

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Present: D.Clayden, P.Sutterby, Mrs G Essex, M.Whitehead, Mrs A Ringrose, Cllr Susan Barker and 5 members of the public.

Minutes of the last meeting of 16th July were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

A resident asked for an update after the clerk requested the cutting of vegetation on the footpaths on both sides of Dunmow Road towards Aythorpe Roding. The clerk stated that Highways have inspected the footpaths and reported back that they are not seriously overgrown enough to be cut at this time, Highways stated that it is not as serious as some other defects they are dealing with but they will monitor the area periodically. Cllr Barker agreed to look into this.

A resident stated that she is still witnessing dog fouling in the village. The clerk advised that if anybody witnesses dog fouling, they should report the name of the perpetrator to the Animal Warden at Uttlesford and they will be fined.

A resident asked for an update on the fencing of Chalks Green – see below for report.

Cllr Barker's report

The Uttlesford Local Plan is progressing with some modifications being made. There is concern regarding costs of planning appeals being made and concern that if development is refused the amount of homes required to be built will be too low.

There has been a recent change in the criteria in Blue Badge applications, residents who did not meet the old criteria may now qualify for a Blue Badge.

Clerk's report.

- A1060 speed limit – the extension to the existing speed is to be formally advertised towards the end of the financial year so that funding can be agreed for the installation to start in the early part of 2019/2020 financial year – still ongoing.
- Puddle outside King William House – after the clerk provided photographic evidence of the problem and Cllr Barker expects this to be repaired shortly under the Highways Repair Scheme. The clerk stated that although the repair outside Rosdene which was reported at the same time has been marked for repair, the problem outside King William House has not, she is concerned it could be missed; Cllr Barker is sure that the repair will be carried out imminently.
- Drainage problems on Stortford Road – the gullies have been jetted recently; it appears there is some improvement but will be continued to be monitored after further rainfall.
- The clerk reported that the yellow lines between Long Hide and the School have not been painted all the way to the school leaving a gap where parents are still parking on the pavement. Highways stated that the yellow lines installed is the planned length there can be no extension.

- VAS sign on Dunmow Road – as Highways state the pavement is too narrow to install a VAS sign, the clerk requested that Cllr Barker look into when the improvements to the speed limit signage will be installed.
- Request for vegetation on Dunmow Road to be cut – see above.
- Financing of footpath repairs in Holloway Crescent – a resident stated that it appears the repairs to some parts of the footpaths will be started shortly.
- Repair of road by the post box on Dunmow Road – this has been reported but still ongoing at this time.
- Crumbling footpath outside Rosdene, the areas has been marked by Highways and will be repaired shortly under the recent Highways Repair Scheme.
- Overgrown vegetation on the footpath between the Village Hall and Holloway Crescent has been reported and Uttlesford state it will be cut within the next week.

Finance:

The clerk was given authority to pay: -

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

£105.60 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (inv. 171)

£115.35 to Uttlesford District Council – cost of uncontested election

Planning Applications:

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision by Uttlesford Planning Department to refuse:

Old Rectory, Stortford Road – proposed detached outbuilding.

Footpaths:

P. Sutterby reported that now the harvest has finished footpaths are in a better condition at this time.

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 a decision was made at the last meeting the clerk informed Mr Collins that the Parish Council would prefer him to remove all wires and cut down the posts by half if possible, the Parish Council also stated that they would consider funding all or part of the cutting of the green in the future. The clerk read his reply which stated that he has arranged for the green to be cut during the 2nd or 3rd week of September and rather than contributing to the cost of the cutting suggested the Parish Council cut the posts and removed the wire which he estimated to be approximately 2 hours labour and if necessary he would dispose of the left over wood. Cllr Barker reminded the Parish Council that the entire fence should not be permitted and could, at their request, ask Essex County Council to request it be removed. Residents present at the meeting stated the fence should be removed. After discussion where P.Sutterby and A Ringrose at first stated they would prefer to stay with the decision made at the last meeting, it was agreed that the clerk make a written request to Cllr Barker for her to request that Essex County Council ask Mr Collins to remove the entire fencing.

Any other business:

1. P. Sutterby requested that Cllr Barker pass his thanks to Uttlesford for the very speedy removal of rubbish after a recent fly tipping incident in the village.
2. The clerk will report to Highways that the school traffic sign is in need of repair.
3. The Chairman suggested consideration for a defibulator to be installed in the village, suggesting the fire station might be the preferred location. P. Sutterby will make enquiries from the Essex Fire Brigade to see if this is an option and the clerk will look into costings.
4. P.Sutterby stated that he is organising another litter pick on Saturday 14th September.
5. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 29th October
Future meeting dates: Tuesday 10th December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.