

## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Present:** D.Clayden, M.Whitehead, J.McLintock and 5 members of the public.

**Apologies received:** Mrs G. Essex, P.Sutterby and Cllr Barker

**Minutes of the last meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 were agreed and duly signed.**

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

J. Hildrew stated he had not heard from Mrs Golding regarding her decision on a way to make Chalks Green secure from visiting Travellers. Parish Councillors decided that the clerk should write to Mrs Golding to enquire of her plans for the green asking her for a reply before the next meeting.

A resident asked for an update regarding the installation of a dog bin at the church, the clerk has requested that Uttlesford look into this and is awaiting a decision.

A resident stated that a 30 mph sign is lying on the grass verge outside 5 Stortford Road due to a rotting post; the clerk was already aware of this and has reported it to Highways.

A resident complained that the puddle outside King William House is dangerous in freezing conditions, when this was reported last year Highways decided that the puddle was not severe enough for repair; the clerk will report this again stressing it is now larger and more dangerous.

A resident complained that residents waiting for buses at the bus shelters on Stortford Road are getting splashed when it is raining due to water not flowing quickly enough through the gullies in the road. She would like either the gullies to be made better or splashbacks attached to the bus shelters to deter this; the clerk will write to both Highways and Essex County Council dealing with bus shelters for a solution.

A resident complained that the footpath on Dunmow Road towards Aythorpe Roding has not yet been cut back, the clerk has reported this and suggested Highways might be waiting for better weather before carrying out the job.

A resident stated that bins in the area of Willow Green and the flats in Holloway Crescent were overflowing; the council are not emptying them due to somebody not using the correct bins for specified rubbish. The person who is doing this has been reported to Uttlesford. J.McLintock has been clearing the rubbish into the correct bins; the clerk will ask Uttlesford for the bins to be emptied.

A resident suggested that the Parish Council might consider giving a voucher to Mr Moore, a resident of the village who is consistently litter picking to make the village tidy. After consideration it was decided that the clerk would buy a £30 Tesco voucher for him as a thank you.

A resident enquired as to if the Parish Council had considered opting out of the Highways hedge cutting programme as she had read that Aythorpe Roding opts out in an edition of the Parish News. Parish Councillors confirmed this had been discussed in the past and it had been decided to remain on the programme.

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

- Traffic calming request on B184 Dunmow Road – awaiting a decision from Highways following a Highways meeting planned for March 2018.

- Service areas outside the shop – no further update, the clerk will ask for information regarding a decision.
- The seat in memory of Ken Essex for the village hall grounds - a location in full view of the security camera has been chosen for the seat; J.McLintock will install it securely after the winter months.
- The clerk is still awaiting information from Piggotts regarding their records of the village flag.
- The drain concreted over by Highways at Leaden Close for safety reasons has now been fixed.
- 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
- M.Whitehead has repaired the seat at the village sign – Parish Councillors thanked him for taking on the repair.
- Chalks Green – see above
- The clerk has asked for the service road outside the shop to be inspected by Highways, part of the pavement is in need of repair and the area needs repainting; she is awaiting a reply.
- The clerk has requested that Highways cut back the footpath at Leaden Hall Chase.
- The clerk has again requested clarification from Roz Millership of Uttlesford as to whether the path or the road is to be resurfaced in Holloway Crescent and is awaiting her reply.

### **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.1066)

£675.00 to Mrs T.E.Bell – clerk's ½ year salary

£36.00 to Eastern Hardwoods Ltd – purchase of wood for repair of village seat (see above).

### **Planning Applications:**

The clerk has received notification from Planning that the new homes under construction replacing a barn at Leaden Hall Farm is to be addressed 1-3 Westgate Barns, Stortford Road, Leaden Roding CM6 1RA

The clerk stated that in a report received from Planning Enforcement it appears that a breach of planning for landscaping at Leaden Hall Barn has been reported. This was not reported by the Parish Council and the clerk has not received any information regarding this.

The clerk read an email from Nigel Brown, a Development Manager from Uttlesford inviting small Parish Councils to attend a Cluster Group meeting as part of the restructure of the Planning Enforcement Function at Uttlesford. Parish Councillors were happy to be part of the Cluster

Group, the clerk will reply stating this and also stating that Leaden Roding Village Hall can be booked for meetings if required.

### **Footpaths.**

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. The clerk reported she had received an email from Nick Hill, Sustainable Travel Planning Advisor for Essex County Council asking the Parish Council to consider parents from Roding Primary School using the village hall car park when dropping off and picking up children at the school. She replied to the email stating that the village hall car park was under the control of the Village Hall Committee and that they had already received this request from the Headmaster of the school; the Village Hall Committee has already decided and informed the Headmaster that this would not be feasible as car park was in use on a high proportion of weekday afternoons by different organisations using the hall.
2. The clerk reported that she received a telephone call from a resident of Holloway Crescent regarding the lack of presence this year of the Christmas tree waste skip. The resident was informed by Uttlesford that it had not been arranged by the Parish Council. As the Parish Council had never needed to arrange for this collection in previous years the clerk contacted Uttlesford and was told that Leaden Roding had been overlooked in error this year and it was now too late to make any changes. The clerk contacted Cllr Barker to see if she could assist and after several emails to Waste Aware it has been arranged that the skip will make an additional stop at Leaden Roding on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January between 3.30pm and 4.00pm but this will not be advertised by Uttlesford. The clerk has arranged for a leaflet to be put on the Notice Board and also a leaflet to be delivered with the Leaden Reading so that every resident could be informed.
3. The clerk informed Parish Councillors that the precept would need to be agreed at the next Parish Council meeting, she will gather information regarding expenditure over the last 2 years to be given to them for reference at the next meeting.
4. The clerk has received an email from a member of the public searching for a copy of the Village Idyllic – an account of life in Leaden Roding by Jim Godsave. As Parish Councillors were not able to help the clerk will suggest that the member of public contacts the Essex Record Office.
5. The clerk will pass an email to Mrs Essex from Essex Heritage Trust offering grants for local churches.
6. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

**Date of the next meeting:** Tuesday 16th January

**Dates for future meetings:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.