

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30th October 2018

Present: D.Clayden, P.Sutterby, Mrs G Essex, J.McLintock, M.Whitehead, Cllr Barker and 9 members of the public.

Minutes of the last meeting of 4th September 2018 were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

A resident requested the possibility of a children's play area erected in the village. The chairman explained that although the Parish Council would back the idea and look for funding for a playground, parents and volunteers would need to be sought who would be willing to organise the location, building and the ongoing upkeep of a playground in the village. The resident stated she would try to get a working party together.

A resident stated that the problem with pedestrians getting splashed by cars when it is raining on Stortford Road from the roundabout down to Leaden Bridge is still ongoing. The clerk stated that she has again reported this with photographs to Highways but thinks that the main problem is not the drainage (apart from a large puddle at King William House) but an uneven road surface which vehicle wheels have caused since the last resurfacing of the road. She has again reported both the road surface and the large puddle where water collects opposite King William House but as on previous occasions Highways have stated, due to Essex County Council budget restraints this is not severe enough to put right, she is not hopeful there will be a different reply this time.

A resident stated that there were small deep holes around the edge of Chalks Green which are proving dangerous. The clerk confirmed that earlier in the day poles had been placed in the holes. It was assumed the work was delayed when an electric cable was damaged two weeks previously as these holes were being dug causing many homes in this and surrounding areas to have no electricity for up to 15 hours.

A resident suggested that the Parish Council buy a gift voucher for Mr Moore, a resident who continually collected litter around the village. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

A relation of a resident requested the possibility of dropping the curb on Dunmow Road on the entrance to Clovelly and adjoining properties so that a mobility vehicle could be driven safely to the shop from their home in Dunmow Road. Cllr Barker will contact Highways to make this request.

Cllr Barker's Report

Cllr Barker stated that she now has contact at Highways to assist in ongoing issues and will pass on our issues.

After discussion with Rissa Long, Highways have now agreed to look into the possibility of placing a VAS sign on Dunmow Road on the opposite side to where they had previously planned.

The plan for extending the 30-mph limit on the A1060 towards White Roding is in the pipeline. Cllr Barker has been given a budget to repair potholes in Uttlesford, although not a pot hole she has included the pavement outside King William House and hopes this might be repaired.

The requested yellow lines to stop school traffic parking on the footpaths between Long Hide and the School has been approved. This will be advertised over the Winter and if no objections come forward should be implemented in the Spring.

Clerk's report.

- Traffic calming request on B184 Dunmow Road – see above.
- Puddle outside King William House – see above.
- Drainage problems on Stortford Road – see above.
- Leaden Close dove problem – this is still ongoing; Cllr Barker and the resident are in communication to try to resolve this.
- Request for yellow lines between Long Hide and the School – see above.
- VAS sign on Dunmow Road – see above.
- Another advertisement for a Parish Councillor vacancy has brought a resident forward expressing interest in the post. Parish Councillors will interview the resident before the next meeting and if accepted, the candidate will be co-opted at the next meeting.

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 (Inv 1292)
- £105.60 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (Inv 1331)
- £52.80 to Rural Community Council for Essex – annual subscription

Planning Applications:

The following decisions to determine planning applications have been made by Uttlesford: -
Land to the rear of 3 Holloway Crescent – Erection of 2 two-bedroom flats with associated parking – Conditional approval.

Footpaths.

P. Sutterby reported:

- Footpath 28 – from Cloghams Green to Cut Elms Cottage, Keers Green -overgrown vegetation has been reported and is awaiting inspection (Report No. 2587637)
- Bridleway 20 – from Meghills to the Wash – fallen trees reported and awaiting inspection (Report No. 2593026)
- Footpath 11 – from Sewerage Works past the oak tree to Longstead Lane – high vegetation has been reported and is awaiting inspection (Report No. 2593029)
- P. Sutterby reported that on both footpaths and pavements there is a lot of incidents of dog fouling. The clerk stated that any person witnessing a resident not clearing up after their dog should report it to the Uttlesford Animal Warden and the offender will be prosecuted.

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. The clerk passed the details of the new Interim Waste and Recycling Officer – Rebecca Lockwood to P. Sutterby as she has requested details of dates for local litter picks.
2. The clerk passed details of funding offered for WW1 Remembrance Day commemorations to give to the church for their forthcoming commemoration.
3. P. Sutterby stated that the date for November Green Waste collection is incorrect on the Notice Board and the Village Website, the clerk apologised for the error and will correct it on the website, P. Sutterby will correct the date posted on the Notice Board.
4. The clerk reported that between meetings she received an email from the clerk from Margaret Roding requesting details of the owner of the land between Chalks Villas and Porters Cottage as the pavement is becoming almost impassable in places due to overhanging vegetation. Details of the owner have been passed on.
5. The clerk has received an email regarding meetings being arranged to discuss Planning Enforcement in Uttlesford. The cluster group meeting of the Rodings is on Wednesday 5th December, the clerk will attend if possible.
6. The clerk has received an email from the Animal Warden offering posters to try to tackle dog fouling, after discussion it was decided to request posters for the village noticeboard, Cloghams Cricket Field, the Village Hall ground, outside the school and the footpath leading to the Sewerage Works.
7. Between meeting the clerks reported she received an email via Cllr Barker from a resident stating a rumour has evolved with concerns that Strutt and Parker are selling the land behind Holloway Crescent for possible future development. The clerk informed the resident that at present the entire farmland owned by Strutt and Parker is for sale and is being sold as farmland. Cllr Barker also allayed the resident's fears by confirming that Uttlesford's draft plan does not look to change the status of the Green Belt land around Leaden Roding and neither does the plan allocate any new housing in the village.
8. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 4th December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.