

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2018

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

Apologies received: Cllr Barker

Minutes of the last meeting of 12th December 2017 were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

A resident informed the Parish Council that manure has been dumped at Leaden Bridge, the clerk will inform Highways.

A resident informed the Parish Council that a resident from Holloway Crescent lets their dog out and leaves it to roam around the crescent alone. As the resident has been identified the clerk will inform the Animal Warden.

A resident reported that there are pot holes in Holloway Crescent near to the parking spaces at the end of the crescent, the clerk will report to Uttlesford.

A resident enquired if the green waste times skip times and dates have been organised for 2018 yet, the clerk is still awaiting the details from Uttlesford.

J. Hildrew asked for an update on Mrs Golding's plans to ensure Chalks Green is secure from trespassing by Travellers. The clerk read a letter from Mrs Golding and her daughter stating that that last autumn the ditches along the roads were deepened to increase the security of the green and they are still considering the best options to secure Chalks Green from Travellers camping there in the future while still making it accessible to everyone. J.Hildrew expressed his disappointment that a decision has not yet been made; the clerk will write to Mrs Golding again after 4 weeks if she has not heard. The Chairman stated that this is not an area in which Parish Council can have an involvement as the green is owned by Mrs Golding and her daughter.

Clerk's report.

- Traffic calming request on B184 Dunmow Road – awaiting a decision from Highways following a Highways meeting planned for March 2018.
- Service area outside the shop – no further update, the clerk has reported a further pot hole in the service road which appears to have been caused by a collapsed drain. Highways stated this will be investigated as a priority.
- The clerk has reported to Highways that the 30 mph sign outside 5 Stortford Road has rotted and is now lying on the ground.
- The clerk has once again reported the large puddle outside King William House, when reported before we were informed it was not severe enough to be repaired but it appears to have become larger.
- The clerk has requested both Highways and Essex County Council look into the possibility of passengers not getting splashed in wet weather while waiting for buses on Stortford Road.
- Grass by the footpath on Dunmow Road has been requested to cut back but has not yet been done.
- Over the Christmas period the clerk sought support from Cllr Barker when Leaden Roding had been omitted from the list of villages to have a Christmas tree waste

collection. Cllr Barker arranged for an extra stop in Leaden Roding on Sunday 7th January which was used by some residents. The clerk proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Barker for her assistance.

- The rubbish at Willow Green has now been cleared.
- The clerk has purchased a £30 voucher for Mr Moore as a thank you for his continued litter picking. She will give it the P.Sutterby to pass it on the Mr Moore.
- The clerk has had confirmation that the resurfacing proposed for Holloway Crescent is for the footpaths and not the road as originally stated by Uttlesford, notifications to residents should be sent late January/early February.
- 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

£280.00 to R.C.Bell – printing of Leaden Reading (Dec 2017)

£30.00 to Mrs T.E.Bell – purchase of voucher for Mr Moore

£549.99 to Costco UK – purchase of printer for Leaden Reading printing (see below).

Planning Applications:

The following planning application was circulated between meetings:-

Great Headlands, Poplars Lane, White Roding (also sent to White Roding Parish Council as the property is on each border) – proposed demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage –no objections.

Footpaths.

P.Sutterby had nothing to report.

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

Parish Precept.

Due to Council Tax Benefit being abolished and Council Tax Support Discounts replacing it, the amount requested by Parish Councils will be given by part Precept and part grant. Parish Councils need to work out the amount that is required and then apply just for the Precept, the grant will be credited automatically when the Precept is given allowing the full amount to be collected by Parish Councils.

The clerk circulated finance details for the last two financial years for Parish Councillors reference. Discussions took place regarding village enhancement – it was agreed to budget for village enhancement again this year. After further discussion it was agreed that the Parish Precept for the financial year 2018 to 2019 should be £6,285.00, this will be increased to £6,500.00 when the grant is received.

Any other business:

1. J.McLintock stated that the extra car park spaces made in Holloway Crescent have still not been marked. The clerk will request Uttlesford to mark the spaces.
2. The Chairman proposed that MD Landscapes are requested to include the grass area outside the village hall in the grass cutting schedule for this year.
3. The Chairman proposed that the cost of £549.99 purchased by the editor of the Leaden Reading be paid by the Parish Council, in the 10 years the editor has been producing the village magazine he has had to replace his printers at his own cost 4 times due to the wear and tear of printing 300 copies each quarter. After discussion it was unanimously decided to fund the purchase of the printer.
4. The clerk read an invitation from the Essex Association of Local Councils to an interactive webinar on Tuesday 23rd January presenting information regarding the annual audit by PKF Littlejohn and the common issues which arise with Annual Returns. The clerk will not be able to attend the webinar but will request a copy of the PowerPoint slides for reference afterwards. Parish Councillors were invited to attend if they thought it would be beneficial.
5. The clerk received a telephone call from a resident of the village who is a mother of a pupil of Rodings Primary School; she stated her concern regarding speeding traffic past the school and stated that parents themselves were speeding in the area. She intends to discuss this problem with the Headmaster of the school. The clerk wrote to the Headmaster requesting that he uses the school newsletter to request parents drive within the speed limit and if possible ask staff or governors to monitor speeding outside the school and speak to the parents who they find speeding.
6. The clerk has received an email from Essex Association of Local Councils regarding funding for preparation for the Transparency Code which comes into force later in the year. Funding is given to set up and maintain village websites to publish items in line with the Transparency Code. The clerk will look into this.
7. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 6th March

Dates for future meetings: Tuesday 15th May
 Tuesday 17th July
 Tuesday 4th September
 Tuesday 30th October
 Tuesday 4th December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.