

In the Chair: Cllr. Clark.

Present: Cllr. Goodman, Cllr. Ashcroft, Cllr. Watts (arrived 17.26), Cllr. Stone

Officers: Mrs Stephanie Robinson (Clerk & RFO)

Members of the public: 3 including Cllr. Richard Moore.

Meeting started at 5.07 pm.

23/24.048 Public Participation

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

Member of the public complained about the speeding in Laindon Common Road and parking outside of village hall making it impossible for residents to get out of their drives. Results in cars travelling long distances on the wrong side of the road to get past the parked cars. Chair has spoken to Chair of Village Hall management committee. Supposed to be part of the terms of hall hire that the cars park in the field down the road. 2nd Thursday of each month Chair will open the car park. The resident was advised to write to the village hall. Further complaints were heard about the speeding from the chicane around the blind bend.

23/24.049 Apologies for absence

None. Cllr. Watts apologized for lateness.

23/24.050 To receive Members' Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.

None.

23/24.051 Minutes

Members considered and approved the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Friday, 15th September 2023. **All agreed.**

23/24.052 Clerk's report

Yellow lines outside the village hall – an application needs to be made to South East Essex Parking Partnership. We will need to carry out a petition to show local support for the measures. The Clerk will start this process.

Chicane – a meeting was held on Laindon Common Road with Essex Highways, the Parish Council and Cllr. Moore. It was agreed that the best location for a new chicane would be outside Spinnakers. Highways will conduct a speed survey (to be paid for by the Parish Council) and we will see where we go from there.

Remembrance Sunday – The Clerk has purchased a wreath as well as biscuits, tea/coffee etc. Members of the Womens Institute have agreed to help with the tea/coffee and tidying up afterwards.

War memorial – The Clerk has ascertained that no permissions are needed as it is not listed.

Training bursary – The Clerk explained that the councillors were all eligible for a training bursary from the EALC which would cover 75% of the cost of any training undertaken and encouraged the councillors to attend training.

23/24.053 Finance

a) To approve and sign payments at this meeting.

PAYMENTS MADE SINCE SEPTEMBER MEETING

S.ROBINSON (oct. wages, subsistence, tel & bb, Microsoft)	£457.88
HMRC (oct tax)	£103.00

PAYMENTS TO AUTHORISE AT THIS MEETING

S.ROBINSON (NOV. wages, subsistence, tel & bb, Microsoft)	£707.48
HMRC (NOV tax)	£165.40
POPPY APPEAL (wreath)	£50.00
CUTTING EDGE (pond maintenance)	£400.00

b) Members approved the accounts/bank reconciliation for October 2023.

Cashbook balance £11,918.73

All agreed.

23/24.054 Grass cutting

Members discussed and decided how they wish to proceed with regards to organizing grass cutting in the parish.

Cllr. Watts has had a meeting with a potential contractor who has agreed to do it at a very favourable rate for the Parish council. There will be a further meeting between now and March to finalise arrangements. It was agreed to accept the very kind offer. **All agreed.**

23/24.055 Budget 2024/25

Members discussed and decided upon a budget for the year 2024/25 with total budgeted expenditure of £15,855. **All agreed.**

23/24.056 Precept 2024/25

In light of the budget agreed upon under 23/24.054 Members agreed the Precept for 2024/25 would increase by 10% to fund continued projects to improve the village. Total precept for the year would be £17,710. **All agreed.**

23/24.057 Remembrance Sunday

Members finalized arrangements for Remembrance Sunday this year. 3 members of the WI have kindly agreed to help at 9.30. Cllr. Clark will set up tables tomorrow night. Cllr Watts to lay wreath. **All agreed.**

23/24.058 Speed Survey

Members ratified the decision taken to fund a speed survey in order to see if an additional chicane on Laidon Common Road is justified. **All agreed.**

23/24.059 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. 23/01283/FULL - **3 Brook Cottages Laindon Common Road Billericay Essex. Single storey rear extension- Objection on grounds of overdevelopment of site in conservation area.**
 2. 23/01218/FULL - **Meadway Farm Rectory Road Billericay Essex. Demolition of the existing dwelling, permanent mobile home and outbuildings and the erection of 2 no. dwellings. No objections.**

Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP) for Noak Bridge. + consultation on Neighbourhood plan. No comments **All agreed.**

23/24.060 Zero hour Climate and Ecology Bill

Little Burstead Parish Council notes that:

The Climate and Ecology Bill has been introduced in the UK Parliament on four occasions since 2020, including most recently in the House of Commons 10 May 2023. The Bill is backed by **[180]** cross-party MPs and Peers, **[237]** local authorities, alongside the support of eminent scientists, such as Sir David King; NGOs, such as the Wildlife Trusts, the Doctors' Association, Oxfam, the W.I. and CPRE; businesses, such as The Co-operative Bank, Riverford and The Body Shop; and 42,000 members of the public.

The CE Bill would require the UK Government to develop and achieve a new environmental strategy, which would include:

1. Delivering a joined-up environmental plan, as the crises in climate and nature are deeply intertwined, and require a plan that considers both together;
2. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with 1.5°C to ensure emissions are reduced in line with the best chance of meeting the UK's Paris Agreement obligations;
3. Not only halting, but also reversing the decline in nature, setting nature measurably on the path to recovery by 2030;
4. Taking responsibility for our overseas footprint, both emissions and ecological;
5. Prioritising nature in decision-making, and ending fossil fuel production and imports as rapidly as possible;
6. Providing for re-training for those people currently working in fossil fuel industries; and
7. Giving the British people a say in finding a fair way forward via a temporary, independent and representative *Climate & Nature Assembly*, as part of creating consensus and ensuring that no one and no community is left behind.

Member discussed and decided the council therefore resolves to:

1. Support the Climate and Ecology Bill;
2. Inform local residents and inform local press/media of this decision;
3. Write to **MP John Baron** to inform them that this motion has been passed, and urge them to sign up to support the CE Bill—or thank them for already doing so;
4. Write to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the CE Bill, expressing **Little Burstead Parish Council's** support (councils@zerohour.uk). **All agreed.**

Minutes of the **LITTLE BURSTEAD ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held at the Village Hall on **FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2023**

22/23.061 Reports from Councillors/Borough and County councillors.

Cllr. Watts:ABLC meeting is next week. There is also Planning hearing on Lower Dunton Road 269 houses which will be held at Basildon council. **Noted.**

22/23.062 Items from Councillors to be added to the next Agenda.

Telephone box and war memorial . Backpay.

Members to note next meeting is Thursday 11th January at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 18.54

Email: littlebursteadpc@gmail.com Text:
All agendas and minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council's website
<https://e-voice.org.uk/lbpc>