

MINUTES OF LITTLE YELDHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE YELDHAM ON TUES. 10TH MARCH 2020 AT 7.30PM

In the chair: Mr. K. R. Nott

Present: Mrs. K. Chapman, Mrs. A. L. Gardiner, Mr. P. Gentry, Mrs. R. K. Marsh,  
Mr. D. Patient and Mrs. M. Pearce  
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)  
Mrs. I. Parker (District Councillor)  
Together with 2 (two) members of the public

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. D. Finch (County Councillor)

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes of Little Yeldham Annual Parish Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were read by the Clerk, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

4) BEST KEPT VILLAGE & VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITIONS 2020

It was resolved not to enter the Best Kept Village or the Village of the Year Competitions

5) GREAT YELDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Mrs. I. Parker reported that Great Yeldham Primary School had become part of a multi academy trust with Belchamp St. Paul Primary School, which is run by the Diocese of Chelmsford. The governance of the school is now quite different, but there is still a head teacher dedicated to Great Yeldham. Mrs. Parker was thanked for her report.

6) LITTLE YELDHAM VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Mr. P. Gentry reported that a meeting had been held on 17<sup>th</sup> February and future meetings planned for 21<sup>st</sup> May and 14<sup>th</sup> September. An action plan had been agreed for maintenance work. Finances were healthy with about £10,000 in credit and financial controls had been put in place. Bookings require improvement and Mrs. K. Chapman is now looking after the Facebook page. Mr. Gentry was thanked for his report.

7) BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs. I. Parker reported on the following:

- a. The BDC budget for 2020-21 had been approved, with a 2.75% increase.
- b. The Councillor Grant scheme is being continued.
- c. New Planning Officers, including a Tree Officer and an Enforcement Officer, had been appointed and the department was up to strength.
- d. The decision from the Planning Inspectorate upon the Local Plan was expected.
- e. The possible lack of a 5 year supply of building sites may lead to more speculative applications.
- f. A new BDC Tourism website had been launched.

- g. The first Electric Forecourt in the country had been launched in the District.
- h. Focus on improving the centre of Braintree, including conversion of the High Street for pedestrians, Manor Street development and re-location of bus parking.
- i. The new Health and Welfare Centre and implementation measures for dealing with Coronavirus if the situation deteriorates.

Mr. P. Gentry enquired about housing supply numbers and calculations, which Mrs. Parker clarified. Mrs. A. Gardiner enquired about progress for the new Doctors surgery at Sible Hedingham. Mrs. Parker explained that there had been a contamination problem with the site, which had now been resolved and that a planning application was imminent. Mrs. Parker was thanked for her report.

8) ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

In the absence of Mr. D. Finch no report was given.

9) PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. K. R. Nott reported on the following:

- a. The sad loss of Mr. A. G. Bragg, a former PC Chairman.
- b. Increase in PC budget and precept consequent upon loss of BDC and ECC grants.
- c. Mr. P. Gentry had taken over as PC webmaster from Mr. M. Graham.
- d. Skips had been well used and no major issues.
- e. A Mental Health Training course had taken place.
- f. Mr. D. Patient undertaken GDPR training.
- g. PC supported 'Campaign Against Urban Sprawl' and proposed garden villages.
- h. Lack of BDC Local Plan deplored.
- i. New septic tank regulations considered.
- j. New Little Yeldham councillors, Mrs. K. Chapman, Mrs. M. Pearce welcomed, together with the return of Mr. D. Patient following a lapse.
- k. Mr. P. Gentry is the new PC representative on the Village Hall Committee.
- l. Tree surgery work and maintenance of playground equipment in progress.
- m. Planning issues with former LSA piggeries, but new BDC Chief Planning Officer had failed to respond, despite reminders, which was deplored.
- n. Mrs. M. Patient thanked for cleaning highway signs.
- o. Planning application at Old Hyde granted despite dangerous vehicular access.
- p. Planning Advisory Group working well under Mr. P. Gentry.
- q. The Chairman thanked the Vice Chairman, County, District and Parish Councillors together with the Clerk for their work for Little Yeldham.

10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm and was followed by a Parish Council meeting.

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(Chairman)