

## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Present:** D.Clayden, P.Sutterby, M.Whitehead, J.McLintock and 3 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Mrs G.Essex

**Minutes of the last meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were agreed and duly signed.**

### **Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council**

A resident express concern that for the last 2 days the B184 Ongar Road has been closed due to roadworks without any advanced notices warning of the closure. The clerk stated she had not been informed of any road closures in the area.

A resident asked for an update on when the bins at the village shop will be replaced by larger ones. The clerk stated she is expecting this to happen imminently and will chase Waste Aware. A resident asked of any updates regarding the request for a traffic calming measure to be placed on the B184 Dunmow Road on the approach to the school. He stated that he would not like to see speed humps or for the speed limit to be reduced below 30 mph but would prefer a visual speed reminder sign. The clerk stated this was suggested when she requested Highways to look into this. She stated this request was put forward with the assistance of Risa Long from Highways but will be a lengthy process before a decision is made.

A resident asked for an update on when and how Chalks Green will be cut this year and expressed that the cut last year was not performed very well. It was explained that in previous years Mrs Golding insisted on the cut being done around the 10<sup>th</sup> July but last year it was considerably later, a meeting with Parish Councillor and Mrs Golding has been suggested to clarify the management of the green but at this time she has been unwell so it has been deferred. A resident enquired as to when an extra Parish Councillor will be co-opted as at the moment there is a vacancy. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council is working with enough Councillors to make a quorum but after the Annual Assembly the clerk will inform Uttlesford and request they send the necessary forms to advertise for another Councillor.

### **Clerk's report.**

- The clerk has received confirmation from Uttlesford Waste Aware that the small bins at the village shop will be replaced with larger ones, we are now awaiting the replacement to be done.
- The clerk has had no information from Uttlesford regarding the inspection of the footpaths in Holloway Crescent, she will ask for an update.
- Traffic calming request on B184 Dunmow Road – see above.
- The clerk is awaiting a reply from Highways regarding the parking area outside the village shop; she will request an update.
- The clerk and Cllr Barker requested that the light at the zebra crossing be adjusted so residents do not have the light shining into their properties. As Highways do not give back information when requests have been granted she does not know if this has been done. The Chairman will enquire from the resident who originally stated concerns about the light to see if there has been an improvement.

**Finance:**

The clerk was given authority to pay: -

- £17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall for today’s meeting
- £436.17 to AON UK Ltd – annual insurance fee
- £211.20 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (invoice no.748)
- £211.20 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (invoice no.787)
- £193.97 to EALC – annual subscription.

**Planning Applications:**

The following report has been received from Uttlesford Planning Enforcement:

An allegation had been made that a breach of planning control may have taken place at 4 Lordswood View where gates and fencing over 1 metre high in height have been erected which may require planning permission. An investigation has been carried out and decision made to close the file as no breach has been found, no further action will be taken and the file closed.

**Footpaths.**

P. Sutterby sent a report:

Footpath 15 High Easter Road – Finger post missing – this has now been replaced.

Footpath 11 - Broken footbridge – this has now been fixed.

Footpath 11 – Two plank bridge – Job No 2502270 still ongoing.

P.Sutterby reported that although vegetation is getting high on footpaths at this time there are no problems for walkers at the moment.

Any footpath problems can be reported by contacting Phil Sutterby or by telephoning 0845 6037631 or by emailing [www.essex.gov.uk/highways](http://www.essex.gov.uk/highways).

**Any other business:**

1. P. Sutterby stated that there is a minor adjustment to the No 59 bus running through the village from Chelmsford to Harlow, in future the bus will start and finish at Anglia Ruskin University instead of Chelmsford Bus Station; they will still run through the centre of Chelmsford. The clerk has not yet received this information from Essex County Council.
2. P. Sutterby stated he intends to hold another litter pick on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June so that the village will be tidy for the village fun day on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Any volunteers to meet at the village hall at 9.30am.
3. J.McLintock stated that residents of Holloway Crescent were not happy with the position of the barriers erected to keep pedestrians from the flats safe from cyclists. Parish Councillors assumed residents were happy with the placement as the barrier has been there since February and no complaints have been received. The clerk will ask Cllr Barker to inspect the barriers.
4. After discussion it was decided that the clerk will contact Piggotts Flags to enquire the price of a replacement village flag.
5. D.Clayden will purchase and plant some summer plants in the planters at the village sign.

6. The clerk read an email from a resident of Brownlows Close stating how lovely the grass areas in the village looks after the first cut of the year and she thanked the Parish Council for including a small area of grass that had been previously overlooked.
7. The clerk read an email from Cllr Barker stating that during her visits to the village during the recent elections a resident has been named for depositing dog waste on the on the verge in High Easter Road, this has now been reported to the Animal Warden.
8. The clerk read an email from Highways with details of a new website being introduced to improve the reporting of Highways problems. Although there is now not a dedicated email for reporting Highways problems, residents can log on to the Essex Highways website and choose the 'Tell Us' and 'Check a Query' options.
9. The clerk reported that Mrs Essex and her family have selected a bench and plaque in memory of the late Ken Essex. Parish Councillors agreed that the clerk should make the order for the seat.
10. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dates of future meetings: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 (amended date)  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.1`5pm.