

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th July 2017

Present: D.Clayden, Mrs G.Essex, P.Sutterby, M.Whitehead, J.McLintock and 4 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Barker

Minutes of the last meeting of 16th May 2017 were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

A resident again expressed concerns regarding speeding on Dunmow Road on the approach to the school and asked for an update on the possibility of a visual speed reduction sign. The clerk informed the meeting that she attended a Highways meeting along with the Chairman and P.Sutterby organised by Cllr Barker for representatives from Parish Councils in the area to discuss Highways issues. Highways appear to have no record of this being applied for despite acknowledging the email sent from the clerk. The clerk has now resent the application and is awaiting a decision. The clerk has also resent the application for maintenance work on the service road outside the shop to ensure it is not considered a slip road to High Easter Road by motorists.

A resident stated a damaged drain nearby the fire station has been tarmacked over by Highways. The clerk was informed at the earlier Highways meeting that this had been done as a safety procedure and would shortly be put right.

A resident asked for an update on the survey on footpaths in Holloway Crescent, the clerk has been informed by Uttlesford that residents would be hearing from them shortly regarding this.

A resident expressed concern that people examining the land opposite the village hall might be examining for future development. The Chairman reiterated Cllr Barker's reassurance that the land is green belt and cannot be built on in the near future.

A resident requested the Parish Council minutes be attached to the village notice board without being agreed. After discussion the clerk will look into the possibility of attaching draft minutes to the notice board when they have been circulated to Parish Councillors.

A resident stated that although some of the vegetation on the grass verge opposite the village hall looks acceptable there is a part jutting out which needs cutting back. The clerk will request that MD Landscapes give a quote for the work but she does not envisage this work to be completed until after the summer cutting period.

Clerk's report.

- Litter bins have now been reinstated by Uttlesford outside the shop and by the bus shelter.
- The clerk has been informed by Uttlesford that they would soon be contacting residents regarding footpaths in Holloway Crescent.
- Traffic calming request on B184 Dunmow Road – see above.
- Service areas outside the shop – see above.
- A seat in memory of Ken Essex has now been ordered and we are awaiting a date for delivery.

- The clerk has received a quote for St George's flag from Piggotts Flags but since moving to new premises they cannot locate details of our village flag. Mrs Essex will look for details of the original design of the flag.

Finance:

The clerk was given authority to pay: -

- £17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall for today's meeting
- £211.20 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (invoice no.833)
- £316.20 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (invoice no.896)
- £52.80 to Rural Community Council for Essex – annual subscription.
- £280.00 to R.C.Bell – printing of Leaden Reading (June 2017)
- £15.86 to D.Clayden – purchase of plants for village planters
- £675.00 to Mrs T.E. Bell – clerk's ½ year salary

Planning Applications:

The following planning applications have been circulated between meetings:-

New Cottage, Dunmow Road – Proposed extension to garage – no objections.

Stokes Cottage, Chelmsford Road – Proposed single storey rear extension – no objections.

The following decisions to determine planning applications have been made my Uttlesford:-

New Cottage, Dunmow Road – Proposed extension to garage – conditional approval.

Stokes Cottage, Chelmsford Road – Proposed single storey rear extension – conditional approval.

Footpaths.

P. Sutterby reported:

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

P.Sutterby was pleased to report that Highways have cut a number of footpaths in the area.

Any footpath problems can be reported by contacting Phil Sutterby or by telephoning 0845 6037631 or by emailing www.essex.gov.uk/highways.

Any other business:

1. P. Sutterby stated that the B184 through High Roding will be closed from 14th to 28th August due to updating mains supplies to accommodate the new housing development.
2. M.Whitehead reported he has recently had items from his garage burgled and advised all to ensure outbuildings are securely locked.
3. J.McLintock stated that the three new parking spaces in Holloway Crescent have not yet been marked; the clerk will request that this is completed.
4. P. Sutterby thanked residents who helped in the recent litter pick, 8 bags of litter were collected.
5. A vote of thanks was given to Mr Moore – a resident of Holloway Crescent who collects litter in the village every Saturday.

6. The clerk reported that she had been informed by Highways that will again consider extending the 30 MPH speed limit on the A1060 towards White Roding with a different application criteria. We will await their decision.
7. Between meetings the clerk received a complaint regarding a dog in the garden of a property in Holloway Crescent becoming aggressive to people passing by. The clerk has reported this to the Animal Warden and she will contact the dog owners.
8. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 5th September 2017

Dates of future meetings: Tuesday 31st October 2017 (amended date)
Tuesday 12th December 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.