

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 31st October 2017

Present: D.Clayden, Mrs G.Essex, P.Sutterby, M.Whitehead, J.McLintock and 6 members of the public.

Apologies received: Cllr Barker

Minutes of the last meeting of 5th September 2017 were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

J. Hildrew stated that after the first responses from Cllr Barker regarding deterring Travellers from Chalks Green there has been no further updates about the installation of posts around the green. Cllr Barker offered to liaise with Mrs Golding regarding this problem and the Parish Council accepted her offer as it was felt that this should lead to a more speedy resolution. The clerk stated she has had emails from Cllr Barker informing the Parish Council that she had been in discussion with Mrs Golding regarding this and as she has not had replies from messages left an email has now been sent to Mrs Golding stating that as the ditches already dug on the green have not affected any services, if posts were placed along the ditch line it would be difficult to see how utilities would be affected, Cllr Barker also stated in the email that she had made contact with Planning at Uttlesford and their advice is that planning permission for bollards is not required. The Chairman stated it is now the responsibility of Mrs Golding to install the posts if she wishes. J Hildrew enquired about funding opportunities to assist with the cost, this will be looked into when Mrs Golding decides to install the posts.

J. Hildrew also enquired into the possibility of the installation of a children's play area in the village. The clerk stated that over many years residents have asked for this and the Parish Council's response is that they are happy to support anybody who wishes to get a working party together to organise the installation and ongoing maintenance and cleaning of the area but nobody has been willing to take this on.

A resident stated that although the hedges and trees on Dunmow Road have now been cut back, the footpath now needs to be reinstated; the clerk will request Highways Rangers to do this. It was also agreed she would request that Highways Rangers to cut back the shrubs on the verge opposite the village hall.

A resident requested an update regarding the clarification of either the repair of the road or footpaths in Holloway Crescent. The clerk has not yet been informed, she will request this again.

Clerk's report.

- Traffic calming request on B184 Dunmow Road – the clerk reported that Highways have now undertaken a traffic survey and the results show that the speed on the north side of the school does indicate that traffic is speeding and would meet the criteria for investigatory measures; they will put through a formal validation for the site to be looked at. It was hoped that all validations would be completed in time for the January panel meeting but ultimately everything will be ready for the March meeting.
- Service areas outside the shop – no further update, the clerk will ask for information.
- A seat in memory of Ken Essex has now been delivered to the village hall, J.McLintock, the clerk and Mrs Essex have a meeting arranged to decide on the location of the seat on the village hall site, J.McLintock will then 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 clerk will ask Piggott's for an update.
- The drain concreted over by Highways at Leaden Close for safety reasons has not yet been completed properly; this is due to be completed imminently.
- 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, the clerk will request an update from Highways
- The drain outside Wrens Park, High Easter Road has now been repaired – there has been no heavy rain as yet to see if it has solved the flooding problem.
- Drains on A2060 and B184 by Longhide have now been cleared.
- M.Whitehead is in the process of repairing the seat at the village sign.

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.1009)

Planning Applications:

The following planning applications have been circulated between meetings:–

3 Leaden Hall Barns, Stortford Road – creation of two outbuildings within the rear amenity space – no objections.

Footpaths.

P. Sutterby reported that there are no outstanding issues on footpaths in the village at this time.

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 parking by parents when picking up children is causing problems; some are parking over the zebra crossing making it very dangerous to cross. The clerk reported that the headmaster is aware of parking problems and has recently made a request to the Village Hall Committee for parents to park in the village hall car park. This was turned down due to the hall being hired regularly during weekdays. The clerk will request a police presence during pickup times to discourage dangerous parking.
2. P.Sutterby thanked all residents who helped with the litter pick on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th October when 15 backs of litter were collected.
3. The Chairman stated that the footway between the church gate and Leaden Hall Chase is in need of clearing, the clerk will request Highways Rangers to do this.
4. The clerk has requested posters from Uttlesford's Animal Warden promoting the Responsible Dog Campaign.

5. The clerk has received the 2017 Certificate of Membership from Essex Association of Local Councils, this will be filed.
6. The clerk read an email regarding the public consultation on proposed changes to the Mobile Library Service, the closing date for views is 6th November.
7. The clerk read the external audit report for the Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31st March 2016: *On the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.*
8. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 12th December 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.