

**HIGH EASTER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held in High Easter Village Hall Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019**

Present: Cllrs Andrea Davis, Neil Reeve, Jo Windley and the Clerk Allison Ward

County and District Cllr Susan Barker (leaving after item 19/38)

3 Members of the public (all leaving during or at the end of item 19/36)

In the absence of both the chairman and vice chairman, the Clerk asked the Cllrs to elect a chairman for this meeting; Cllr Reeve was duly appointed.

19/34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Nigel Boreham, Cllr Robert Lodge and Cllr Paul Sutton and accepted by the Parish Council.

19/35 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING – None

19/36 PUBLIC FORUM

The owner of the property Walnut Cottage, formerly known as Homely asked to address the meeting and that his comments be included in full in the minutes. He began by confirming he has purchased the property to refurbish and live in and when work commenced it was found to be structurally unsafe. The owner emphasised it was not his intention to have to submit a planning application, however he is left with no choice but to submit a retrospective application as the building is unsafe, the left hand side is collapsing and it was necessary to remove the roof for safety reasons. The owner went on to address the Parish Councils objections to the current planning application as in his opinion there are some points which are incorrect.

- The Parish Councils objection to the removal of the thatch and its replacement with tiles. The owner commented that beneath the thatch on the right hand side of the building are tiles and therefore the building was tiled before it was thatched; he commented on the significant time delays of acquiring a thatcher.
- The Parish Councils objection to the removal of the bay windows. The owner confirmed the property did not have bay windows until 1972.
- The Parish Councils request that a condition is included that any external windows and doors are not UPVC in keeping with the conservation area and a previous refusal for a property in the historic centre. The owner confirmed he did not include the type of materials for the new windows, doors, bi-folds on his application to Uttlesford as he was not aware he was required to, however there are properties in the conservation area, for example Glebe Cottage opposite, where UPVC windows have been allowed. The owner added that he disliked UPVC and did not intend to use this material.
- With regards to footpath 21 which the Parish Councils suggests runs along the rear of the property, the owner noted that it is 27m beyond his property boundary and not 3m as suggested in the Parish Councils response, (the Clerk commented that the Parish Councils response does not suggest the footpath is 3m from the property, the statement made is in relation to the depth between the property and rear boundary, which is 3m as per the submitted plans).
- The applicant added that he found the Parish Councils comments on the garage roof, ‘crudely designed’ quite offensive, as it was designed to match those opposite. This was in order to keep the roof at a height that would not impact the neighbours, a pitch roof as per the original 1978 plans would be above the hedge line.
- The owner disagrees with the Parish Councils view on the 1978 plans for the location of the garage and is of the view the approved plans, of which he presented a copy, show the garage in the position it has been built.
- The landscaping at the front of the property has been put back as it was and the reason it is hardstanding is because a new water main was required. There are no building materials on the footpath or road and the site is kept spotless.

Signed  
 Robert Lodge (Chairman Parish Council)

The owner concluded by asking the Parish Council to retract the inaccuracies he felt had been made in their objection. The Clerk confirmed this would not be possible unless the Parish Council felt new evidence had come to light, however the Uttlesford planning process allows the owner, or anyone, to respond to the Parish Councils objection ahead of any decision being made by Uttlesford. In discussing the decision timescales, the Clerk went on to confirm should the Uttlesford planning officers recommend for approval, the Parish Council has asked that this application be called in for a final decision by the Planning Committee.

*1 resident leaves the meeting.*

A resident raised the issues with overflying aircraft which start at 6am in the morning and are constant one after the other and asked if there was anything they could do about it. Cllr Reeve responded by confirming this is an issue for the parish and that it has been high on the parish councils agenda for some time. Residents are directed to the parish council website which contains information including how to complain about noise. Cllr Reeve went on to confirm there is a new administration at Uttlesford and an extraordinary meeting is due to take place on the most recent Stansted planning application, this has been delayed from initial plans whilst the new administration seeks legal advice. County and District Cllr Susan Barker suggested the resident contacts the MP to raise the issue.

*2 residents leave the meeting.*

19/37 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Cllr Windley proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record, this was seconded by Cllr Davis with all in agreement. The Chairman of the meeting signed the minutes.

19/38 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Barker commented that there is nothing significant to report on from Uttlesford and noted a couple of local issues. Firstly, the repairs to pot holes along High Easter Road have not happened, Cllr Barker is pursuing. Secondly, Cllr Barker commented on the confusing state of the broadband provision with the three infrastructure service providers; the Parish Council agrees and at this stage has no clarity on where and when connections will be made.

