

## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

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

**Minutes of the last meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019** were agreed and duly signed.

### **Information regarding defibrillator by Chris Flack**

The Parish Council invited Chris Flack to the meeting to give information regarding a defibrillator for the village, he has been a First Responder of 18 years and is also a Heartstart Instructor. He explained that if a person has a cardiac arrest the chances of survival without intervention after 7 minutes is slim so installing a defibrillator in a location in the village will be a great advantage. A defibrillator will need to be installed on a outside wall of a building inside a heated cabinet to ensure the battery is kept in full working order. If it is necessary to use it when a member of the public contacts in Ambulance Service, they will be advised of the location and code for the cabinet to get access to the defibrillator. Mr Flack stated that although, at the time of the emergency, there will be instructions from the Ambulance Service and from the speaker inside the defibrillator, to be more effective formal training on use is advised. Mr Flack advised that defibrillators can be purchased from various companies with differing prices but offered to purchase one at a discount on behalf of the Parish Council, he also offered his services to train Parish representatives and residents for a fee of £20 per person. He stated that the approximate price for a defibrillator is £1,000.00 with a heated cabinet approximately £500.00, batteries (£70.00) and pads (£20.00) need to be replaced every 4 years.

Between meetings P.Sutterby had gained permission from Essex Fire Brigade to site a defibrillator on the outside wall of fire station which is the preferred site but after discussion it was agreed to contact the Fire Brigade again to ensure that the use of electricity for the heated cabinet is permissible. It was decided to make a decision to go ahead with installing a defibrillator at the next meeting. Chris Flack will send details regarding prices to the Parish Clerk after the meeting.

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

Residents present felt it would be a good thing to have a defibrillator installed in the village.

A resident asked Cllr Barker for an update on the cutting of vegetation which is encroaching the footpath on Dunmow Road towards Kears Green. Cllr Barker will report this again.

The clerk sought an update from a resident of Holloway Crescent regarding the proposed repairs to the footpaths, she was informed that it is proposed that the footpaths between 2 and 28 Holloway Crescent will be repaired with costs being met by all private residents, at this time Uttlesford are seeking quotes.

A resident stated that after seeing a statement in the Leaden Reading regarding any decisions made for retaining the monthly green waste skip, she would like the Parish Council to be aware that it is a well-used facility which she feels is popular with residents. A decision will be made once the service is offered for 2020 by Uttlesford.

A resident stated that during recent activities held at the school, cars had been parked on pavements on Dunmow Road preventing pedestrians being able to walk safely. The clerk stated that the double yellow lines between Long Hide and the school had not been extended far enough

but when this was reported the Highways, she had been informed that they cannot be extended any further without starting another consultation which they were not prepared to do. A resident stated she was very happy to see poppies on signs and bus shelters around the village for Remembrance Day which was organised by the Brownies. The clerk stated that although she had received one complaint from a resident, she had also received several positive comments and it is hoped the Brownies will repeat this next year with even more poppies.

### **Cllr Barker's report**

Cllr Barker reported that the forthcoming election had created timing issues for Uttlesford in the last few weeks.

A decision for Stanstead Airport planning has been delayed until January 2020. She reported that the large puddle outside King William House has been added to another Highways list and should be repaired by the end of the financial year.

### **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 – see above.
- Drainage problems on Stortford Road – after some recent rain, although the drainage appears to have slightly improved there is still flooding occurring, a resident offered to send the clerk photos of vegetation in the drains so it can be reported again.
- VAS sign on Dunmow Road –Highways state the pavement is too narrow to install a VAS sign, additional signage has been erected in the area which is all Highways are prepared to install at this time.
- Financing of footpath repairs in Holloway Crescent – see above.
- Repair of road by the post box on Dunmow Road – not repaired as yet.
- Suggestion of defibrillator – see above.
- Part fallen tree at Leaden Hill – after inspection this was removed by P. Sutterby.

### **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. 279)

£280.00 to R.C. Bell – printing of Leaden Reading (December 2019)

£52.80 to Rural Community Council for Essex – annual subscription

£675.00 to Mrs T.E.Bell – clerk's ½ year salary

### **Planning Applications:**

Between meetings the following planning applications were circulated for Councillor's comments:

Little Acorns, Chalks Green – single storey side extension – no objections.

Old Rectory, Stortford Road – proposed detached garage – no objections.

**Footpaths:**

P. Sutterby reported that overgrowth on Footpath 11, Sewerage Works to Longsted Lane has now been rectified.

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).

**Fencing of Chalks Green:**

The clerk stated that in the minutes of the last meeting Cllr Barker reported that Essex County Council had not received a response from Mr Collins after their request to remove the fencing around Chalks Green. Mr Collins did respond by email to Lantana Melyaki of Essex County Council on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 with a copy also sent to the Parish Council.

Cllr Barker stated she had requested that Uttlesford District Council to write to Mr Collins to request that he removes the posts on Chalks Green, to date she has not received an update. A discussion took place regarding how the Parish Council should move forward regarding the request to remove the posts and if and how much the precept would need to be increased to cover any costs to the village. The clerk stated that she had been advised that Mr Collins would attend this meeting but in his absence stated that after a conversation with him, it was clear he is confused at the change of instruction from the Parish Council as in the minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 he as requested to cut the posts by half and remove wires but after the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 the Parish Council requested that Cllr Barker ask Essex County Council to take the entire fencing down and it is not unreasonable to gain clarification as the which instruction the Parish Council wants to uphold.

Cllr Barker stated that at this time there is a Bill going through Parliament proposing to make trespassing on common land a criminal offence which should make it easier to evict Travellers in the future as at this time it is a civil offence to trespass.

**Any other business:**

1. P. Sutterby stated that the recycling skip for Christmas trees will be in the village on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January.
2. The clerk stated that before the last meeting she had received an invoice for the cutting of Chalks Green from Mr Collins and apologised for omitting to present it at the meeting. In previous minutes the Parish Council stated that they would consider funding or part funding of the cutting of the green. After discussion it was decided that this would be discussed once the issue of the fencing has been resolved.
3. The clerk will report the 30-mph sign which is in need of repair/replacement outside the village hall on Stortford Road.
4. The clerk will report the roundabout sign close to Brownlows Close which is rusted at ground level and is in need of repair/replacement.
5. The clerk brought to Parish Councillors' attention the list of proposed dates for Parish Council meetings on the agenda for this meeting stating that if Parish Councillors were happy with the dates, she would book the hall and publish the dates on the notice board and website. It was agreed unanimously that these dates were acceptable.
6. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

**Date of the next meeting**      Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Dates for future meetings:    Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
   Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
   Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July  
   Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
   Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
   Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.