

HIGH EASTER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
 held in High Easter Village Hall Monday 1st October 2018

Present: Cllrs Nigel Boreham, Andrea Davis, Neil Reeve, Janet Robinson, Paul Sutton (Chairman), Jo Windley and the Clerk Allison Ward

County and District Cllr Susan Barker (*leaves after County and District Cllrs report*)

1 Member of the public

18/87 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Robert Lodge and accepted by the Parish Council; the vice Chairman, Cllr Paul Sutton chaired the meeting.

18/88 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING - None

18/89 PUBLIC FORUM – Nothing to report

18/90 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 3rd September 2018. Cllr Reeve proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record, this was seconded by Cllr Boreham with all in agreement; the minutes were signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

18/91 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

District Cllr Susan Barker arrived after agenda item 18/97, her report is recorded at this point in the written minutes. District Cllr Susan Barker left the meeting after her report.

Uttlesford is due to issue a further 6-week focused consultation on the Local Plan, ‘Addendum of Focused Changes to Regulation 19 Local Plan’. The proposed amendments do not alter the strategy of the Local Plan, but seek to clarify a number of matters which have come about following the Planning Inspectors examination of the North Essex Authorities Local Plans, in particular in relation to the proposed development site West of Braintree. The Planning Inspector has requested further work from the North Essex Authorities which will not be complete at the point Uttlesford’s plan is presented to the Planning Inspector. Uttlesford remains of the view the West of Braintree site is a sustainable location, however further wording is required in the Local Plan to reflect the increase risk levels and to set out what measures the Council will take if there are delivery issues around the West of Braintree site. Further information will be available on the Uttlesford website, including how to respond.

The Parish Council expressed their frustration with the changing dates for the Planning Committee to discuss the Stansted Airport planning application as well as the delays to the Planning Officers report and general poor communication and lack of clarity on procedure.

Cllr Barker was asked to chase the request for a meeting with the School Transport Cabinet member to discuss the issues with primary school transport from the village, raised at the last Parish Council meeting.

County and District Cllr Susan Barker leaves the meeting.

18/92 CLERK’S UPDATE & CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

The Parish Council is aware County Broadband are considering developing a fibre network in the village and all residents have received a letter from County Broadband inviting them to a public meeting on 2nd October in High Easter Village Hall. In the meantime, District Cllr Howard Ryles continues to chase Openreach and Gigaclear to obtain quotes for providing a fibre solution for the whole village.

The Clerk confirmed on behalf of the Parish Council that UK Power Networks can cut the hedgerow to the rear of the sports field. This is necessary as trees are in contact with the high voltage lines and a 3 metre clearance from the overhead conductors is required.

Signed
 Paul Sutton (Vice-Chairman Parish Council)

A response has been received from Kemi Badenoch to the Parish Councils concerns on local crime. The letter confirms crime and policing is the number priority for the constituency and lists a number of conversations that have or will happen.

Hastoe has arranged a meeting with Uttlesford Planning on 31st October to discuss the potential sites put forward for affordable housing in the village, Cllr Boreham and Cllr Sutton to attend.

18/93 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

Essex County Council, (ECC), is keen to explore how joint working between ECC and Parish/Town Councils could deliver better outcomes for residents and businesses and are looking for Parish Councils to pilot with. The Parish Council agreed that as the current verge cutting contract is already sub-contracted to the Parish Council there is unlikely to be much benefit from taking part in the pilot, however the Parish Council is interested to see the results of the pilot and providing they achieve the objectives set would be interested in considering managing other services currently carried out by ECC; Clerk to respond.

Uttlesford District Council is launching a campaign, 'We're Watching You' in November and are looking for Parish Councils to engage with the plan, put up posters and monitor whether they make a difference. The Parish Council were of the view there were no dog fouling 'hot spots' within the village and therefore they would not be able to contribute to the monitoring plan, however the Clerk was asked to enquire about the cost of signage for the Parish Council to consider further.

Uttlesford District Council has commissioned management consultancy Knight, Kavanagh & Page (KKP) to carry out a Sports Facilities and Recreation Strategy in the area, which will result in the production of an area wide strategy. The Clerk will prepare a response on behalf of the Parish Council.

18/94 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Robinson carried out the playground inspection for September 2018, there are no new issues.

Cllr Davis notified the meeting that an allotment is available and asked the Clerk to circulate information to residents.

The VAS sign on the Barnston Road does not appear to be working properly, Cllr Boreham to have a look and see if a new battery is required.

18/95 PLANNING

18.95.01 Applications – None

18.95.02 – Decisions

Application No	UTT/18/1526/FUL
Location	Briar Bank, Clatterford End
Development	Application to remove condition C.6.10 from planning permission UTT/0545/06/FUL to enable outbuilding to be used as a separate dwelling.
Decision	Conditional Approval

Application No	UTT/18/1695/HHF & UTT/18/1696/HHF
Location	Little Garnetts Bishops Green
Development	Demolition of existing garden room and erection of replacement garden room, replace glazing to rear elevation of house and alterations to entrance porch including enclosing with glazing, infill panel and adding an external door and replacement of area of roof covering.
Decision	Conditional Approval

18/96 STANSTED AIRPORT

18.96.01 –Various dates have been issued and amended in relation to the special Planning Committee meeting and public speaking sessions to discuss the Stansted Airport application to raise its current cap on the number of passengers it is permitted to serve from 35 million passengers per annum (mppa) to 43mppa. Cllr Reeve proposed that High Easter Parish Council speaks in objection to the application at the most appropriate session once dates are confirmed, this was seconded by Cllr Sutton with all in agreement. The Clerk will confirm representation with Uttlesford once further details are available.

18.96.02 – There will be an urgent meeting of the SSE, Parish & Town Council Liaison Group on Wednesday 3rd October. The one agenda item will be Stansted Airport's planning application and Uttlesford's process; Cllr Davis and Cllr Reeve to attend.

18.96.03 - 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.

18/97 WW1 COMMEMORATION

Cllr Lodge and The Clerk met with other village representatives to discuss plans for the village commemorations on 11th November. The Parish Council is organising the afternoon dinner, followed by a speaker on WW1 and finishing with fireworks and lighting the beacon. Tickets for the afternoon are priced at £30 each with all aspects of the catering provided by a contractor. At 7.00pm fireworks and beacon lighting will be on the playing field and free to all residents. The event will make a loss, Cllr Boreham proposed that the Parish Council covers the current budgeted loss of £700 which includes £500 for the fireworks the part of the event open to all residents free of charge. This was seconded by Cllr Windley with all in agreement.

18/98 FINANCE

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

Allison Ward - Parish Clerk September 2018	£	252.33
Perry Contracting – village hall hedge trimming	£	135.00

18.98.02 The Clerk presented the quarterly finances for the period April to September 2018 and these were accepted by the Parish Council. They confirm a cash balance at the end of September of £12,302.

18/99 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA to include planning for 11th November event, overs Christmas Lunch, broadband options.

18/100 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 5th November 2018

TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING 8.40pm