*Cllr Barker leaves the meeting*

19/39 CLERK'S UPDATE & CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

The 40mph speed limit between Boreham Court and Rehobeth should be implemented on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Following a request for a replacement VAS sign in The Street, Essex Highways has responded as follows, *A paper has been prepared for Cllr Bentley as the Cabinet Member which will look at the way forward for VAS in Essex. As it currently stands all sites would need to be reassessed to ensure that they meet the criteria but there is the possibility of amendments being made to this in the very near future. We should be a lot clearer about the Essex position regarding VAS in due course and I will update you as soon as I have further information to offer.*

The Clerk was asked to respond to Kemi Badenoch following a letter outlining the government funding announced in the Autumn 2018 budget and available for the refurbishment of village halls. The Parish Council felt the minimum project cost of £50k (maximum grant is 20% of project cost) was too high to benefit the majority of village halls.

At the request and in support of High Easter Village Hall Committee, the Clerk endorsed a grant application to CIF on behalf of the Parish Council.

Hastoe, the affordable Housing Association has confirmed they are progressing with the necessary surveys to confirm the preferred site and are working on a public consultation in early to mid-July.

Signed  
Robert Lodge (Chairman Parish Council)

District Cllr Gerard 'Portfolio Holder for Residents & Community Partnerships; Police & Emergency Services' has asked to attend a Parish Council meeting in order to understand the local issues and concerns; the Clerk will invite him to a future meeting.

#### 19/40 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Windley will check the playground for May 2019, there have been no issues reported. Cllr Boreham has confirmed he will source the bark in the next month.

The Clerk was asked to check that the Japanese Knotweed on the track adjacent to the village hall had been treated this year.

#### 19/41 PLANNING

##### 19.41.01 Applications

Application No	UTT/19/1070/FUL
Location	Paddock off, High Easter Road
Development	Erection of stable block incorporating tractor and hay store

Cllr Windley proposed that the Parish Council has no objection to this application, this was seconded by Cllr Davis with all in agreement.

Application No	UTT/19/1262/HHF
Location	Hoss Croats, Slough Road
Development	Proposed conservatory extension

Cllr Windley proposed that the Parish Council has no objection to this application, this was seconded by Cllr Davis with all in agreement.

Application No	UTT/19/1161/HHF & UTT/19/1162/LB
Location	The Labourers Rest
Development	Replacement of an existing conservatory and the additional of a new gabled roof dormer to provide improved head room in an existing first floor bedroom.

Cllr Windley proposed that the Parish Council has no objection to this application, this was seconded by Cllr Davis with all in agreement.

##### 19.41.02 Decisions

Application No	UTT/19/0096/FUL
Location	Games Farm, High Easter Road
Development	Erection of agricultural storage building
Decision	Conditional Approval

Application No	UTT/18/3493/HHF & UTT/18/3494/LB
Location	Chestnut Cottage, The Street
Development	Demolition of front porch and erection of replacement front porch
Decision	Refused

Application No	UTT/18/2971/HHF & UTT/18/2972/LB
Location	Labourers Rest
Development	Replacement of existing conservatory and the addition of a new gabled roof dormer to first floor bedroom
Decision	Refused

Application No            UTT/18/2750/HHF & UTT/18/2751/LB  
 Location                 Bishops, Bishops Green  
 Development            Erection of annexe attached to existing carport  
 Decision                 Refused

19/42 STREET LIGHT BOREHAM COURT

This was a request from County and District Susan Barker following door-knocking during the elections. At this stage the Parish Council decided not to progress this request further as Cllr Barker was unable to provide any confirmation of which resident had raised the request.

19/43 SALT BAG PARTNERSHIP 2019/20

Cllr Reeve proposed that the Parish Council takes part in the Essex County Council winter salt bag partnership and that the Parish Council requests a new salt delivery to be delivered to Borehams for storage. This was seconded by Cllr Windley with all in agreement.

19/44 OVERS EVENTS 2019/20

It was agreed to carry this agenda item forward to the next meeting when a full council may be present to discuss. The Clerk was asked to check the preschool holiday dates over the summer.

19/45 FINANCE

19.45.01 Cheques for Approval

<b>PAYMENT TO</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
Allison Ward - Parish Council May 2019	£ 265.92
The Snug – Refreshments for the Annual Meeting	£ 54.75
JCM Services – 1 <sup>st</sup> verge cut	£ 1,359.96
JCM Services – 1 <sup>st</sup> cut jubilee meadow and ad hoc village hall	£ 228.00

The following cheque was approved between meetings

<b>PAYMENT TO</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
BHIB – Insurance 2019/20	£ 426.55

19.45.02 The Parish Council considered a grant request from High Easter Parochial Church Council for assistance towards the costs of maintaining the churchyard. The Clerk reminded the meeting of the guidance on making grants to churches, after considering Cllr Windley proposed a grant of £300 is made for the purpose of supporting the maintenance of the churchyard, this was seconded by Cllr Davis with all in agreement.

19/46 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA to include wild flower planting around the village.

19/47 DATE OF NEXT MEETING scheduled for Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019, 7.30pm at High Easter village hall.

TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING 9.30pm