

Great Waltham Parish Council

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Chair: **S.Gilbert**
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Minutes of the meeting of the Great Waltham Parish Council held on Monday 20th March 2023 in The Pavilion, Great Waltham Recreation Ground, South Street, Great Waltham, CM3 1DF.

22/1411 Chair's Welcome

Chair: Gilbert.

Councillors: McDevitt, Martin, Jenkins, Huggins, Lockwood.

22/1412 Apologies

Cllrs. Dunn, Jackson, Palmer, Steel and Micklem.

22/1413 Declarations of interests (existence and nature) with regard to items on the agenda and any request for dispensation

- 22/1430-Cllr Martin - Nonpecuniary. Resident on the main road.

22/1414 Public Participation Session (items do not need to be on the agenda)

3 members of the public attended.

1 x observer and planning applicant (for works discussed under item 22/1420).

1 x observer from Broomfield parish.

1 x resident made the meeting aware of an open letter submitted to Parish News which it is understood suggests that the Council should look to consult on its higher cost projects. The meeting noted that minutes of all Council meetings are released on the Parish News and the website, agendas being issued to the noticeboard, website, social media and via e-mails. It was noted that all Council's discussions, decisions, and activities remain transparent, with members of the public having full access to its meetings.

22/1415 Report by County Councillor - Cllr Mike Steel

The report is on the website in the agenda area.

22/1416 Report by Chelmsford City Councillor - Cllr Mike Steel

The report is on the website in the agenda area.

22/1417 Confirmation of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 20th February 2023.

Resolution: *The minutes were confirmed.*

22/1418 Note the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on the 6th March 2023.

Resolution: *The minutes were noted.*

22/1419 Local Planning Authority status.

Reference	Address	Status
20/02064/OUT	Strategic Growth Site North Of Woodhouse Lane Broomfield Chelmsford Essex	Pending Decision
23/00027/FUL	Clarendon Barrack Lane Great Waltham Chelmsford CM3 1ER	Pending Consideration
23/00109/LBC	Bumbles Mill House Mill Road Great Waltham Dunmow Essex CM6 3PE	Pending Consideration
23/00088/FUL	Bridge House Lucks Lane Howe Street Chelmsford Essex CM3 1BP	Pending Consideration
22/02135/FUL	Land Adjacent Bay Tree Cottage North End Dunmow Essex	Application Permitted

22/01113/SCOPE	Land At Moulsham Hall Moulsham Hall Lane Great Leighs Chelmsford Essex	Pending Consideration
22/02318/FUL	Ivy Cottage Littley Green Chelmsford Essex CM3 1BX	Application Permitted
21/00881/FUL	Broomfield Hospital Approach Broomfield Chelmsford CM1 7ET	Pending Decision
22/02276/FUL	Land At Grid Ref 570920, 216240, Part Of Hyde Hall Farm Hyde Hall Lane Great Waltham Chelmsford Essex	Pending Consideration

22/1420 Planning :

1. Reference: 23/00115/FUL

Address: Burmead Main Road Ford End Chelmsford

Description of works: Raise roof to create first floor accommodation. Two storey front extension and single storey rear extension. Alterations to fenestration.

Resolution: The Parish Council has no objections.

2. Reference: 21/01327/S73

Address: Garnetts Farm Mashbury Road Great Waltham Chelmsford

Description of works: Variation of Condition 2 to approved planning application 21/01327/FUL(Change of use of barn into single residential unit. Two and single storey extension. Alterations to field access and new hard standing. Construction of detached garage/store building. Construction of granary. Use of unit two (The Stables) for domestic ancillary use to main farmhouse) to various alterations including changes to garage dimensions, 'Granary' location, turning area, internal layouts, and positions of fenestration. Addition of solar panels, a pond and a wood burning appliance and outlets, and wood store.

Resolution: The Parish Council has no objections.

3. Reference: 23/00372/LBC

Address: Barn At Garnetts Farm Mashbury Road Great Waltham Chelmsford

Description of works: Variation of Condition 2 to approved planning application 21/01328/LBC (Extensions to north-western elevation ; internal and external alterations to the barn building to facilitate conversion to a dwelling.) to various alterations including changes to the internal layout, fenestration, and flues of the Barn.

