

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE YELDHAM ON TUESDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022 AT 8 P.M.

In the chair: Mr. P. J. Gentry

Present: Mrs. K. Chapman, Mrs. R. K. Marsh, Mr. K. R. Nott, Mr. A. Osmond-Evans, Mr. D. Patient, Mr. P. E. Pawsey and Mrs. M. D. Pearce  
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)  
Together with two members of the public

95) PUBLIC COMMENT

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman invited Mrs. E. Clayton to speak. Mrs. Clayton expressed her thanks and gratitude to the Parish Council for honouring her late husband with a memorial bench in Little Yeldham Churchyard in recognition of his voluntary work. She was very pleased that the Parish Council will be represented at the Dedication Service on 18th March.

96) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. A. L. Gardiner (Birthday treat), Mrs. C. M. P. Gray (Covid), Mr. J. H. Russell (Whiplash injury), Mrs. I. Parker and Mr. P. Schwier

97) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

98) TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, were confirmed and duly signed by the chairman as a correct record.

99) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

100) CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received and listed in appendix one was referred to Councillors for information and the contents noted.

101) ACCOUNTS

There were no accounts for payment.

102) ANTI-LITTER SIGNS TRIAL

The Chairman reported that BDC had recently completed an anti-litter signs trial along main roads, which had proved successful. As a result the scheme will now be extended to minor roads. Mrs. R. Marsh, Mrs. A. Gardiner and Mr. D. Patient had all expressed concern about the quantity of litter in Little Yeldham. In addition Mrs. Marsh reported that there was considerable litter along Clare Road at Ovington, which Mr. K. R. Nott explained was mainly from fast food outlets in Clare. Following discussion it was resolved to request three signs, being one for each of the following locations:

- i. Little Yeldham Road, Little Yeldham in the vicinity of Hyde Farm
- ii. The entrance to Jays Lane, off Mashey Road
- iii. Clare Road, Ovington

The signs could be moved round to different locations from time to time.

103) UPDATE UPON LITTLE YELDHAM RECREATION GROUND EQUIPMENT

Mrs. M. Pearce reported upon the following grant applications:

- i. The National Lottery - which should indicate around May if they will accept a full application
- ii. Aviva – an application had been submitted, but it was not clear if it will be accepted
- iii. Essex Community Foundation – prefers an application for specific items, worth about £7,000 to £10,000 so football and netball posts and nets, together with improvements to the entrance will be applied for
- iv. Crowd Funding – donors present at the meeting were thanked
- v. Essex Lottery – a Welcome Pack is awaited
- vi. Easy Fund raising, which Mrs. K. Chapman will promote on Social Media
- vii. About fifteen other sources had been considered and in some cases the opening dates for applications was awaited such at the ECC CIF.

Mrs. Pearce also reported upon arrangements for the Spring Fair on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and that local businesses had been approached for support. Mrs. Pearce was thanked for her report and for the progress made.

104) UPDATE UPON CELEBRATIONS FOR QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Mrs. R. Marsh reported that arrangements for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee event in Little Yeldham on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June were progressing well. A picnic will be held on the Recreation Ground, or if the weather is bad in the Village Hall, which must include the availability of the John Gardiner room. As a fall back, if numbers planning to attend are large, a local barn, may be available. Mr. P. Gentry will run a bar and Mrs. I. Parker had been consulted regarding a grant application. Donations are being sought from local businesses, ample bunting is available and music is possible. There was uncertainty about the numbers likely to attend, which will be addressed by the ‘Jubilee Group’ who will give a further report at the next PC meeting and in the meantime will update councillors by email.

Mr. A. Osmond-Evans reported that Tilbury Juxta Clare may join Great Yeldham for an event and Mr. K. R. Nott reported that Ovington was likely to join Belchamp St. Paul. Therefore the event on the Recreation Ground on 5<sup>th</sup> June will be Little Yeldham only.

105) REPORT UPON THE BRAINTREE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Mr. P. J. Gentry reported that the next BALC meeting will be held the following week, which he will attend.

106) TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY POLICING

Mrs. R. Marsh reported that the vacancy for a dedicated Special Constable had been advertised in the March 2022 edition of the Four Villages Magazine. The position is voluntary and requires a commitment of 16 hours a month, much of which will be spent

in the three villages. Full training, support, uniform, equipment and expenses will be covered by Essex Police. Any person interested should apply direct to the Special Recruitment Team at Essex Police. Mrs. Marsh agreed to enquire with the Police as to whether any applications had been received.

107) HIGHWAY ISSUES

Mr. A. Osmond-Evans reported some bad pot holes along the road between Tilbury Juxta Clare and Great Yeldham. He was advised to report these using the ECC Highways online reporting system, but unfortunately the system often failed. Therefore recent highway matters, including drainage and signage issues in Ovington had been reported direct to Mr. Andrew Cook, Head of ECC Highways and Transportation. Mr. P. Schwier had been copied in and had been pursuing ECC Highways regarding the Ovington issues, a few of which had been outstanding for well over two years, which was deplored. Mrs. I. Parker had reported the flooding issue near Tucklands Farm on the Gestingthorpe Road, but apparently the ECC operatives had attended at the wrong location. The flooding had also been reported by at least nine other residents, but the nuisance had not abated, which was not acceptable. Mrs. Parker had also reported that she was chasing the LHP for signage along Belchamp Road, Tilbury Juxta Clare to warn motorists of horse riders and the danger from deer.

108) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm

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(Chairman)