

## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 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 6th March 2018 were agreed and duly signed.**

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

Most items were included in the open meeting of the Annual Assembly which took place immediately before this meeting.

A resident complained about overgrown nettles behind the village sign, the Chairman will look at the area.

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

- Traffic calming request on B184 Dunmow Road – awaiting a decision from Highways following a Highways meeting planned for March 2018, the clerk has asked for an update from both Rissa Long and Chris Stoneham of Highways but has not received a reply, she has now requested Cllr Barker to chase for a reply.
- Service area outside the shop – this has now been repaired re tarmacked. Concerns were raised regarding cars from the car showroom adjacent to the shop being parked in and around the service area. Mrs Essex will enquire of the landlord of the showroom any agreement as to how many cars should be on the forecourt at any one 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 requested an update from Highways but again has not received a reply, she will repeat the request.
- The reported problem of the drain outside King William House in need of repair appears to have been earmarked for repair as there is a red paint mark around it.
- The Parish Council have been awarded a grant of £1,219.00 from the National Union of Local Councils from their Transparency Fund being funding for computer, software, training and data input for the village website to ensure our Parish Council have put in place requirements for the new GDPR regulations.
- The clerk will request that all drains on the A1060 and B183 are cleared by Highways.
- The clerk made enquiries regarding a further dog bin for the area by the church. She has been informed by the animal warden that due to staff shortages Waste Aware would not be able to empty any additional dog bins put in place in the village.

### **Finance:**

The clerk was given authority to pay: -

£17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall for today's meeting

£381.44 to BHIB Ltd – annual insurance

£211.20 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (Inv No. 1155)

£199.13 to Essex Association of Local Councils – annual subscription

£556.99 to Currys PC World – purchase of computer and software for Parish clerk's use (part of grant awarded by (NALC)

Credit to account: - £1,219.00 from National Union of Local Councils – grant from Transparency Fund (see above).

### **Planning Applications:**

The clerk has received a letter from Planning Enforcement informing of an allegation that a breach of planning control may have taken place at Chalks Farm, High Easter Road (conversion of buildings into residential units). They confirm an investigation has been carried out and a decision was made to close the file as no evidence of a breach has been found. The Parish Council were unaware of this allegation.

### **Footpaths.**

P. Sutterby stated that, as always at this time of year, vegetation is getting high on footpaths. Farm workers have reported that they have seen people walking through crops recently; P.Sutterby advised that walkers should keep to the footpaths, anybody caught walking through crops will be trespassing.

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).

### **Request for Parish Council to purchased replacement litter pickers.**

P. Sutterby requested consideration for the Parish Council to purchase 10 new litter pickers to be used at regular litter picking events in the village which will replace the litter pickers purchased last year which were not of good enough quality to continue to be used. He has been informed by Cllr Barker that she will fund up to £100 towards this. It was unanimously agreed to make the purchase.

P. Sutterby stated that at the litter pick on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April despite poor weather 12 people collected 12 bags of litter. He gave a vote of thanks to Aythorpe Roding Parish Council for the loan of their litter pickers.

### **Any other business:**

1. P. Sutterby reported that residents living at Cloghams Green have expressed their concern that a post supporting the locked gate at the entrance to the cricket pitch is rotting. If it deteriorates any further they are concerned travellers may be able to access Cloghams Green. The clerk will report this to the Cricket Club.
2. P.Sutterby requested that the clerk ask a quote from MD Landscapes for tidying the overgrown area opposite the village hall.
3. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

**Date of the next meeting:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
**Dates for future meetings:** 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 9.00pm.