

Great Waltham Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Great Waltham Parish Council held on Monday 20th December 2021 in the Scout Hut , Blossom way , Off Cherry Garden Road , Great Waltham at 7.30pm.

21/939 Chairman's Welcome

Chairperson Steel

Councillors Dunn and Martin.

21/940 Apologies

Due to the Covid-19 surge members were asked to defer attendance and items where possible.

Cllr Jackson, Lockwood, Gilbert, Micklem, Palmer, McDevitt, Jenkins and Huggins.

21/941 Declarations of interests (existence and nature) with regard to items on the agenda and any request for dispensation.

No declarations .

21/942 Public Participation session (Items do not need to be on the agenda)

1 member of the public attended for an update on the LHP scheme for a 40MPH funded speed limit area beyond Kings Farm. The Scheme is allocated in the 2022-2023 LHP budget – however this is not a guarantee the scheme will go ahead.

A request for an update on the Ford End average speed camera. 2 years ago, 50% of the cost was in the Funded allocation, on the basis that the Parish council would raise the other 50%. The item is currently in the LHP reserve budget and it can be requested to go back to the Funded list if the Parishes Council can raise the match funding of £60,000. The Parish Council has so far allocated a £10,000 contribution towards the cost of the average speed camera scheme.

There was a discussion on cost and average usage of the cycle lanes in Chelmsford.

21/943 Report by County Councillor. - Cllr Mike Steel

Meeting with Highways Cabinet Member - The meeting was held on 19th Nov with the Parish Councils of Great Waltham, Little Waltham, Chignal, Writtle and Broomfield.

Concerns raised by Parish Cllrs:

- Large building works that need diversions through rural roads should require developers to pay for road repairs. Also, developers themselves are not following the recommended routes.
- Lack of routine maintenance on Highways, footways, drains – over the years, has led to the current backlog.
- Erosion of footways due to HGVs mounting pavements
- Can the risk score be added to the track-it ref. Would like to also see more definitive timescale – even if it is a long time
- New housing developments – traffic measures do not extend geographically far enough
- Reporting an issue gets an inspector out, but actually fixing the defect goes into a long queue. Broomfield School Lane zebra crossing is an example of this.
- All 5 PCs expressed concerns about rat-running and it is getting worse due to new developments
- There was a view that Highways prioritises traffic flow above quality of life, in high traffic areas. It was noted that the Highways call did talk about traffic hierarchy reassessment and promotion of more 20mph zones – by Lizz Burr.
- Ringway Jacobs seen as expensive with predetermined mark ups.
- Bus service have recently been reduced – at a time when we need to encourage more people to use public transport. Also, the cost of a bus fare is more than petrol and car parking fee.

Points made by ECC – Cllr Scott and Cllr Steel:

- S106 funds some improvements/repairs
- Can't refuse road closures. Do try to get them to coincide

- Diversions try to pick appropriate route – so may not be shortest route.
- Priority system for repairs is a combination of probability and consequence of an accident. Finite budget - most dangerous get addressed first.
- Member Enquiry requests (300 per day) does not provide more info than is on the web – recognise that this is too vague
- Planning Authority (City Council) have final say on S106 funded road improvements.
- Speeding is an enforcement issue. Discussion with Police Commissioner, Roger Hirst, to have publicised blitz on selected areas – like Ford End.
- New system of inspection using AI. Also looking at dedicated teams by area.
- LHP review underway – looking at things such as priority on safety rather than “cosmetic” solutions
- Cllr Scott stated that Essex is one of the lowest cost areas for maintenance and new schemes.
- The “Bus Back Better” initiative was highlighted. Need to get more people out of cars and onto public transport, bicycles, e-Scooters or walking.

Actions:

One of the actions was that if PCs can supply evidence of areas that show excessive speeds, Cllr Scott can ask for them to be included in the speed check blitz.

LHP:

The Northern Ford End 40mph buffer zone added into the 2022/23 Funded list for confirmation in March 2022. However, the Ringtail Green Quiet Lane scheme was not progressed by the LHP members

Broomfield Cycle Path – connected to the Great Waltham route

The part past the school has been completed. The part down to Goulton Road is still planned for March 2022.

21/944 Report by Chelmsford City Councillor.

Wheeler's Farm Licence:

Following a second event with similar traffic and nuisance issues to the first event, there was a licence review of the Wheeler's Farm events licence on 25th Oct. Essex Police requested the review due to the traffic issues.

However, the licence holder representative requested a deferment at the start of the meeting. This request was considered in private and granted until 3rd Dec. I attended the review of 3rd Dec which determined that the licence would not be removed, instead that it would be limited to 1,500 people (rather than 5,000) and only allowed 4 times a year.

The meeting was then closed at 19.46 as it was not quorate and no decisions could be taken.

