

# LEADEN RODING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at Leaden Roding village hall.

**Present:** Cllr Phil Sutterby, Cllr Mrs Ann Bush, Cllr Jim McIntock and District Councillor Susan Barker.

**Members of the public:** 2

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were proposed by Cllr Bush as a true record, seconded by Cllr McIntock and carried unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

2. PARISH COUNCIL CO-OPTION

3. Following the parish council elections in May only three of the six Cllr vacancies were filled. The Representation of the People Act 1985 section 21, allows the elected members, provided there is a quorum, to co-opt members to fill the remaining vacancies. The Chairman, Cllr Sutterby proposed Jeanette Norfolk be co-opted onto the parish council, this was seconded by Cllr McIntock with all in agreement. Cllr Norfolk completed the declaration of acceptance Office.

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

4.1 Cllr Barker reported:

The consultation for Uttlesford's Local Plan ends in late October 2023.

Grants are available from Uttlesford at this time for various groups, details can be located on the website.

Uttlesford have launched a Zero Carbon Grant, she suggested the Village Hall Committee might be interested in this to consider solar panels, the clerk and Cllr McIntock will pass this information on at the next Village Hall Trust meeting.

It has been confirmed that Ride London will continue to be held in Essex for the next three years.

5. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

5.1 The Chairman reported that on 30<sup>th</sup> May he attended Planning Standard and Planning 5-year Plan meeting. He stated details of the 5-year plan for new housing can be located on Uttlesford website.

5.2 The Chairman reported that on 9<sup>th</sup> May he and other Parish Councillors from local villages met with the Member of Parliament for Uttlesford, Kemi Badenock and District Councillor for Highways, Lee Scott to discuss speeding in the area. He reported that Cllr Scott will look into measures to try to reduce speeding at the school on Dunmow Road.

5.3 The Chairman also wished to give notice to residents in advance that Ride London will take place in Essex for the next three years, He stated that although there were a few residents who are not happy for the cycle ride to go through the village, overall it was a success for the village with profits made on the sale of food and drink at the village hall gaining much needed funding for the maintenance of the hall.

5.4 The Chairman stated that the next village litter pick will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 9.00am. 15 bags of litter was collected at the last litter pick to keep the village looking tidy.

## 6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

6.1 A resident stated concern regarding rubbish being accumulated in the front and back gardens of a property in Holloway Crescent, rats have been seen around the vicinity. It has also been witnessed that the resident of the property has been dumping some of the rubbish from the garden in the village hall grounds. The clerk will report this to Uttlesford's Environmental team and also consult with the village hall committee to see if any evidence can be found on CCTV cameras regarding the rubbish dumps at the village hall. The clerk will advise that the Village Hall Committee also reports this to Uttlesford's Environmental Team.

## 7. CLERKS REPORT

7.1 The damaged road sign at the entrance to the village at Leaden Bridge has been repaired.

7.2 The clerk has not received a reply from either the police or Highways after reporting concerns regarding road safety at the area outside the shop. She will wait a while longer and then ask for any updates.

## 8. FINANCE

8.1 Cllr Bush proposed that the following cheques be issued, this was seconded by Cllr McIntock and carried unanimously.

£17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall

£52.47 to Uttlesford District Council – cost of election

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

8.2. Credits to account since the last meeting are:

Uttlesford District Council – ½ year Parish Precept £3,250.00

VAT refund for 2022/23 £748.00

8.3.

Bank reconciliation:

Opening balance at 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Current a/c	11,000.34
	Deposit a/c	<u>345.01</u>
		11,345.35
Add: Receipts since last PC meeting		3,998.00
Less: Payments since last PC meeting		<u>1,044.47</u>
Balance as at 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2023		<u>14,298.88</u>

## 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

9.1 The following planning applications were listed by Uttlesford without consultation with the Parish Council:

Barn Adjacent to Chalks Farm, High Easter Road – Application to discharge condition 4 (contamination) attached to UTT/23/0790/PAQ3

3 Holloway Crescent – Application to discharge condition 3 (external materials) and 4 (external lighting) attached to UTT/22/3065/FUL

9.2 The following planning applications have been determined by Uttlesford:

5 Brownlows Close – Application to discharge condition 4 (hard/soft landscaping) attached to UTT/22/2854/HHF (approved under Appeal APP/C1570/D/22/3313354) – Discharge conditions in full.

2A Holloway Crescent – conversion of existing detached garage to habitable accommodation – Proposed – approve cert lawfulness

Old Rectory, Stortford Road – Extension and reconfiguration of existing pool house to provide additional accommodation – Refused

Old Rectory, Stortford Road – Proposed first floor side extension and replacement conservatory room with first floor private access for balcony – Refused.

10. FOOTPATHS

10.1 Cllr Sutterby reported:

Footpath 5 – Bridge over River Roding, repair is still ongoing and will hopefully be completed after this summer's harvest.

Footpaths 22 at Leaden Hill Cottages – problems reported on 24<sup>th</sup> May with ref 278631.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 The Chairman stated he has reported overgrown vegetation between Porters Cottage and Chalks Villas to Highways – ref 2742137

10.2 The Chairman stated he has reported overgrown vegetation between the school and Westpoint on both sides of the road – ref 2855195

10.3 Cllr Mclintock reported that an overgrown tree between the flats in Holloway Crescent and 6 Willow Close is in need of cutting – the clerk will report this to Uttlesford.

10.4 The clerk reported she has received an email from a resident stating the Footpath across the field from Chelmsford Road towards the oak tree is completely overgrown with crops and is increasingly difficult to walk through. The Chairman will contact the owner of the field to request the path is cleared.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE DATES FOR 2022.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.