

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th September 2017

Present: D.Clayden, Mrs G.Essex, P.Sutterby, M.Whitehead, J.McLintock, Cllr Barker and 12 members of the public.

Minutes of the last meeting of 18th July 2017 were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

The majority of the residents present attended the meeting due to concern over the recent 5 night encampment of Travellers at Chalks Green. Cllr Barker informed residents that the Parish Council acted totally correctly during this time. Although the clerk did contact Essex Police, Essex County Council and Uttlesford District Council and had many discussions with residents, the full responsibility for the eviction of the travellers is with the land owner – Mrs Golding. Residents expressed that during the time they were concerned and upset by the encampment and disappointed at the lack of information given to them. As soon as the Travellers left, with the permission of Mrs Golding, organised a ditch to be dug around the exposed side of the green to prevent this happening again. They are now at this meeting to seek advice on this or other forms of barriers for the future and for information on any grants or fundraising which may be available to erect these to assist Mrs Golding with the cost.

Residents discussed the possibility of compulsory purchasing of the Green from Mrs Golding in the future. Cllr Barker will contact Mrs Golding to discuss a way forward. It was decided that John Hildrew would be the contact for the Chalks Green residents and the clerk would contact him if she was made aware of any public meeting within the County he might attend to discuss Traveller concerns.

A resident from Holloway Crescent stated that correspondence received from Uttlesford Council state that the road in Holloway Crescent is to be resurfaced although for the last 2 years requests have been made for the footpaths to be resurfaced. The clerk will contact Uttlesford for clarification.

Cllr Barker's report

At this time there is a Mobile Library Consultation being carried out for views on different options for Mobile Library visits to villages, the deadline for input is 19th October.

The Uttlesford Local Plan is now closed; there are no plans for any development in Leaden Roding. Cllr Barker stated that it is not envisaged that planning permission for the development of the field opposite the village hall will be granted if any is submitted.

Clerk's report.

- Traffic calming request on B184 Dunmow Road – the clerk has not heard from Highways regarding the proposed traffic survey although evidence of the survey being carried out has been noticed.
- Service areas outside the shop – no further update.
- A seat in memory of Ken Essex has now been delivered to the village hall, J.McLintock will liaise with the clerk and Mrs Essex on the location chosen and will install it securely.

- Mrs Essex located details of the original village flag design and the information has been passed to Piggott's for them to try to locate the original pattern.
- The drain concreted over by Highways for safety reasons has not yet been completed properly.
- The clerk has sought advice regarding publishing Parish Council minutes which have not been agreed and has found that with the permission of Parish Councillors these can be put on the notice board with a 'subject to change' notice on them. After discussion it was agreed that when future minutes have been written this would be done.
- No further update regarding the possibility of an extension to the 30 mph on the A1060 at Leaden Bridge has been received at this time.

Finance:

The clerk was given authority to pay: -

- £17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall for today's meeting
- £105.60 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (invoice no.927)
- £211.20 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (invoice no.969)
- £280.00 to R.C.Bell – printing of Leaden Reading (Sept 2017)
- £884.40 to Streetmaster (South Wales) Ltd –purchase of seat in memory of Ken Essex

Planning Applications:

The following planning applications have been circulated between meetings:–

Leaden Hall Farm, Stortford Road – Demolition of existing barn and erection of 3 detached dwellings with associated garaging, access and public and private amenity space – no objections.

The following decisions to determine planning applications have been made by Uttlesford:-
Leaden Hall Farm, Stortford Road – Demolition of existing barn and erection of 3 detached dwellings with associated garaging, access and public and private amenity space – conditional approval

Footpaths.

P. Sutterby reported:

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

P.Sutterby reported that since the harvest has been completed there is a vast improvement in 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. The seat at the village sign has been damaged; M.Whitehead will look into repairing it.
2. J.McLintock stated that drains on the A1060 and on the B184 opposite Longhide are in need of cleaning, after heavy rain there are huge puddles left on the road. The clerk will request that they are cleaned.
3. The clerk will request that Highways cut back the hedges on the B184 Dunmow Road.
4. P Sutterby reported that the next litter pick is organised for Saturday 14th October at 9.30am starting at the Village Hall.
5. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 31st October 2017

Dates of future meetings: Tuesday 12th December 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.