

HIGH EASTER PARISH COUNCIL

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Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the **Ordinary Meeting of High Easter Parish Council** which will be held at the Village Hall on **Monday 3rd February 2020** for the purpose of transacting the business set out on the agenda below.

SIGNED (CLERK):

DATE 29th January 2020

THE PRESS & PUBLIC ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

AGENDA

19/139 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

19/140 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

19/141 PUBLIC FORUM – There will be 15 minutes available for the Public to speak on Parish Council matters or any issue of local concern.

19/142 MINUTES OF ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6th January 2020 for approval and signature.

19/143 COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLLRS REPORT

19/144 CLERK'S PROGRESS UPDATE and CORRESPONDENCE

Essex Highways have confirmed they will attend and jet the drains along The Street in the next few weeks, in an attempt to reduce the highway flooding. As this is an ongoing issue the Parish Council has asked to meet the team on site to discuss further.

Essex PRoW officer has confirmed the gate at footpath 20, Brickford Bridge has now been moved to allow unobstructed access to the footpath.

Every 5 years, the PRoW officer walks all PRoWs in each parish, identifying any maintenance works required; in 2019 it was the turn of High Easter. As a result of the review, nine new bridges were installed, thirteen new fingerposts and waymarkers installed and sixteen general maintenance jobs completed. If you notice any issues with PRoW they can be reported on the Essex Highways system, or reported via the Clerk.

19/145 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

To include:

Playground inspection log for February 2020 is covered by the independent assessment which will be considered below.

19/146 PLANNING

19.146.01 – Applications

Application No.	UTT/19/3172/FUL
Location	Land Adjacent To Boreham Court The Street
Development	Proposed erection of 4 no. affordable dwellings including external works, creation of new access road and parking.

In addition to a response to the planning application and following a meeting with Hastoe, Parish Cllrs and a resident in order to fully understand the costing models; the Parish Council to confirm its preferred position of either four rental properties or a mix of rental and shared ownership.

Application No. UTT/20/0149/FUL
Location Homely (Walnut Tree Cottage), The Street
Development Section 73A Retrospective application for the demolition of existing property and proposed erection of new dwelling.

Application No. UTT/20/0099/FUL
Location Barn At Gladen Cottage Bishops Green
Development Proposed conversion of an existing barn to a residential dwelling.

19.146.02 – Decisions

Application No. UTT/19/2932/CLP
Location Barns at Park Gate Park Road, Pleshey
Development The proposed demolition of the building used as a butchery ancillary to the farming activities at the Application Site followed by the Change of Use of Two No. Agricultural Buildings to Five No. Dwelling houses
Decision Refused Certificate of Lawfulness, full planning application required

19.146.03 A Consultation on Essex Coast Recreational disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS) Supplementary Planning Document is open for responses until 21st February. This includes a technical report and mitigation strategy for how Essex local authorities (including Uttlesford) will avoid and mitigate the in-combination effects of increased recreational disturbance on Essex coast Habitats sites. The consultation proposes a tariff on any new development which is payable to protect coastal bird habitats, within an identified ‘zone’ which stretches from the coast inland. Only a very small part of Uttlesford, including a ‘corner’ of High Easter are in the Zone of Influence where this tariff is proposed. The tariff is proposed on all new residential developments where there is a net increase in dwelling numbers including the change of use of other buildings to dwellings. There is no development size limit, i.e. it applies where 1 house is involved or 100’s, it also applies to affordable housing sites. The tariff is proposed at £122.60 per dwelling index linked from this base. Parish Council to consider any response.

19.146.03 – At an extraordinary meeting of Uttlesford Planning Committee on Friday 24th January, a decision was taken to refuse the Stansted Airport planning application to increase passenger numbers. The Parish thanks residents who spoke at the public sessions and for those who attended,

19.146.04 – In mid-January, the Planning Inspectors responded to the Uttlesford Local Plan, their full report is available on the Uttlesford website. In conclusion they state ‘the strategy set out in the plan is unsound’ and raise concerns about the evidence supporting it and the potential deliverability of key sites including the garden communities. Uttlesford District Council is considering its response and next steps.

19/147 NEW PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT

Representatives of the Parish Council met with Creative Play to discuss the proposal they had submitted for the play equipment. They were one of four contractors who have submitted designs, all propose a similar solution and cost. The quote from Creative Play for the surface proved to be favourable. The meeting first discussed the play equipment and some amendments to the original plan were proposed by Cllrs, a revised plan and quote is pending, as are site visits to play areas installed by Creative Play. Parish Council to consider whether to progress with this contractor.

Butterfly pre-school has contacted the Parish Council and confirmed they would like to support the plans for a new play area and to organise a small sponsored event with the children to raise funds. The Parish Council are delighted to accept this offer and look forward to joining them in their efforts!

19/148 REVIEW OF PLAYGROUND INSPECTION – report pending

19/149 GARDEN WASTE SERVICE 2020

Uttlesford District Council is proposing to offer Parish Councils the garden waste service as in previous years. This year they propose to start the service earlier with the first weekend collection being Saturday 8th March 2020 and continuing until Saturday 28th November 2020. They do not intend to change the

schedule, therefore each Parish will have the same allotted day and time as last year. The hourly rate is estimated to increase to £70/hour (£68 in 2019) and with the additional weeks would result in a cost to High Easter Parish Council of £1,400 for the season. The earlier start to the season was not known when the budgets were approved last month and will result in an additional budget of £200. Parish Council to confirm whether to continue with the service.

19/150 REPLACEMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

19/151 HIGH EASTER VE DAY PLANS

To consider the village plans for VE day and a request for a grant from the Parish Council to support the event.

19/152 FINANCE

19.152.01 Cheques for Approval

<i>PAYMENT TO</i>	<i>VALUE</i>
Allison Ward - Parish Clerk January 2020	£ 258.96
Allison Ward – Contribution to Clerks computer	£ 200.00
Uttlesford District Council – Garden waste service 2019	£ 1,156.00
BT – Purchase of Phone Box (inc VAT)	£ 1.20

19.152.02 - A cheque has been received from High Easter Village Hall Committee for football fees of £105.

19/153 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA to include review of tender responses for 2020 maintenance.

19/154 DATE OF NEXT MEETING scheduled for Monday 2nd March 2020 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING