

Great Waltham Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Great Waltham Parish Council at the **Ford End Village Hall, Ford End**
, Essex on Monday 20th January 2020

19/302. Chairman's Welcome

Chair Person Steel

Cllr Gilbert, Lockwood, McDevitt, Martin, Bloomfield, Jenkins, Huggins and Jackson

19/303 Apologies

Cllr Dunn and Palmer

19/304. Declarations of interests (existence and nature) with regard to items on the agenda and any request for dispensation.

19/313-1 Alan Martin – Near neighbor –
Request for dispensation - approved

19/305. Public Participation session

14 members of the public

19/313-1

- Neighbor immediately Next to the proposed access to the development. Pictures handed to the Council. Not sustainable development due to lack of amenities (No Shop and Limited Bus Network). B1008 very busy. Development would be a visual improvement . New access road using the field between little dean and bridge cottage. Homeowner would become surrounded on 3 or 4 sides by roads. Reduction in quality of life .Agricultural vehicles would use the access road. The B1008 is a busy road and a blind bend at the point of access. The road is likely to have issues due to the hazards created by speed of the passing vehicles. There have been 4 incidents in this area of the road over the last couple of years – Lorries shedding loads and a horse box tipping over. There is a farm track at the rear of the farm that has been used and this uses the back lane. Request to Reject and go to full planning committee. Request for Highways site inspection.
- Surface water from the field runs in to Bridge Cottage. This deluge will increase as a new access road is put in (replacing the field). Sweep of the road will create headlights sweeping the property. 3m from back door to the edge of the road which will cause noise, vibration and fumes. Potential traveler site. Privacy of the dwelling and garden will be lost. Concerns over speed and volume of the current traffic. The access will create additional hazard. Likely to be additional development.
- Property will lose value in the surrounding area as they will be overlooked and the privacy of the gardens will be lost. Concerned that other access should be used .
- Applicant. The Farm surrounds Ford End. Development of Lavenders is supported for rental properties. The farm vehicles cannot use the same access as the development. They must be kept separate. Existing Visibility is 21m towards Gt Dunmow. Proposed access is 40 m towards Chelmsford. The speed limit is 30mph. The Farm access and Farm Shop will use the access road. New Road will be a gravel styled road. Drainage has been recently maintained. Footpath has been moved to the north of the road. Already a dropped kerb – additional timed closure gate would be added. 300 acres on that side of the B1008. Seasonal access currently 40 to 50 movements per week to the shop. Agricultural is static. Potatoes sales will drop off and the agricultural movements will increase to approx. Back lane would continue to be used as farm access, Current B1008 would be for potential development and the new proposed access road for agricultural vehicles. Essex Highways have asked for the agricultural vehicles to be kept separate from the users of the Farm Shop and the rental users of the development.

19/315

- Residents asked for GWPC to fund materials (2 X book case) and signage plus replace Door closer. Adjust door. Approximate cost of £200.

19/319

- Verge Cut Parsonage Lane and Lucks Lane have not been cut for some time by ECC Highways and is now cut by the Parish Councils Grounds Contractor.

Items not on the Agenda

Great Waltham Church. The footpath through the millennium gate. Two people have fallen. It's a public right of way. It's not owned by 6 Bells cottage or the old Priest cottage. Requested that the PC refurbish the pathway. Deferred to a future agenda following investigation of ownership.

Ford End Village Hall Car Park – request that PC take on future ongoing hedge cutting. The Hedge is owned by the Ford End Village Hall. The Car Park is used by the General Public. Suggested that the requestor write to the PC and make the formal request and it will be considered.

Dead Animals – Who collects them from the road side? (Cllr Steel will investigate)

Water – potential blocked drain / pipe in Ford End.

Broken / Sunken Drains on the road to Great Dunmow after Kings Farm near to the Butchers arms.

19/306. Report by County Councillor.

Army & Navy – to come down.

Discussion on pot holes and why every request gets the same “non-urgent” response. ECC Budget is £2.2 Bnl – 70% goes into Social Care. Next year budget increase likely to be 1.99% and 2% social care increase. Band D - £1 per week increase.

19/307 Report by Chelmsford City Councillor

Report from Cllr Steel:

Planning Committee - As requested, Land next door Rye Cottage went to Planning Committee – justification was residents' concerns on restrictions on buildings, visibility splays, business of Larks Lane, application of DC12 to infill, and building on a former pond. Outcome was a decision to do a site visit.

Bloor Homes consultation - Bloor Homes are submitting Masterplan for 450 homes on site, North of Woodhouse Lane, Broomfield – in line with Local Plan, which is in final stages of approval following acceptance of amendments. Following this will be finalisation and submission of Masterplan will take about 2 months aiming for outline approval 2 months later – then Planning Application process takes about 4 months. Expectation would be start of work in a year's time.

