

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29th October 2019

Present: D.Clayden, P.Sutterby, J.McIntock, M.Whitehead, Mrs A Ringrose, Cllr Susan Barker and 4 members of the public.

Apologies: Mrs G. Essex

Minutes of the last meeting of 3rd September 2019 were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

A resident stated that she had sent photos of weeds growing from the gullies on Stortford Road stopping rainwater from draining to Cllr Barker who confirmed she had reported this to Highways.

A resident stated that part of a tree was falling towards the road at Leaden Hill. P. Sutterby will inspect the severity and decide whether he can remove the tree part himself or report to Highways.

A resident once again stated that vegetation is encroaching the footpath on Dunmow Road towards Kears Green, this has been reported several times to Highways who state that the problem is not severe enough to rectify at this time. Cllr Barker will report this again.

Cllr Barker's report

Cllr Barker reported that 3 Uttlesford Councillors elected to represent the Residents for Uttlesford Party have defected to the Green Party.

At this time a number of planning applications for new development are being refused by Uttlesford, there is concern that when being passed after appeal the housing is not passed to the same standard as the original application.

A report from inspectors should be received in the next few weeks regarding the Local Plan.

There is concern that Uttlesford are querying sections of the 106 Agreement regarding planning for Stansted Airport which has already been agreed.

A Youth Strategy Group has been set up to support young people in Uttlesford.

Village organisations can now apply for Micro Grants with an easy application to complete. Cllr Barker will send information to the clerk to pass to village organisations who could benefit.

Cllr Barker has used £600 of her Councillor Allowance for a grant for Roding School towards refurbishing the playground.

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 – this does not appear to have been repaired since being reported under the Highways Repair Scheme, Cllr Barker will enquire as to why.
- Drainage problems on Stortford Road – see above.

- VAS sign on Dunmow Road –Highways state the pavement is too narrow to install a VAS sign, an additional 30mph sign has been erected, Cllr Barker will enquire if any other speed deterrent is to be added.
- Financing of footpath repairs in Holloway Crescent – a resident stated that no repairs have commenced as yet.
- Repair of road by the post box on Dunmow Road – this has been reported, the clerk will report again.
- Crumbling footpath outside Rosdene – now repaired.
- Overgrown vegetation on the footpath between the Village Hall and Holloway Crescent – now cut.
- Worn/rusted school sign on Dunmow Road – this has been reported.
- Suggestion of defibrillator – the clerk has looked into prices; these range from £1,000 to £1,500.00 with different specifications which would need looking into. P. Sutterby stated that the Fire Service would be in agreement to have a defibrillator erected on the outside of the building. P. Sutterby suggested that before making any decisions, the Parish Council seek advice from Chris Flack, a local First Responder; the clerk will contact Mr Flack to ask him to get together with Parish Councillors either at the next meeting or a time convenient to him.

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. 243)
- £211.20 to MD Landscapes – grass cutting (inv. 207)
- £280.00 to R.C. Bell – printing of Leaden Reading (September 2019)

Planning Applications:

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

Old Rectory, Stortford Road – proposed detached outbuilding – *appeal dismissed*.

Footpaths:

P. Sutterby reported that Footpath 11, Sewerage Works to Longsted Lane is overgrown and has been reported, (Ref 2633269) this should be rectified within 56 days of being reported.

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:

Since the last meeting Cllr Barker received an email from Essex County Council stating that they have not received a response from Mr Collins to the original letter sent and they have sent a further letter as per the request from Cllr Barker. They advised they do not usually get involved in these matters as it is not their duty to act. They stated that under Legislation anyone has the power to take action against illegal works on commons (this includes members of the public

and/or Parish /District/Borough Councils). Cllr Barker passed this information to the clerk between meetings and Parish Councillors were made aware.

At the meeting Cllr Barker suggested she report the fencing to the Legal Officer at Uttlesford District Council as she was concerned that if the green is fenced off indefinitely the owner of the soil could claim ownership of the land. She stated that the original suggestion by the Parish Council of removing the wire and cutting the fences by half is still fencing off the green, M.Whitehead was in agreement.

Any other business:

1. P. Sutterby thanked residents who have helped with the three litter picks held since the beginning of the year. 40 bags of litter have been very promptly collected by Uttlesford after these events. The clerk suggested that she contacted Uttlesford's Waste Team to thank them.
2. The clerk will book 2020 Parish Council meetings to follow the same pattern as 2019 meetings if possible.
3. The Chairman invited Councillors and residents present to a Charity quiz to be held on Monday 11th November to support Children in Need.
4. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting Tuesday 10th December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.