

HIGH EASTER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
held in High Easter Village Hall Monday 5th November 2018

Present: Cllrs Nigel Boreham, Robert Lodge (chairman), Janet Robinson, Jo Windley and the Clerk Allison Ward

County and District Cllr Susan Barker (*leaves after agenda item 18/105*)

District Cllr Howard Ryles (*leaves after agenda item 18/103*)

7 Members of the public (*3 residents leave after agenda item 18/103*)

18/101 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Andrea Davis, Cllr Neil Reeve and Cllr Paul Sutton and accepted by the Parish Council.

18/102 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Cllr Robinson declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 18.108.01, Newell Cottage as a joint owner of the property.

Cllr Lodge declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 18.108.01, 8 Gepps Close as the joint owner of the adjoining land .

Cllr Boreham declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 18.108.01, Bishops as close friends of the applicants.

18/103 PUBLIC FORUM

District Cllr Howard Ryles opened the session by sharing with the meeting the latest information available about the proposals from the three infrastructure broadband providers, County Broadband, Gigaclear and Openreach who can potentially provide a fibre infrastructure solution for the parish. The Parish Council shares the frustration with residents over what is a complex picture, however it is not currently possible to be part of the Superfast Essex programme which provides government and local authority funding to rollout fibre broadband to the majority of the County. This is due to the European State Aid rules which in the context of broadband only allow the use of public funding to extend broadband coverage in geographical areas where there are no current or planned (next three years) provision of superfast broadband by commercial providers. The last market analysis commissioned by Superfast Essex confirmed there was a commercial provider able to supply a fibre solution to High Easter within the timeframe. As a result, the majority of High Easter cannot be funded by the Superfast Essex programme at this stage. It is this position that has led District Cllr Ryles and the Parish Council to seek alternative options. (*Post meeting, Openreach confirmed they have been laying fibre cabling from Barnston to Pump Green and onwards to the Good Easter exchange, however because of the situation explained above, Openreach are not in a position to connect residents to this network, unless they are north of Mudwall Farm*). The Parish Council will issue an update note to residents who have previously provided their email addresses to Cllr Ryles sharing with them the information the Parish Council has about each provider's solution. In conclusion the decision on which provider to commit to is for residents to make.

A resident raised the increasing noise disturbance as a result of overflying aircraft. The Parish Council confirmed the current position and reminded residents to report any noise disturbance via the SSE form which is on the Parish Council website.

18/104 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 1st October 2018. Cllr Robinson proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record, this was seconded by Cllr Boreham with all in agreement.

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 Robert Lodge (Chairman Parish Council)

18/105 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Council – Cllr Barker confirmed that Essex Highways has asked each County Cllr to confirm 20 pot holes for urgent repair in their constituency. Cllr Barker confirmed she had received very few requests. Cllr Lodge commented that the problems were on the edges of the carriageways and not potholes, which Essex Highways refuse to repair. Discussions are on-going about next year's budgets; demand is rising in particular in social care which is the pressure point. Whilst government headlines may appear good, when funding is distributed it is very limited, for example the additional funding for schools equates to £10k per year for a primary school and £50k for a secondary school.

Uttlesford District Council – The Local Plan Addendum is out for consultation. This is necessary because the Planning Inspector was not happy with Braintree's Local Plan as they had not provided sufficient information to prove that the west of Braintree garden city was the best way forward. As part of Uttlesford's housing numbers are 'tagged' onto the West of Braintree development, it was necessary to provide an addendum to note this issue. Uttlesford District Council remains on target to submit to the Planning Inspector by 24th January, failure to do so will mean the new government housing targets would have to be applied to The Plan.

18/106 CLERK'S UPDATE & CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

The Clerk has booked the annual playground inspection from Wicksteed at a cost of £45; this will take place in mid-November.

Affinity Water have confirmed their intention to replace some water mains along "The Street", in the vicinity of Boreham Court. Exact details of where and when are pending.

2019 is the end of the four-year term for Parish Cllrs. The process of nomination begins in March 2019 and if necessary elections will be combined with the District Council elections on 2nd May 2019. Further information will be provided as we get closer to the dates on what is involved and the process of applying to be a Parish Cllr.