County Broadband: Cllr Steel, Martin and McDevitt have been dealing with CBB in FE and NE to try and control the proliferation of new telegraph poles and have been asked to do likewise in Littley Green and attend a meeting 22nd Jan with residents and CBB. Note - that telegraph Poles are permitted development,

Dog bags and Plastic bags

Chelmsford City Council have decided to stop the issue of free dog bags anymore and spare plastics recycling bags to establishments such as parish councils. Each household gets 52 bags a year delivered to their premises. This is enough for 2 bags per fortnightly collection. Households should try and work within this – or they can buy and use any clear bag.

Planning Letters - Chelmsford City Council have decided to stop issuing planning application letters to neighbours, instead relying on “lamppost” notices. This is a cost saving measure.

Fireworks Motion – A motion is to be tables at the next Council meeting - in relation to the RSPCA initiative to reduce the impact of fireworks and Sky Lanterns on animals,

19/308. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting on 18th November 2019

Resolution : Minutes confirmed

19/309 Confirmation of the minutes of the Monthly Meeting on 16th December 2019

Resolution : Minutes confirmed

19/310 Note the Recreation Minutes from the 6th January 2020

Resolution Minutes noted

19/311 Note the Planning Minutes from the 6th January 2020

Resolution Minutes noted

19/312 Local Planning Authority Decisions

19/01673/CUPAQ	Land North Of Mill Road North End Dunmow Essex CM6 3PE	Application Refused
19/01645/FUL	Land South Of Firland Woods Road Great Waltham Chelmsford Essex	Application Permitted
19/01085/FUL	Barns North Of Littley Park Littley Park Lane Great Waltham Chelmsford Essex	Application Permitted
19/01804/FUL	The Retreat Margaret Woods Road Great Waltham Chelmsford Essex CM3 1FF	Application Permitted

19/313 Planning Applications for Discussion

1. Reference: 19/01986/FUL

Address: Lavender Farm Main Road Ford End Chelmsford

Description of works: Partial demolition of courtyard building and conversion of farm buildings to create 6 no. new dwellings. Construction of new bin and cycle store and cart lodge garage. Creation of new formation of access to rear. Alterations to existing formation of access with provision of extra parking and associated landscaping within the site.

Discussion on volume and speed of vehicle on the B1008 - 10,000 vehicles per day – over 1000 are HGV and LGV. A percentage of the vehicles are speeding – evidence by Highways and speed-watch. These are not planning matters. Concerns over the affect on the current surrounding properties.

Resolution: The Parish Council Supports the reuse of redundant agricultural buildings into dwelling units. We support the creation of 1 or 2 bedroom dwellings.

Resolution: Concern that the current neighboring residents will be affected by the closeness of the new road and its use which will create a detrimental effect on quality of life by creating an increased environmental impact (eg Increased light from Headlights, Exhaust fumes and Traffic Movements)

Resolution Concern that there is no ECC highways comment on the portal. The Viewing splay needs to be stated on the portal taking in to account that this is a busy PR1. The speed of traffic approaching a concealed entrance is a concern.

Resolution: Concerns with sustainability of the village's facilities.

2. Reference: 19/02024/FUL

Address: 9 Duffries Close Great Waltham Chelmsford Essex

Description of works: Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension. External alterations including porch and front roof light.

Resolution: No Objections

3. Reference: 19/02032/FUL

Address: Orchard House Main Road Howe Street Chelmsford

Description of works: Formation of an access.

Resolution: Visibility Splay needs to be checked by Essex Highways.

4. Reference: 20/00033/FUL

Address: Fordhams Little Green Chelmsford Essex

Description of works: Demolition of existing rear extensions and timber garage. Construction of two storey rear extension to the existing cottage. Construction of new garage and single storey living accommodation. Associated landscaping and other associated works.

Resolution: No objections

5. Ref. No: 20/00001/MAS Masterplan for around 450 new homes, neighborhood center, early years and childcare facility, local open space and associated access and highway infrastructure including a new access into Broomfield Hospital Strategic Growth Site North Of Woodhouse Lane Broomfield Chelmsford Essex

Resolution: Concern about absorption of new children into existing schools – should a new school have been created? Additional traffic either on Broomfield road or through Great Waltham Parish to avoid congestion. Local GP surgery is already stretched, and this should be addressed.

