

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020

Present: D.Clayden, P.Sutterby, Mrs G.Essex, J.Mclintock, M.Whitehead, Mrs Bush and 7 members of the public.

Apologies received from: Cllr Barker

Minutes of the last meeting of 14th January 2020 were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

A resident requested an update regarding Chalks Green fencing. The Chairman stated that as the Parish Council has no rights to be involved with the decision making regarding the fencing, they are waiting for Uttlesford District Council to inform as to how they are dealing with the matter and to date we have had no information from them. He stated that it would be expensive and costly to all residents if the Parish Council was to go into a legal route and all attending the meeting were in agreement that this would not be the correct route at this time. The clerk will ask Cllr Barker for an update from Uttlesford.

A resident stated that she was disappointed that the clerk did not minute the comment made by Mr Collins that the green was accessible for pushchairs, as she did not agree with his comment. The clerk stated that, although she tries to convey all aspects of the meeting in the minutes, minor comments were overlooked. The clerk felt that this particular comment was fundamental to the meeting but if she had also commented at the time giving her views it would have been included in the minutes.

A resident stated she was not happy with the lack of action by Highways on the clearing of the drains on Stortford Road after she and the clerk had reported, with added photographs, that weeds were growing in the drains. After being informed that the routine cleaning was about to be done the clerk informed Highways that she did not think this would solve the problem. The resident was not happy when Highways went ahead with the maintenance when the engineer attending confirmed more needed to be done. The resident stated that she would get a group together and go to the press if the problem was not dealt with imminently. The clerk will ask an update from Cllr Barker.

Another resident expressed her concern regarding the blocked drains on Stortford Road as her husband walks along the pathway regularly to work and is constantly being soaked by the water coming off the roads.

A resident stated that a large pothole at the junction of Ongar Road and Stortford Road has recently appeared. The clerk will report this to Highways.

A resident asked for an update on the fallen roundabout sign as she felt it was dangerous that there was no warning sign of a roundabout for traffic coming from Chelmsford. The clerk stated that this has been reported and was on the list to be completed soon.

A resident stated that, after hearing about problems with flooding at Wrens Cottage, she recalls there was a pond in the garden at some time and this may be where the issue is coming from.

A resident stated there is a pothole at the entrance to Holloway Crescent, the clerk will report this to Highways.

Clerk's report.

- A1060 speed limit – the clerk received an email from Highways via Cllr Barker between meetings requesting a decision that an observation from the speed survey makes Highways believe that the 40mph buffer would be a more appropriate measure for the location. The 30mph extension that had previously been agreed would relocate the terminal signs to just beyond Leaden Hill Cottages or the alternate would be for a 40mph buffer to commence at the point of the existing terminal signs and then extend out further to include Bridge House which was the property which would not have been included in the 30mph extension. Between meetings, all Parish Councillors agreed to go ahead with this proposal with the exception of Mrs Bush and this was passed on to Cllr Barker. It was assumed by Parish Councillors that to keep with the original option might stop any work being completed but since then the clerk was told that if Parish Councillors decided to stay with the 30mph option it would not hold the installation up as long as whatever is decided is well supported with reasons for the decision. After discussion it was unanimously decided that Parish Councillors would prefer to remain with the original plan of a 30mph extension as this would be safer for residents of Leaden Hill Cottages to cross Stortford Road to gain access to vehicles parked on the other side. The clerk will feed this back to Cllr Barker.
- Puddle outside King William House – repair now completed.
- Drainage problems on Stortford Road – see above.
- Repair of road by the post box on Dunmow Road – the clerk reported this problem again giving full information of the location but Highways do not appear to be able to locate the problem. It is thought that if the road is not wet at the time of the Highways inspection it does not appear evident that there is a problem. The clerk will take a photo of the area when it is wet and report this again.
- Purchase and installation of defibrillator – see below.
- 30 mph sign beside village hall – not yet repaired – Highways appear to think this has been repaired, the clerk will report again.
- Fallen Highways sign approaching the roundabout on Chelmsford Road – this has been reported and on Highways list to repair.
- Green Waste Skip – between meetings the clerk has arranged for the green waste skip to attend the village in 2020 with the same timeslot as last year. The dates and times have been advertised on the notice board and website. Uttlesford have extended the visits this year by one month to include 29th November 2020.
- Pothole outside 12 Holloway Crescent – reported but not yet repaired.
- The clerk has received details that once again the garage at Wrens Park is flooding – Cllr Barker reported this to Highways who responded by stating the area is on their list to inspect. The clerk requested that Cllr Barker chase this urgently as the residents need this to be resolved as soon as possible.

Finance:

The clerk was given authority to pay: -

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

£612.00 to Uttlesford District Council – 2019 green waste skip
 £1612.20 to Defib Central – purchase of defibrillator and case (see below)

Planning Applications:

The following applications were circulated between meetings:

Inglewood, Dunmow Road – proposed two storey side extension, demolition of existing garage and erection of two bay garage, change of use of land to residential curtilage and erection of fencing and gates to front boundary- *Parish Councillors have no objections except for the removal of Highways rights from the front curtilage as stated in previous minutes.*

Burniere, High Easter Road – demolition of existing detached garage and erection of attached garage. Porch extension and internal alterations. Removal of existing front hedge boundary and erection of brick boundary wall – *no objections.*

Footpaths:

P. Sutterby has nothing to report 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:

See above.

Defibrillator:

After advice from Chris Flack, the clerk has started the purchase of a defibrillator and case which is expected to be delivered mid-April. A training morning has been arranged for Saturday 18th April in the village hall as the previous date of 25th is now not convenient for Chris Flack. The clerk has spoken to Mark Neville who has confirmed that Essex Fire Service is happy to provide electricity for the case and that their maintenance team will install it. Notices advertising the training have been put on the website and notice board.

Unauthorised Encampments:

P. Sutterby reported that he attended a briefing meeting giving information regarding unauthorised encampment. Information he has gathered is:

- A bill is going through at the moment to ensure that if Travellers have been removed from an area, they will not be able to return within 3 months.
- If Travellers park on the side of a Highway police have no power to evict them.
- Essex Police visit all unauthorised encampments to check vehicles are taxed and dogs are chipped.
- Essex Police have increased the number of officers who deal with unauthorised encampments by 10 and as their resources have increased data has shown that Travellers are gradually being pushed into neighbouring counties.

Any other business:

1. The clerk reported that she received an email from a resident requesting clarification as to whether the road in front of 1 to 4 Lordswood View is a private road as she when using the road with a pushchair to access Chalks Green she was informed by a resident that she was not allowed to use it. The clerk has since received confirmation that this is a private road. The resident from 1 to 4 Lordswood View was in attendance at the meeting and also confirmed it was a private road.
2. In a previous meeting the clerk informed Parish Councillors the Essex Info website hosting the Parish Council website is closing on 31st March, she is in the process of transferring to another host and uploading Parish Council details in preparation for the closure.
3. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting Tuesday 19th May (Annual Assembly)

Dates for future meetings	Tuesday 14 th July
	Tuesday 1 st September
	Tuesday 20 th October
	Tuesday 1 st December

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