

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Clark.

**Present:** Cllr. Goodman, Cllr. Watts, Cllr. Stone, Cllr. Barrie, Cllr. Ashcroft

**Officers:** Mrs Stephanie Robinson (Clerk & RFO)

**Members of the public:** 8

### **Meeting started at 7.30 pm.**

#### **23/24.074 Public Participation**

This is the opportunity for members of the public to bring any items of interest to the attention of the parish council.

A member of the public explained that her elderly disabled mother does not want to go into a home and instead wants to live with them they need auxillary accommodation which will be temporary in nature. The parish council advised that this was a technical area and advised them to talk to Basildon planning department.

A resident brought the newly introduced Biodiversity Net Gain legislation to the parish council's attention. BNG is mandatory from 12 February 2024 under Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as inserted by Schedule 14 of the Environment Act 2021).

Developers must deliver a BNG of 10%. This means a development will result in more or better quality natural habitat than there was before development. This could be an opportunity for the parish council to improve the woodland and other areas in the parish as developers seek to provide the required net gain.

A resident raised their concerns regarding speeding and poor sight lines on Laindon Common Road particularly the area around the village hall. The resident fears that the planned second chicane will exacerbate the problem rather than helping. The parish council advised that having consulted with Essex Highways the second chicane was the only possible further speed reducing measure on the road. Speed cameras on the bend by the village hall will not be allowed in any circumstances. The second chicane project will only proceed if the speed trap yields robust evidence of speeding. There is nothing further the parish council can do on the subject.

#### **23/24.075 Apologies for absence**

None.

#### **23/24.076 To receive Members' Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.**

None.

#### **23/24.077 Minutes**

Members considered and approved the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 which were duly signed by the Chairman. **All agreed.**

#### **23/24.078 Clerk's report**

Clerk has attended training on Public Rights of Way, Commons & open spaces, Planning, Managing grievances and War Memorials. All of this training has been paid for by other organisations, but the parish council will also reap the rewards.

The Clerk attended election briefing (as did Cllr. Watts) and has all the necessary information with regards to the timetable, the forms and the electoral role. The deadline for the submission of nomination forms is the 4pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Forms must be submitted by hand (although does not have to be by the nominee themselves) to Basildon

Borough Council electoral office. We will receive the statement of persons nominated by 4pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April. If it goes to ballot the ballot will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024  
The Clerk also published another edition of the Bugle which was kindly distributed by Cllr. Clark. **Noted.**

#### **23/24.079 Finance**

a) To approve and sign payments at this meeting.

##### **PAYMENTS MADE SINCE JANUARY MEETING**

ECC (speed trap)	£368.20
S.ROBINSON (feb. wages, subsistence, tel & bb, Microsoft + HP)	£613.36
HMRC (feb tax )	£111.00

##### **PAYMENTS TO AUTHORISE AT THIS MEETING**

S.ROBINSON

(mar. wages, subsistence, tel & bb, Microsoft + HP+ instant print)	£552.17
HMRC (MAR tax )	£110.80
L.R.&Sons (cutting LB common)	£540.00

b) Members to approve the accounts/bank reconciliation for March 2024.

Cashbook Balance £7,089

**All Agreed.**

#### **23/24.080 Standing Orders**

Members reviewed the Standing Orders and decided no changes needed to be made.

**All agreed.**

#### **23/24.081 Financial Regulations**

Members reviewed the Financial Regulations and decided no changes needed to be made.

**All agreed.**

#### **23/24.082 Hall Hire charges**

Members discussed whether to accept the proposed hall hire charges. The Parish Council Dont pay for hall hire as it was bequeathed to them but are happy to help contribute to heat/light costs in principle. There is a need to know the amount. Will revisit when the price is known.

**All agreed.**

#### **23/24.083 Replacement of Road signs**

Members discussed and decided that as long as within budget put 6ft one in at junction of Hatches farm road and Botney hill road and remove old ones at the other end of Hatches farm road (where there are now 3 signs).Cllr. Watts brought to the councils attention that one of the Wooden footpath signs has broken the Clerk will investigate how to proceed.

**All agreed.**

#### **23/24.084 Planning**

- To consider a list of planning applications below received since the last meeting and decided under delegated decisions to the Clerk. **None.**
- To consider Planning Applications received prior to the meeting.
  1. 24/00172/FULL- **Retrospective application for the retention of barn/storage building. - Land North Of Williams Farm Green Lane Little Burstead Billericay. No objections.**
  2. 24/00192/FULL - **Proposed partitioning of the application site, including the demolition of existing outbuildings, to provide a single detached chalet dwellinghouse with**

**associated amenity space, parking and landscaping - Many Berries New Road Little Burstead. No objections**

3. **24/00292/VAR - Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of 23/00829/VAR - Lyndhurst Broomhills Chase Billericay Essex No objection.**

**All agreed.**

**23,24.085 War memorial quotation received**

Members discussed and decided to obtain another quote for the work before making the decision.

**All agreed.**

**23/24.086 Little Burstead Common**

Members ratified the decision made to go ahead and have the common cut, before the nesting season began. Members discussed what to do with regard to other grass cutting in the parish. Common looks a lot better. Cllr. Watts to obtain a further quote for grass cutting the length of Laindon common road and round the corner to the golf course.

**All agreed.**

**22/23.087 Reports from Councillors/Borough and County councillors.**

**Cllr. Watts:** LHP is next Monday ABLC is this Thursday. Not much to report from the previous ABLC meeting.

**Noted.**

**22/23.088 Items from Councillors to be added to the next Agenda.**

War memorial, grass cutting, telephone box.

**Meeting closed at 20.54**

**Next meeting is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

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