

## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Present:** D.Clayden, M.Whitehead, P.Sutterby, Mrs G Essex, J.McLintock and 5 members of the public.

**Apologies received:** Cllr Barker

**Minutes of the last meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were agreed and duly signed.**

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

A resident informed the Parish Council that there appears to be an increase of residents who are not picking up after their dogs, the clerk stated that if anybody recognises irresponsible dog owners and are willing to report them to the Animal Warden then they will be fined. The clerk will again ask Uttlesford if they can install and empty a dog bin near the church; she informed people present that dog owners have for some time been allowed to use normal waste bins for dog waste.

A resident stated that some of the potholes have been temporarily repaired in Holloway Crescent and it also appears that the footpaths in Holloway Crescent are being prepared for repairs.

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

- Traffic calming request on B184 Dunmow Road – awaiting a decision from Highways following a Highways meeting planned for March 2018, if the clerk has not heard anything before the next meeting she will ask for an update.
- Service area outside the shop – although the Parish Council have not been informed it appears the area is being prepared for repair work to be carried out.
- Chalks Green ditch – the Chairman stated that the Parish Council have done all they can do to make enquiries as to tidying up the area and is awaiting further information.
- The clerk has requested a monthly Sunday slot for the green waste skip again this year and is waiting for the schedule to be issued by Uttlesford. Information regarding dates has missed the March edition of the Leaden Reading but the clerk will put dates on the notice board as soon as they arrive.
- The clerk stated that although she has requested the footpaths on Dunmow Road to be tidied up, on inspection they appear to be acceptable at this time.
- 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 before the next meeting.
- The Parish Council has received a donation of £500 from Councillor Barker for the purchase of the new printer for the printing of the Leaden Reading. A vote of thanks was unanimously proposed.
- P. Sutterby has now given Mr Moore a voucher as a thank you for his litter picking throughout the village, Mr Moore sent his thanks to the Parish Council.
- Requests to Highways and Essex County Council regarding looking into the problem of pedestrians and bus shelter users getting splashed in the rain have not yet been answered, this problem seems to be county wide.

**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 (March 2018)
- £594.00 to Uttlesford District Council – green waste skip hire for 2017

**Planning Applications:**

Nothing to report.

**Footpaths.**

P. Sutterby stated that footpaths are being used by many walkers at this time, he stated that dog owners should respect the code of picking up after their dogs while walking on 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 Chairman stated that the drain outside King William House is in need of repair, the clerk will report this to Uttlesford.
2. The clerk stated that with assistance from the Essex Association of Local Councils she has applied for a grant to update her computer and receive training and payment for the upgrade and future upkeep of the village website in preparation for the Transparency Code which comes into force in May 2018.
3. The clerk informed Parish Councillors that after the Transparency Code comes into force the Parish Council will need to appoint a Data Protection Officer, she has agreed with other Parish Clerks in the area to get together to provide this service between Parish clerks as we do for the annual audit.
4. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors’ attention outside the meeting.
5. As not all Parish Councillors are able to attend the Annual Assembly on 15<sup>th</sup> May it was decided to change the date to Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

**Date of the next meeting:    Tuesday 29th March (Annual Assembly)**

**Dates for future meetings:**    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 8.45pm.