21/945 Confirmation of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 15th November 2021

Resolution Defer to the next monthly meeting

21/946 Confirmation of the Finance and General Purposes meeting held on the 25th October 2021

Resolution Defer to the next monthly meeting

21/947 Local Planning Authority Decisions:

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Status</u>
21/01835/FUL	Great Waltham Cricket Club The Village Great Waltham Chelmsford Essex CM3 1AX	Application Permitted
21/01917/FUL	The Rose And Crown Chelmsford Road Great Waltham Chelmsford Essex CM3 1AG	Application Permitted
21/01692/FUL	Bridge House Lucks Lane Howe Street Chelmsford Essex CM3 1BP	Application Permitted
21/05252/TPO	Oak Cottage Mill Road Great Waltham Chelmsford CM6 3PE	Application Permitted

21/948 Planning Applications

1. Reference: 21/02229/FUL
Address: Building Northwest Of Well House Farm Littley Green Road Great Waltham
Description of works: Retrospective application for construction of single storey garage
Please return your comments to us by: 10th December 2021

2. Reference: 21/02232/FUL
Address: 7 Cherry Garden Road Great Waltham Chelmsford Essex
Description of works: Construction of part single and part two storey side extension and front entrance canopy.

3. Reference 21/02884/Conv
Barn South West of Lavender farm, Main road, Great Waltham, Chelmsford.
Unit 1-4 The Water Barn

4. Reference: 21/02311/FUL
Address: 10 Bakers Mead Great Waltham Chelmsford CM3 1AL
Description of works: Replacement of existing conservatory.

5. Ref: 21/00051/REFUSE
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL LOCATION: Land North Of Mill Road North End Dunmow Essex CM6 3PE
PROPOSAL: Conversion of one existing building to a single residential dwelling and the conversion of one other building to an ancillary residential use with associated garden, landscaping and wildlife mitigation area.
APPLICATION REF: 21/00200/FUL
PINS REF: APP/W1525/W/21/3279156

As the Parish Council was not quorate, it was not able to propose comments.

21/949 Finance Reports:

•	<u>Reserve Account</u>	<u>£ 10,700</u>
○	Allotment Deposit	£700
○	FE Variable Speed Camera	£10,000
•	<u>Current Account</u>	<u>£ 29,167.78</u>
	<u>Total on Hand</u>	<u>£ 39,867.78</u>

21/923 Payments for Approval

Date	Details	Value £	Budget Heading
02.12.2021	Village Hall rent	£316.09	office rent
21.12.2021	Salaries and Expenses	£1154.31	Salary
21.12.2021	Essex pension Fund	£383.23	Pension
21.12.2021	PAYE	£539.11	PAYE
21.12.2021	Cllr Martin - Pavilion Expenses	£8.69	General Reserve
21.12.2021	Cllr Martin - Pavilion Expenses	£13.38	General Reserve
21.12.2021	Donation for use of the Scout Hut - December	£20.00	General Reserve

Total £2434.81

21/950 Monthly Bank reconciliation – Chairman of the F&GP
Resolution **Defer to the next monthly meeting**

- 21/951 Updates on the action tracker – All
Resolution **Defer to the next monthly meeting**
- 21/952 To consider proposed revised Councillor Co-option Policy wording.- Cllr Gilbert
Resolution **Defer to the next monthly meeting**
- 21/953 To consider proposed revised Playground Safety Inspections Policy wording.- Cllr Gilbert
Resolution **Defer to the next monthly meeting**
- 21/954 To consider proposed revised format of the Council’s policy documents.- Cllr Gilbert
Resolution **Defer to the next monthly meeting**
- 21/955 Update on Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations in the Parish – Cllr Lockwood
Resolution **Defer to the next monthly meeting**
- 21/956 Request from North End residents to add power back into the BT telephone box where North End have installed a defibrillator and heated cabinet.- Cllr McDevitt
Resolution **Defer to the next monthly meeting**
- 21/957 Offer from Village Hall to put notices on to their new noticeboard at the entrance of the Village Hall.- The Clerk.
Resolution **Defer to the next monthly meeting**
- 21/958 Clarify the purpose of the Highways tracker as part of the Action Tracker– Cllr Martin
Resolution **Defer to the next monthly meeting**
- 21/959 Update on 2022 CIF Application for Ford End – Cllr Martin
Resolution **Defer to the next monthly meeting**
- 21/960 Feedback report on the “Bus Back Better” presentation - Cllr Palmer
Resolution **Defer to the next monthly meeting**
- 21/961 Proposed dates for 2022 Meetings – The Clerk
Resolution **Defer to the next monthly meeting**
- 21/962 Update on the Tree Survey – Cllr Micklem
Resolution **Defer to the next monthly meeting**
- 21/963 Discuss meeting facilities for 2022- The Clerk
Resolution **Defer to the next monthly meeting**
- 21/964 Update on 2022 Road Safety Trust Grant Application – Cllr Martin
Resolution **Defer to the next monthly meeting**
- 21/965 Discuss and approve any items for the “Parish Council News” section of the Parish News – Cllr Steel
Resolution **Defer to the next monthly meeting**

The ‘Office’ is closed from the 22nd December until the 4th January 2022.

Next meetings:

Monday 17th January 2022 – Full Meeting – The Scout Hut ? To be Confirmed.

Monday 24th January 2022 – F&GP 7.30PM in the Parish office.