

## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Present:** D.Clayden, P.Sutterby, J.McIntock, M.Whitehead, Mrs Bush, D.Wareham and 2 members of the public.

**Minutes of the last meeting** of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were agreed. As this was a virtual meeting the minutes will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

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

A resident expressed concern that since parts of the road and paths on Holloway Crescent we dug up to enable Broadband cables to be laid there seems to be flooding in the layby by No 10 Holloway Crescent and also problems with flooding outside No 34. Gigaclear – the company responsible for the Broadband work, have also failed to replace so posts in Holloway Crescent leaving the verge areas open for cars to drive over the new seeded parts. The clerk has already spoken to a manager at Gigaclear and has been told that they have a 3-year snagging contract with Highways so any problems should be reported to Highways and they will pass to Gigaclear. The clerk will report the above problems.

### **Clerk's report.**

- A1060 speed limit – the clerk has received an email stating that after objections received regarding the new speed limit implementation it was mandatory to refer them to Cabinet Member – Councillor Bentley. After considering the alternate proposal to extend the 30mph to include two properties outside the proposed speed limit, Councillor Bentley concluded that the modification was outside of ECC's Speed Management Strategy and that there is no suitable location near the properties where the terminal signs could be legally installed that would satisfy the minimum visibility requirements for a 30mph speed limit. Therefore, he recommended implementation of the scheme as originally advertised without the need for any further consultation. The new speed limit implementation should now be imminent.
- Drainage problems on Stortford Road – after further rain it appears that flooding opposite King William House is still apparent with flooding between the village hall and the church on the church side of the road seeming to have worsened recently. The clerk will again report this to Highways.
- 30 mph sign beside village hall – not yet repaired – the clerk will report this again.
- Fallen Highways sign approaching the roundabout on Chelmsford Road – not repaired, the clerk will report this again.
- Small village sign at Leaden Hill rusting and in need of repair – the clerk will report this again.
- Building waste left beside Windmill Café – reported to Uttlesford but not yet removed. The wheely bin at the site has now been removed but the building waste remains at the site. The clerk will again report this again to Environmental Health at Uttlesford.
- The clerk initially thought that the wheely bin left in Holloway Crescent had been removed but this is not the case so she will report this again.
- The clerk has still not received an acknowledgement from Uttlesford for the email advising Uttlesford that the Parish Council do not wish to enter into costly legal actions to remove fencing at Chalks Green but will leave it to Uttlesford as guardians of the Green to

act as necessary to find a solution to the issues raised with Leaden Roding Parish Council supporting Uttlesford in their efforts for request the fencing is removed if it is not legal to remain. She will ask Uttlesford for an update on where they are with the legalities of the fencing on the green.

- Request to Highways to revisit a way to alleviate speeding problems in the village – the clerk has not yet received an update; she will request an update for the next Parish Council meeting.
- The clerk reported the Highways sign outside Walnut Tree Cottage with wires showing is in need of repair and could be dangerous – not yet repaired, the clerk will report again.
- Between meetings the clerk has spoken to a manager at Gigaclear, the company responsible for laying new Broadband cables. He advised her that they had a 3-year snagging contact with Highways to fix any problems caused by the digging up of roads and pavements. He will shortly be conducting a site visit to examine any current snags and will send the clerk a report.
- The clerk noted that P. Sutterby had put a sign on the village notice board informing residents of the presence of a defibrillator at the fire station.
- Mrs Bush stated that residents of the flats in Holloway Crescent are still in conversation with Uttlesford regarding compensation for lack of oil leading to lack of heating over the Christmas period.

#### **Finance:**

The clerk was given authority to pay: -

£560.00 to Uttlesford District Council – green waste skip for 2020

#### **Planning Applications:**

The following applications were circulated between meetings:

3 Leaden Hall Barns, Stortford Road – erection of detached Garage *-no objections*

3 Leaden Hall Barns, Stortford Road – erection of single storey lobby *- no objections*

3 Leaden Hall Barns, Stortford Road – erection of one additional storage building – Parish Councillor’s concerns were that there are already 2 large buildings in the garden of the property – would this building in addition or in place of the proposed garage?

Between meetings the following information regarding the planning application below has been received:

Land at adjacent to Chalet Bungalow, Stortford Road – construction of a pair of link-detached dwellings *-withdrawn after Highway report stated this was unacceptable due to lack of Highways visibility, lack of parking space and inadequate turning space.*

#### **Footpaths:**

P. Sutterby reported that at Footpath 1 at the bottom of Longsted Lane the footbridge has been detached from its concrete base due to flooding in the area. This was reported on 19<sup>th</sup> January but not yet repaired.

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). If problems are reported would residents please inform P. Sutterby so he is aware and can monitor any problems. Alternately the clerk can be informed and she will pass the information on.

### **Bank Account.**

Between meetings the clerk collected all the documentation from Parish Councillors needed to change bank signatories and sent them to the bank. All Parish Councillors except J. McIntock are now authorised to sign cheques; two signatories are required per cheque.

### **Tender for Grass Cutting.**

The clerk has located two companies interested in tendering of grass cutting and P. Sutterby suggested two others, one of which is interested but the other has not telephoned back. She is waiting for quotes from the three companies interested and will circulate to Parish Councillors for a decision so cutting can commence as soon as possible.

### **Any other business:**

1. D. Wareham stated he has spoken to the owner of the land adjacent to Chalks Farm while the owner was in the process of clearing it. The owner stated he was tidying the area, D. Wareham stated this was a sizable piece of land which could be utilised in some way by the owner in the future.
2. P. Sutterby stated that as long as Covid restrictions allow he will be organising a litter pick on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April starting at the Village Hall at 9.30am. He already has quite a few volunteers joining him.
3. The clerk informed Parish Councillors that Government legislation for permission to hold virtual Parish Council meetings cease on 7<sup>th</sup> May but at this time the Government have been asked to extend the date. If the date is not extended our next Parish Council meeting will need to be face to face. At this time the village hall is not open to the public. A way forward will need to be made once the decision by the Government has been made.
4. The clerk has received dates for 2021 Green Skip visits although we have not yet been asked if we require the skip this year. After discussion it was unanimously decided to accept these dates. The clerk will inform Uttlesford of our acceptance and advertise the dates on the notice board, magazine and website.
5. Various other documents were circulated for Councillors' attention by email outside the meeting.

**Date of the next meeting**      Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Annual meeting precedes this meeting).

**Future meetings:**            Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
    Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
    Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
    Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.