

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2019

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

Minutes of the last meeting of 15th January were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

A resident stated that the drains on Stortford Road, particularly by the roundabout are still flooding after heavy rainfall despite the cleaning of the gullies. Cllr Barker will inform Highways again.

A resident of Holloway Crescent informed the Parish Council that non-council residents of Holloway Crescent have been informed by Uttlesford that they will be charged for repair of pavements in the crescent. Residents at the meeting who live in Holloway Crescent stated that not all of the pavement is in need of repair, some parts just need patching which should reduce the cost which is estimated at £36,000.00. The resident has asked Uttlesford if they could get quotes from other sources for the work but were told that Uttlesford use their own contractors. Cllr Barker will get clarification from Uttlesford.

A resident expressed concern that when the proposed double yellow lines are installed on Dunmow Road at Long Hide to stop parents of the school parking on the pavement, the problem will be moved to the other side of the road where there is already concern regarding inconsiderate parking at school times. The Chairman said that the Parish Council are aware that the school is doing all they can to alleviate to parking problem and once the yellow lines are in place, Essex Police will be requested to fine anybody parking illegally and regularly attend to monitor inconsiderate parking. Cllr Barker encouraged residents to report poor parking to the Community Policing Team.

A resident asked that if it was agreed that land at the village hall site was given for the installation of a children's play area, would all residents be consulted to give their views before any installation took place as not all are in agreement. The Chairman agreed that residents would be consulted first but a decision from the Village Hall Committee will need to be made first.

A resident stated that the hedge opposite Westpoint on Dunmow Road was in need of cutting; the clerk will report this to the Highways Rangers.

Clerk's report.

- A1060 speed limit – awaiting implementation – this is in the Highways budget for 2019/20 at a cost of £10,000.00.
- Puddle outside King William House – still ongoing.
- Drainage problems on Stortford Road – still ongoing (see above).
- Request for yellow lines between Long Hide and the School – awaiting implementation.
- VAS sign on Dunmow Road – the clerk read a Highways report stating they were unable to install a VAS sign; however existing signage will be enhanced. Cllr Barker will seek clarification as although she was aware that there is difficulty installing a VAS sign in the proposed position, she had been told that Highways would look for an alternative position for the sign.

- The clerk has had difficulty in purchasing the £30 gift voucher for Mr Moore but will get it in the next few days and give it to P. Sutterby to pass on to Mr Moore as a thank you for his continued litter picking in the village.
- P. Sutterby stated that despite his request to the owners of the shop to clear the rubbish accumulated at the front of the building, the rubbish is still there. Cllr Barker will contact Uttlesford's Environmental Health Officer to inspect the property.
- Within the last few days the clerk has been requested by Uttlesford Waste Aware to make a decision whether the Parish Council agree to fund Green Waste skip again this year, the cost has risen by £2.00 per hour. This request has been sent to Parish Councils too late to discuss at any precept meetings with just a week to make a decision. Cllr Barker will contact Waste Aware requesting that they give more notice in future. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would again fund the skip with a request for the same day and times as 2018.
- Damaged sign on Stortford Road – Cllr Barker will look into this as the clerk was informed by email that the problem was not severe enough to be repaired and as the whole sign is on the ground it is thought that this is an error by Highways.
- The clerk has spoken to the resident at Cloghams Green regarding the ownership of the trees on the land, explaining that the Parish Council has no details of an agreement regarding the peppercorn rent and the resident confirmed he has no details either. This is not uncommon as historically peppercorn rents were agreed with a handshake. The resident is happy to organise the disposal of the dangerous tree with a suggestion that the Parish Council pays 50 per cent of the cost. Parish Councillors agreed to this in principal but have requested that an estimate is put forward first.
- The pickup truck parked by the shop has been removed.
- The clerk informed Parish Councillors that she had received clarification from Uttlesford that the date of 21st May is acceptable for the Annual Assembly.

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 2019)

Planning Applications:

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Uttlesford District Council to refuse the following planning application:

5 Brownlows Close, Demolition of rear conservatory. Erection of single storey extension and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation.

The clerk informed Parish Councillors that a recent planning application notification has been received by email and passed to those with email to examine online as it appears Uttlesford have ceased to post paper copies of applications to clerks for examination. She requested that if Parish Councillors have any comments regarding the application that they should email comments to her by 9th March. She will forward all future planning application notifications to Parish Councillors by email with a deadline date for comments requested.

Footpaths.

P. Sutterby reported:

- Bridleway 20 – from Meghills to the Wash – fallen trees have now been cleared.
- Footpath 11 – from Sewerage Works past the oak tree to Longstead Lane – high vegetation has been inspected and will be cleared in the spring.

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

Fencing of Chalks Green.

After the meeting chaired by Cllr Barker immediately before this meeting to gain views from Mr Collins (the owner of the land) and residents, Cllr Barker will gather advice re the legalities of suggestions made. Once all information is gathered Parish Councillors will make a decision for a way forward.

After the Chalks Green meeting Lucy Golding informed the clerk she would like it made clear that her father, Ralph Golding, while being the former owner of Chalks Green had never been in possession of the title of Lord of the Manor. She also wanted to make Parish Councillors aware that when travellers camped on Chalks Green in the summer of 2017, her mother and herself obtained a fast-tracked court order to evict the travellers on the same day that Mr Collins instigated their eviction. They were also still very upset with the abuse they received from residents at this time and very disappointed that her email address was made available to residents.

Any other business:

1. J. McLintock stated that the car park spaces created in Holloway Crescent by Uttlesford 18 months ago still need lines painted to ensuring maximum usage of 5 cars being able to park at any one time. Cllr Barker will report this to Uttlesford.
2. The clerk reported that she attended an Essex Police presentation at Saffron Walden between meetings and gained information that Essex Police are increasing the number of PCSO's in Uttlesford from 350 to 600 so residents should experience more police presence in towns and villages in Uttlesford.
3. The clerk gave details of the Chelmer Road Cycle race which will come through the village on 7th April.
4. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting:	Tuesday 21 st May (Annual Assembly)
Future meeting dates	Tuesday 16 th July
	Tuesday 3 rd September
	Tuesday 29 th October
	Tuesday 10 th December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.