FUL	Demolition of existing dwelling and barn and construction of new dwelling with integral garage (resubmission of UTT/13/2758/FUL). Vine Lodge, 66 Woodside Green.

No objections raised.

UTT/16/3402/FUL	Proposed dwelling with double garage and new access. Adj. Centuries, Church Road.
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This land comes within our Conservation Area which may prohibit new buildings (this to be checked on), is very close to the blind bend and would be within the curtilage of a listed building. Therefore we cannot support this application.

UTT/16/3468/FUL Erection of a replacement waste water treatment plant.
Land North of Stansted Distribution Centre, Start Hill.

This new plant is very much needed as there have been many problems with the continual emptying of the old plant. We are therefore pleased to support this application.

UTT/16/3669/OP Outline application with all matters reserved for
35 dwellings.
Land South East of Great Hallingbury Manor.

The parish council is of the opinion that the provision of this number of new houses in the village would contribute to the housing needed in Uttlesford, and provide housing for first time buyers and those wishing to downsize.

Where an increase in traffic would be created, much of it would use the access via Start Hill to the M11 or A120, and into Bishop's Stortford, therefore not creating excessive numbers through the village centre. While there is no bus service through the village, it is possible to walk to the B1256 where a regular bus service is available. The application includes the 'gift' to Uttlesford of 8 Affordable Houses, which can be rented or part owned by residents of the village, or those with strong links to the village. This is an important factor in our support since a survey in 2012 proved that there was, and still is, a need for Affordable Housing for local people.

This outline proposal is actually on land within the Countryside Protection Zone of the Local Plan, Policy S8 but, for the reasons above the parish council is in support of this application.

UTT/16/3601/SO Scoping opinion for development of Stansted Northside.
Stansted Airport Northside.

While no objections were raised, we are not required to comment on this document. It is an outline on future proposals for which there will be planning applications submitted for comment in the usual way.

84. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr Vicky Wing announced that the next litter pick in the village will be on 26th February. The Chairman thanked Vicky for arranging this and will liaise with her regarding equipment needed. All Councillors, and Clerk, will be pleased to help on the day as with the litter pick held last October.

Cllr Kaylash Juggurnauth said that there is no further movement to date on the ECC Superfast Broadband.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed.....
(Chairman)

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