Resolution: The Parish Council has no objections.

4. Reference: 23/00130/FUL

Address: 5 Bridge Croft Howe Street Chelmsford Essex

Description of works: Single storey rear extension including internal alterations. Loft conversion and addition of roof lights.

Resolution: The Parish Council has no objections.

22/1421 Finance Reports:

•	<u>Reserve Account</u>	<u>£ 45,411.35</u>
	○ Allotment Deposit	£550
	○ FE Variable Speed Camera	£10,000 (Hold for 12 Months)
	○ FE Path	£5,000 (Time Limited)
	○ Capital Works	£21,000
	○ Parish Reserve	£8,861.35
•	<u>Current Account</u>	<u>£ 4,074.98</u>
	<u>Total on Hand</u>	<u>£ 49,486.33 (Before payments below)</u>

One complaint has been received about a farmer using a bird scarer gas gun. The farmer has indicated this is a temporary measure and the scarer will be removed shortly once the crop it is protecting has matured sufficiently. In the absence of the proposer (and without another proposer and seconder) the chair withdrew the motion.

Resolution: Defer to next month.

22/1429 Update on the progress of the defibrillator project.
Following working group activities and Parish Council decisions at previous meetings, two sets of equipment have been ordered from Community Heartbeat Trust.
The Parish Council records its thanks to Cllr. Martin for managing this process.

22/1430 To agree that the Council seeks to secure a loan to fund one-half of the costs to install an average speed camera system on the B1008 through Ford End village.

Members discussed the contents of the briefing note and while recognised the need for traffic calming measures in Ford End, they also noted the likely impact such a long-term commitment would have on the Council's future budget demands. Given both the lack of members at the meeting and closeness to the end of the 4 year term of the current Council it was agreed to postpone any in principle decision and allow the new Council to agree such a large financial commitment, if that is what it decides.

Resolution: Defer this item until May 2023.

22/1431 To agree to the Recreation Committee's recommendation to adopt the draft Recreation Strategy 2023-2027 document circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolution: The strategy was approved.

22/1432 Update on the Great Waltham recreation ground storage solution and accept the Recreation Committee's proposals.

- a. The committee recommends the council applies for full planning permission as recommended by the City Council planning department.

Resolution: Spend up to £500 on the full planning permission application.

- b. The committee recommends the storage container is placed at the children's play area side of the pavilion.

Resolution: The proposal was agreed.

- c. The committee recommends the 8ft x 8ft storage container as the best option.

Resolution: The proposal was agreed.

22/1433 Discuss and agree to the Recreation Committee's proposal to purchase 2 x 600l bags of topsoil to repair the goal areas at Ford End and Great Waltham recreation grounds.

Resolution: The proposal was agreed.

22/1434 To adopt the draft revised Petitions Policy circulated prior to the meeting.- Cllr Gilbert.

Resolution: The policy was adopted and will be posted on the website.

22/1435 To agree that the Council seeks to become a trustee (Elected Member) of Great Waltham Village Hall.

The meeting identified a need to clarify whether the Council could be nominated as a trustee in its corporate capacity.

Resolution: The Council deferred this motion and agreed to consider any nomination opportunities at its AGM on 20th May 2023.

22/1436 To agree that the Council continues to nominate a Representative Member for Great Waltham Village Hall's Committee of Management.

Members requested clarification of the voting rights of representative members under the Village Hall's constitution. It noted that Cllr. Gilbert will look to attend the Village Hall's AGM as an observer (and not as Chair of the Parish Council) to ensure the Council's future discussions are fully informed.

Resolution: The Council deferred this motion and agreed to consider whether to nominate a Representative Member to the Village Hall's Committee at its (the Council's) AGM on 20th May 2023.

22/1437 Discuss and approve any items for the "Parish Council News" section of the Parish News.-All.

- Allotment open day- Cllr Palmer.
- Annual Parish Meeting.

Next planned meetings (all in the Pavilion) :

Monday 17 th April	Highways & Transport Committee
Wednesday 19 th April	Finance and General Purposes Committee
Monday 24 th April	Monthly Meeting

Meeting closed 21.32.

Will Adshead-Grant.

Clerk to the Council.