

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
July 2024 at Leaden Roding village hall.

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs Jeanette Norfolk, Cllr Geoff Todd

**Members of the public:** 0

1. MINUTES

1.1 The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were proposed by Cllr Bush as a true record, seconded by Cllr McIntock and carried unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 None

3. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

3.1 Cllr Barker reported that pot holes in Aythorpe Roding close to the Axe and Compasses are due to be fixed from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July. There will be no road closures during this time.

3.2 The Uttlesford Local Plan which is due to be published will have no significant changes planned for Leaden Roding. If approved by the Full Council on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July, the plan will be subject to a period of public consultation before being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination later this year.

3.3 From May 2025 there will be a change of ward boundaries in Uttlesford to create a new ward in South Uttlesford, Leaden Roding will change from the Dunmow Ward to Takeley Ward and will remain under Cllr Barker.

4. PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

4.1 The Chairman expressed his concerns regarding the ongoing problem of overhanging bushes between Amber Cottage and the Willows on Dunmow Road which is obscuring Highways signs and hampering pedestrians using the footway. Although this area is not within the boundary of Leaden Roding, the Chairman suggested that, if Highways are not prepared to undertake this work, the cost of cutting the bushes could be shared with Aythorpe Roding Parish Council if they were in agreement. After discussion and advice from Cllr Barker that the area is due a further inspection within the next 5 to 10 working days, it was decided to leave this decision until the next meeting in the hope that the bushes will by then have been cut by Highways.

4.2 In Cllr Norfolk's absence the clerk asked Cllr Barker for an update on the inspection/clearing of blocked drains on Stortford Road. At this time the inspection has not yet been completed.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION/CONCERNS

5.1 None.

6. CLERKS REPORT

6.1 The clerk has not received feedback from Uttlesford regarding the ongoing unsocial behaviour from a resident in Holloway Crescent. Cllr McIntock stated that the resident has been witnessed taking large items of furniture from his property and leaving them beside the bus stop on Stortford Road with a 'FREE' sign attached. The clerk will report this again.

6.2 The green waste skip did not turn up at the school on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, the clerk was not informed that this was cancelled so emailed Uttlesford the following day to report this. Uttlesford were also not aware that the skip was not present and arranged for a skip to be at the school for one hour on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June. The clerk accepted this but made it clear to Uttlesford that as residents would not be expecting it on that day, with

some not able to use it due to other commitments, she would not expect to be invoiced for this visit.

6.3 The Clerk reported that the Ride London event went ahead on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, the Village Hall was an official stop for riders on the day and a profit of approximately £1,200 was made which will go towards the maintenance of the hall. The clerk has not received any negative feedback regarding this event from residents.

## 7. FINANCE

12.1 The Chairman proposed that the following cheque be issued, this was seconded by Cllr Bush and carried unanimously.

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

## 8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8.1 The following planning application was received from Uttlesford for Parish Councillors comments:

Inglewood, Dunmow Road – Two storey side extension and internal changes – *No objections.*

Dutch Barn adjacent to Langley, Poplars Lane – Proposed demolition of agricultural building and construction of a pair of semi-detached dwellings – *No objections.*

8.2 The following planning applications were submitted to Uttlesford without any comments requested from Parish Councillors:

Land east of Woodside Farm, High Easter Road, Leaden Roding (2<sup>nd</sup> application) – Forestry Building – *although comments were not requested from the Parish Council the clerk fed back to Uttlesford that they noted this is the second application from the same applicant for this piece of land and concerns were that with high levels of Travellers looking for land to settle, albeit maybe only temporary, if the structure goes ahead, then it's presence alone could make the land attractive for development. Also, if this is allowed other parties who own pieces of adjoining land could do the same.*

1 Leaden Hall Barns, Stortford Road – proposed replacement windows.

8.3 The following planning applications have been determined by Uttlesford:

Old Rectory, Stortford Road – Extension and configuration of existing pool house to provide additional accommodation – Conditional Approval

Land east of Woodside Farm, High Easter Road, Leaden Roding (1<sup>st</sup> application) – Forestry Building – Prior Approval Refused.

## 9. FOOTPATHS

9.1 Cllr Sutterby reported:

Footpath 11 – defective furniture – problem reported with ref 2675236.

Footpaths 28 between cricket pitch and Cut Elms Cottage – problem reported with ref 2878383 – listed for repair – still ongoing.

Vegetation on Bridleway 20 at Longstead Lane has now been cleared.

Footpath 12 from Chelmsford Road to the Oak Tree – this path has now been cleared.

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Cllr McIntock reported that a large van which is not taxed or insured appears to have been dumped on the parking area of Willow Green making it difficult for residents to park their cars in their allotted spaces. The clerk will report this to Uttlesford.

10.2 The footpath between the village hall and Holloway Crescent is overgrown at this time, the Chairman and Cllr McIntock will start work to clear this.

10.3 There has been increased incidents of dog fouling in the village, particularly at the cricket pitch and Holloway Crescent. Residents are reminded that if they witness dog owners that are not picking up after their dogs, they should report it to Uttlesford's animal warden.

- 10.4 The Chairman would like to remind residents that they have a duty to keep footways around their property clear by cutting their hedges.
  - 10.5 The clerk has received notice that the M11 will be closed at times throughout the month of July for resurfacing which might result in increased traffic through the village.
  - 10.6 The clerk read an email regarding a Hedgehog Highway Project that the Parish Council have been invited to join, at this time it was unanimously decided to decline the invitation.
16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE DATES FOR 2024:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.