19/314 Clerk's Report

Pedestrian Bollard at Great Waltham Recreation Ground – not a manufacturing fault.
North End Telephone Box waiting on return of the contract from BT
Pension Regulator – 3 year anniversary confirmed and reported.
Open Reach Bollards – Insurers aware. Waiting on evidence of costs of reinstatement.
The parish website to Voice and redirection notice on old essexfonet site (which will cease March 2020)

19/315 To consider the request from Howe Street residents for PC funding for alterations to the Howe Street Phone box including bookshelves.

To be used as a Mini-Library. Outstanding Parish works to be completed on the door and door closer.
Request for £200 for 2 bookshelves – suggested that the concept is trialed first.

Resolution: Approve Grant £100 to create one elevation / Bookcase.

19/316 Financial Reports - Clerk

Income (included below)

- Current Account
 - Village Hall (Flooring) £280.00
 - Credit Interest £46.50

- Reserve Account **£ 57,492.22**
 - S106 Monies £ 1,031.13
 - CIL Monies £ 22,844.50
 - Capital works £ 11,820
 - General Reserve £ 21,796.59

- Current Account **£ 3686.50**

19/317 Confirmation of payments:

Office Rent - VH	January	SO	£312
M D Landscapes	Contract Maintenance	BT	£377.69
HMRC	PAYE + NI	BT	£504.26
Essex Pension Fund		BT	£340.31
Handyman Wages		BT	£444.75
Clerks Wages		BT	£ 559.67
Clerks Expenses	Assorted	BT	£204.73
Service charge		DD	£18.00
M&G	Service fire extinguishers	BT	£45.00

AMAZON	BLACK BIROS X 50	BT	£5.98
AMAZON	INK CARTRIDGES	BT	£83.29
AMAZON	PRINTER CABLE	BT	£5.39
AMAZON	A4 PAPER X 2500 SHEETS	BT	£21.25
AMAZON	A4 LAMINATING POUCHES	BT	£7.89
NPOWER	OLD OFFICE POWER	DD	£84.57
SWALEC	CHANGING ROOM ELECTRICITY	DD	£33.54

Total £3043.82

19/318 In light of the news from Chelmsford City Council that they will cease to provide free dog waste bags – what does the Council wish to replace this service with?

Defer any decision for two months.

19/319 Report from Parishioner about the cutting of Parsonage Lane Verges from the Playground down to the Bridge.

Resolution Grounds contractor – JCM - to cut in March / April

19/320 Consider the request to install a gate in the unfenced section of the car park at Ford End Recreation Ground.

Resolution Obtain estimate and defer (likely cost around £300)

19/321 Approval for Clerk to purchase up to two Bulk Bags of TopSoil (1200 Litres) at £71.93 each (Mixed Topsoil and Compost)

Resolution Purchase Approved

19/322 Discuss Recreation Working Party for Great Waltham Junior Pitch on Friday 24th Jan 11am to 1pm

Resolution Approved for Friday

19/323 Discuss arrangements for the March Litter collection in the Parish and Hamlets planned for Saturday 14th March 2020 – Cllr Jackson

Resolution: Agree storage location with Landowner for the collected litter

Resolution Ford End will pick on Sunday March 15th

19/324 Update on arrangements for 75th VE Day Anniversary and request to GWPC for contribution towards cost :

1st meeting held 8th Jan 2020 – 20 attendance representing Parish Council, Twinning, Legion, Little Green hamlet, Scout Gp, Community Network, Friendship Club, Bowls, School, GWVH, FEVH, Choir, Waltham Wanderers, GW & FE Church.

Programme of events over the weekend include: Scout Breakfast, Last Post bugler, Piper, Nations' toast, Bellringing, 40s dance, tree planting, Family Picnic, ENSA tea party, WW2 Quiz, Church service. Each organisation will organise its own event and run it. Advertising and national events will be joint. Costs will include Parish News 2 page spread, supply of drinks for the toast, School hire, free teas/coffees at 2 events. GW Commemoration Committee will contribute £140 left over funds, Community Network will fund teas/coffees at £80 – leaves £150 required and request for GWPC to contribute.

Request for funding to support the event of £150

Resolution: Request for funding to support the event of up to £150 agreed

19/325 To consider drafting, agreeing and posting on its website a policy document on the PC's approach to harassment and discrimination.

Resolution: Cllr Gilbert to investigate

19/326 Review and Sign the monthly bank reconciliation:

Resolution: Defer to next meeting.

19/327 Issue raised with the location of the Monthly Litter Pick waste in preparation for uplift by the city council.

Resolution: Item resolved

19/328 Discuss and approve any items for the "Parish Council News" section of the Parish News:

- Advertise Litter Picks
- Repeat Special Constable advert

Meeting Closed 22.38
Will Adshead-Grant
Clerk to The Council