

**HIGH EASTER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
 held in High Easter Village Hall Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

Present: Cllrs Nigel Boreham, Andrea Davis, Robert Lodge (Chairman), Neil Reeve, Jo Windley and the Clerk Allison Ward

County and District Cllr Susan Barker (*leaves after 18/75*)

5 Members of the public (*3 leave after 18/73*)

18/71 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Paul Sutton and accepted by the Parish Council.

18/72 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING, as it was apparent residents had come to discuss the new Essex County Council Transport arrangements for The Rodings primary school, Cllr Lodge declared a pecuniary interest as a Director of Lodge Coaches, the company who had previously held the contract. Cllr Lodge remained chair of the meeting and contributed to the discussion that followed in the public forum.

18/73 PUBLIC FORUM

Residents raised their frustrations with the decision by Essex County Council to award the Rodings School transport to 24x7, a taxi company which results in several cars replacing the single bus. The main issues being additional vehicles on the local roads, scheduling of services, no seats available for paying passengers, children entitled to transport missed from the schedules. During the discussions Cllr Lodge clarified a number of points including the process of applying for the contract. County and District Cllr Susan Barker commented on the concern that a large number of contracts nationally have been awarded to 24x7 which could lead to other providers leaving the market and prices increasing in the long term. The use of taxis also puts additional pressure on Uttlesford as the licensing of vehicles becomes extremely complex. There are further (unverified) suggestions that the arrangements at the school have resulted in additional costs and so the net impact for the tax payer is a higher cost for the service. In conclusion Cllr Barker offered to arrange a meeting with Essex County Council, the Parish Council and local residents to discuss their concerns. The Clerk was asked to write to Essex County Council asking for clarity on the policy re selling spare seats, the method for monitoring performance and the justification for sustainable transport when additional vehicles are required to provide the service.

Cllr Lodge asked for a vote of thanks to be recorded in the minutes thanking High Easter Village Hall Committee for their work in replacing and decorating the ladies' toilets.

*3 residents leave*

18/74 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018. Cllr Lodge proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record, this was seconded by Cllr Reeve with all in agreement; the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

18/75 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Gigaclear are continuing with plans to put fibre around the outer boundary of the village which will include some properties in the parish as part of the Superfast Essex rollout of fibre, however BT are also putting ducting in the village; who is doing what requires some clarity. Cllr Lodge confirmed the quotes from BT Openreach and Gigaclear to provide a fibre solution for all of the village are still pending and being regularly chased.

Uttlesford has increased its fines for litter dropping to the maximum permitted, however for successful convictions people need to report incidents and provide evidence to assist with prosecutions.

There have been 1,500-2,000 responses to the Draft Local Plan consultation which are being analysed ahead of going to the Planning Inspector by the end of October, the result will be an examination in early 2019.

*County and District Cllr Susan Barker leaves the meeting.*

Signed  
 Robert Lodge (Chairman Parish Council)

## 18/76 CLERK'S UPDATE &amp; CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

In July the Clerk, Cllr Lodge, Cllr Reeve and County and District Cllr Susan Barker attended a Highways 'surgery' to petition for an extension to the proposed 40mph buffer zone beyond Haydens and to Stagden Cross. This was unsuccessful, however as a compromise agreement has been reached to introduce additional signage at Stagden Cross to alert drivers to the hamlet, timescales for this are unconfirmed at this stage.

The Parish Council met with the local postmaster who has offered to provide a mobile service to the village for 2 hours per week, there are no concerns and all parties are happy with the proposal. A meeting took place with the Post Office parties in early September and a list of requirements has been drawn up. The Parish Council is keen to get the service in situ for Christmas, however there are some legal hoops which may prevent this from happening, the Clerk was asked to forward additional information to the Post Office which might assist in shortening the timescales.

In July the Parish Council met with Hastoe, the affordable housing association who are working with the Parish Council on a new small development for the village, the primary aim of the meeting was to meet the new manager assigned to this project and to understand where we are in the process. Hastoe in turn has now met or had correspondence with all three landowners whose sites were considered viable and all three options remain on the table. Hastoe are arranging to meet with Uttlesford Planning to discuss all the options further, a representative of the Parish Council will attend this meeting.

Broadband, information and quotes from BT and Gigaclear to provide a fibre solution for the village are still pending, with both operators being continually chased for information.

## 18/77 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Davis carried out the playground inspection for August 2018; there is a gap on the bridge which may need attention and could be as a result of the previous work to repair the broken bolts, further checks will be carried out.

The Clerk will forward a resident's email to Cllr Windley with concerns re the barrier across footpath 20 which inhibits walkers from easily accessing the footpath.

The Cllrs were aware of the recent incident with the theft of a motor bike close to Garnetts wood and would ask residents to ensure any crime however minor is reported to the police. The Clerk has forwarded details of this latest incident to Kemi Badenoch MP as her priority is policing and crime.

