

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2020

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

Apologies received from: Cllr Barker

Minutes of the last meeting of 10th December 2019 were agreed and duly signed.

Public questions/concerns addressed to the Parish Council

A resident stated that she was happy that the footpath on Dunmow Road between Leaden Roding and Aythorpe Roding had been cleared making it more accessible to pedestrians.

A resident stated that the weeds were still present in the drains on Stortford Road and, although drainage appears to have improved during heavy rain there is still surface water and puddles forming, although the clerk has already reported this, she requested any photographs the resident has to report again with as much evidence as possible.

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 – due for repair, paint has now been put around the area so it is hoped that the repair is imminent.
- Drainage problems on Stortford Road – see above.
- Financing of footpath repairs in Holloway Crescent – no further information at this time, it was decided that as the Parish Council has no involvement in these repairs that no further monitoring of this issue is necessary at this time.
- Repair of road by the post box on Dunmow Road – not repaired as yet.
- Suggestion of defibrillator – see below.
- 30 mph sign beside village hall – not yet repaired
- Fallen Highways sign approaching the roundabout on Chelmsford Road – this has been reported but not yet repaired.
- The clerk has not yet received any correspondence regarding next year's green waste skip but expects a request by Uttlesford for the Parish Council to make a decision will be received before the next meeting. Therefore, she asked Parish Councillors to consider whether they would be happy to fund a green waste skip once a month during 2020. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to once again fund this amenity in 2020.

Finance:

The clerk was given authority to pay: -

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

Planning Applications:

The following decision to determine the following planning application has been made by Uttlesford:

Little Acorns, Chalks Green – single storey side extension – conditional approval.

A request has been received from Highways to consider:

Highways land adjacent to Inglewood, Dunmow Road - to remove Highways rights from the strip of land in front of the property, the land in question is currently maintained by Highways; should the rights be removed the land would be added to the property curtilage of Inglewood, Dunmow Road.

After discussion it was unanimously decided that Parish Councillors would prefer the land to be retained by Highways.

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:

Mr Collins attended this meeting and stated that he has not heard from Uttlesford with regard to a request to take the fence down and was not prepared to take it down until Uttlesford come up with a sustainable solution to keep out travellers if the green was left open.

The Chairman requested that, in order to come to an agreeable conclusion, Councillors might agree to a compromise whereby the posts were cut by half and the wire taken away which would stop any further expense to all parties involved which could be very costly. M Whitehead stated he would rather discuss this with Cllr Barker before the next meeting before making any decision. Mr Collins stated that, although there were already access points to the green, he was happy to make the green more accessible but would prefer for the fencing to remain on his side of the green. After more discussion it was decided to request a decision from Uttlesford on how to protect the land from travellers. The Chairman stated that once a decision is made on a way forward it was imperative that it was adhered to.

Defibrillator:

The clerk produced prices obtained with the help of Chris Flack which included a discount if purchased through the Ambulance Service. The clerk will seek written confirmation from Leaden Roding Fire Station that they will be happy for a defibrillator with a heater cabinet to be located on their site, this is the preferred site but if not viable then the second option would be to site it on an outside wall at the village hall. After discussion and consultation from residents present it was unanimously decided to purchase a defibrillator and lockable steel cabinet from the Ambulance Service. It was also unanimously agreed to request Chris Flack runs a training day at Leaden Roding village hall on the preferred date of the morning Saturday 25th April; the training will be open to all residents of the village at a subsidised fee of £10 per person. Once this date is confirmed as acceptable to Chris Flack the training will be advertised in the March edition of the Leaden Reading and on the village notice board. It is hoped that the defibrillator will be in place at approximately the same time.

Parish Precept:

The clerk circulated finance details for the last two financial years for Parish Councillors' reference. After discussion, and taking into account the proposal to purchase a defibrillator, it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Precept for the financial year 2020 to 2021 should remain at £6,500.00.

Any other business:

1. The clerk will report a pothole in road opposite no. 12 Holloway Crescent to Uttlesford.
2. P. Sutterby confirmed that, in the Chairman's absence, he will attend the Licensing and Installation service of Revd. Robert Stone as Priest in Charge of our 10 villages, on Thursday 23rd January at 7.30pm in High Easter church.
3. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention outside the meeting.

Date of the next meeting Tuesday 3rd March

Dates for future meetings: Tuesday 19th May (Annual Assembly)
 Tuesday 14th July
 Tuesday 1st September
 Tuesday 20th October
 Tuesday 1st December

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