The Clerk has spoken to Uttlesford who have verbally confirmed it is not necessary to apply for planning permission for the pre-school 'picket style' fencing, which will be attached to the west end of the hall at a height of 5ft and with gates to allow access. The Parish Council has asked to be consulted again once the pre-school is in position to begin the work to ensure final plans are as agreed.

There is no further news on the Post Office plans and outstanding are the changes to the Parish Council website to allow it to be shared with the village hall and quotes for replacing the paths around the village hall.

18/107 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Lodge carried out the playground inspection for October 2018, there are no new issues.

The gate post at the entrance to the Jubilee Meadow from the west which support the 5 bar gate has rotted. Clerk to put up a sign and to arrange for a contractor to carry out the works assuming the cost is less than £250.

The Parish Council has received a number of comments on the flowerbed adjacent to the highway at Seasons and Essex Highways have provided information to confirm encroachment onto highways land. Cllr Windley will speak to the residents before any further action is taken by the Parish Council.

Cllr Boreham gave a brief update on the meeting with Hastoe and Uttlesford planning and confirmed all three sites the Parish Council had asked to be progressed would be acceptable, with two more favourable due to their location. Uttlesford has asked Hastoe to confirm the viability of a fourth site identified in their report and to progress their analysis to confirm which sites are the most viable financially and practically given the views of both Uttlesford and the Parish Council. Clerk to contact Hastoe to confirm next steps.

Cllr Boreham confirmed the battery has been replaced in the VAS sign on the Barnston Road.

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18/108 PLANNING

18.108.01 - Applications

Application No	UTT/18/2673/HHF
Location	Newell Cottage, The Street
Development	Proposed rear conservatory

The applicant confirmed this application was being withdrawn and as a result no discussion took place.

Application No	UTT/18/2693/HHF
Location	8 Gepps Close
Development	Demolition of side extension and erection of single storey side extension and single and two storey rear extensions

Cllr Boreham proposed that the Parish Council comments on the large scale of the proposed development, this was seconded by Cllr Robinson with all in agreement.

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

Cllr Lodge proposed that the Parish Council comments that they do not wish to see the 'annexe' divided as a separate property and that a condition is applied to reflect this. Cllr Robinson seconded the proposal with all in agreement.

Application No	UTT/18/2841/HHF
Location	11 Stagden Cross Villas
Development	First floor rear extension, ground floor infill extension & a front porch extension.

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

18.108.02 - Decisions

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

18.108.03 – Uttlesford District Council is consulting on an Addendum of Focused Changes to the Regulation 19 Pre-Submission Local Plan. Cllr Lodge proposed that the Parish Council does not respond, this was seconded by Cllr Robinson with all in agreement.

18/109 BROADBAND

Discussion took place in the Public Forum and the Clerk will issue an update note as agreed.

18/110 STANSTED AIRPORT

Stansted Airport planning application, Cllr Reeve will speak on behalf of the Parish Council in objection to the application at the Planning Committee meeting on 14th November. Cllrs have attended two SSE Town/Parish Council Liaison Meetings during October and the minutes from both meetings have been circulated to Cllrs.

In late October the CAA published its Post Implementation Review on the changes to departure routes in February 2016. The report concludes that the changes which have had such an adverse impact on High Easter

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in terms of overflying, did meet the objectives originally set ‘to improve environmental and operational efficiency for Stansted DET’. The report recognises that the changes would have an adverse impact on some communities who would be overflowed more frequently, however concludes the impact is no greater than anticipated. The Clerk was asked to contact SSE to discuss including whether climb levels can be explored.

18/111 WW1 COMMEMORATION

Cllr Lodge updated the meeting on plans for the event and confirmed ticket sales are going well; it is hoped the maximum number of 100 will be reached. Cllrs were asked to provide support on Saturday to help set up and after the event to clear down.

18/112 CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR THE OVERS

After discussion and considering the Parish Council resources required for the WW1 commemoration event, Cllr Windley suggested the lunch is held in January. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes from caterers and to talk to the pre-school re using the hall.

18/113 FINANCE

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

Allison Ward - Parish Clerk October 2018	£ 252.33
Perry Contracting – 3 rd verge cutting	£ 1,911.21

Payments relating to the WW1 commemoration event will be confirmed at the December meeting.

18/114 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA to include overs Christmas Lunch, affordable housing.

18/115 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 3rd December 2018

TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING 9.00pm