## 18/78 PLANNING

## 18.78.01 Applications – for discussion and decision

Application No	UTT/18/2289/HHF
Location	Fieldway, The Street
Development	Single storey rear extension

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

## 18.78.02 – Decisions

Application No	UTT/18/1216/PAP3Q
Location	Barn at Harpers
Development	Prior Notification of change of use of agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling
Decision	Application Required

Application No	UTT/18/0836/HHF
Location	Gladden Cottage, High Easter Road
Development	Proposed extensions and associated alterations to dwelling.
Decision	Conditional Approval

Application No	UTT/18/1360/FUL
Location	Acreland Green, The Street
Development	Erection of agricultural storage building using existing access (amendment to previously approved permission UTT/18/0025/FUL)
Decision	Refused
Application No	UTT/18/1313/HHF and UTT/18/1314/LB.
Location	Barley Cottage, The Street
Development	Alterations to existing garage, new roof and link to cottage
Decision	Conditional Approval
Application No	UTT/18/1283/HHF
Location	Park View House, The Street
Development	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear and side Extension
Decision	Conditional Approval
Application No	UTT/18/1316/HHF
Location	Shepherds Hey, The Street
Development	Erection of single storey and two storey rear extensions
Decision	Conditional Approval

#### 18/79 VILLAGE FIRST AID COURSE

Cllr Lodge proposed that the Parish Council supports, promotes and donates £100 as its contribution to a first aid course for residents. High Easter village hall committee will be the lead organisers and they have made contact with a suitably qualified individual who is willing to provide the expertise in return for a donation to Essex Air Ambulance. This was seconded by Cllr Windley with all in agreement.

#### 18/80 PLAYING FIELD

18.80.01 The Clerk was asked to contact Dunmow Rhodes and ask them not to rope off the football goals as the area is for public use.

18.80.02 The pre-school confirmed they had investigated alternative fencing for the outdoor space and have reached a conclusion that a picket style fence would be appropriate providing it was at a height of 5ft to meet Ofsted requirements. The Parish Council are satisfied with the suggestion and have asked for pictures of the proposed fencing which will be forwarded to Uttlesford to verify whether planning permission is required. Discussions continued on suitable storage and it was agreed storage boxes would be used and not a permanent shed. The village hall committee confirmed a grant had been secured to replace the back external doors that would lead to the outside play area and that these now met the Ofsted requirements, with additional plans in place to create the corridor to allow secure access. Cllr Lodge thanked Jayne Hulbert and the Butterflies pre-school team for all their efforts in running the pre-school in the village.

18.80.03 Footpath repairs around the village hall. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for replacing the entire surface in front of and to the side of the village hall. Once quotes are obtained the Parish Council will look to secure grant funding for the works.

#### 18/81 STANSTED AIRPORT

18.81.01 – Uttlesford issued additional information and re-opened the consultation on the planning application UTT/18/0460/FUL which includes the request for increasing passenger numbers. This information which included further details impacting noise, was released on 23<sup>rd</sup> July with a date for responding of 30<sup>th</sup> August. In line with other Parish Councils, the Clerk wrote to Uttlesford to confirm it would not be possible to submit any comments by this deadline.

During August Stop Stansted Expansion confirmed it has filed an Application for Judicial Review with the High Court. Its purpose is to challenge the decision of the Secretary of State for Transport to continue to allow the current Stansted Airport planning application to be determined by Uttlesford District Council (UDC).

Signed  
Robert Lodge (Chairman Parish Council)

18.81.02 – MAGS has issued a consultation on the Stansted Airport Noise Action Plan 2019-2023. This action plan sets out the airports strategy for managing airport noise and reducing its impact on the local communities. The plans work in 5 year cycles and this is the third plan for Stansted. Parish Cllrs were asked to review the consultation and a decision on a response will be considered at the October Parish Council meeting.

18.81.03 – The CAA website (13.07.18) confirms the PIR into LAMPS Phase 1A which includes the changes to departures routes from February 2017 which severely affected High Easter has now been completed and the report is due shortly. The Parish Council continues to chase for information.

#### 18/82 WW1 COMMEMORATION

Cllr Lodge suggested an outline plan for the village commemorations to include the church service of remembrance, an afternoon lunch starting at 3pm and finishing at 7pm with the beacon lighting and fireworks.

The lunch will be a ticketed event, fully catered and begin drinks and canapes. Following the meal Cllr Lodge has booked Major Graham Cooper to speak on WW1 history including the local residents who lost their lives. There is then a gap in the programme and a few suggestions were tabled which require further consideration. Cllr Lodge and the Clerk have yet to meet with the caterers, however initial costs suggest a ticket price in the region of £30 to cover costs, tickets will be limited to 100 guests. The beacon lighting and fireworks will be free of charge and open to all residents.

Cllr Lodge proposed that the Parish Council applies to Stansted Community Trust for £100 grant towards the village event, this was seconded by Cllr Davis with all in agreement. Clerk to submit application.

Cllr Boreham proposed that the Parish Council purchases a poppy wreath to lay at the memorial, this was seconded by Cllr Reeve with all in agreement. Clerk to arrange.

#### 18/83 UTTLESFORD HIGHWAY RANGERS

Following a meeting with the Clerk in early July a list of jobs was prepared, including cleaning signs, cutting vegetation, painting fingerposts, painting the pump on Pump Green. The majority of this work is now complete. Cllr Lodge proposed a vote of thanks be recorded and a letter sent thanking the Uttlesford Highway Rangers for their excellent work. This was seconded by Cllr Boreham with all in agreement; Clerk to arrange.

#### 18/84 FINANCE

18.84.01 Cllr Lodge proposed the following cheques for payment, this was seconded by Cllr Reeve with all in agreement.

Allison Ward - Parish Clerk July and August 2018	£	504.66
Nightingale– Playing Field grass cutting and Jubilee Meadow	£	855.00
Perry Contracting – Second verge cut	£	1,211.21
Information Commissioner – Annual subscription	£	40.00

18/85 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA to include planning for 11<sup>th</sup> November event and MAGs noise consultation.

18/86 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING 9.40pm