

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND
OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
LITTLE YELDHAM ON TUESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER 2018 AT 8 P.M.

In the chair: Mr. W. P. Clayton

Present: Mr. R. S. Brookes, Mr. R. Bryant, Mrs. A. L. Gardiner, Mr. P. Gentry,
Mrs. J. Lushington, Mrs. R. K. Marsh and Mr. G. Thomas
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)
Mrs. I. Parker (District Councillor)
Together with 3 (three) members of the public

54) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. M. Graham (birthday), Mr. K. R. Nott (illness), Mr. P. E. Pawsey (publishing deadline to meet) and Mr. D. Finch The chair was taken by the Vice Chairman and it was agreed to send Mr. Nott best wishes for a speedy recovery.

55) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr. R. Bryant, Mrs. A. Gardiner and Mr. G. Thomas declared pecuniary interests in connection with the application to remove PD rights from former LSA piggeries as they have interests in the ownership of former piggeries and took no part in consideration of the item in minute 62 below.

No other interests were declared.

56) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th September 2018, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, were confirmed subject to revisions to minutes 46 and 51b and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

57) MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

a) Telephone kiosks

The Chairman reported that the telephone kiosk at North End had been set up as a library, which residents were very welcome to use.

b) External Audit

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for the successful conclusion of the annual audit.

c) Encroachment of Village Green at Tilbury Juxta Clare

The Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. David and Mrs. Karen Clark of Perfectus, Tilbury Hill as agreed at the previous meeting, but no response had been forthcoming. Mr. G. Thomas reported that encroachment of the Village Green continued. The plants had not been removed, a plant table had appeared and a car was now being parked on the Village Green.

There were no other matters arising.

58) CORRESPONDENCE

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

The Clerk reported upon receipt of the following:

The following accounts were presented for payment:

H. M. Revenue & Customs – PAYE

Essex Pension Fund – pension contributions	£160.44
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60) TO CONSIDER GRANT TOWARDS FOUR VILLAGES MAGAZINE

61) TO REVIEW BDC OPEN SPACES ACTION PLAN

62) UPDATE ON REMOVAL OF PD RIGHTS FROM FORMER LSA PIGGERIES

63) TO CONSIDER ISSUE OF HEDGES OVERHANGING HIGHWAYS

At the request of Mr. M. Graham, the contents of his email of 13th November relating to hedge cutting were read out. His photographs of overhanging hedges between North End and Hall Green had previously been circulated to Councillors. Unfortunately the nearside of his new car had been damaged when he was forced into a hedge near North End, which had not been cut. This would not have occurred if a metre-wide verge had existed between the highway and hedge. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting to enable Mr. Graham to speak upon it.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Robert and Mrs. Amanda Gardiner for arranging for the hedge adjacent to the Playing Field to be cut, free of charge, which was much appreciated.

A site meeting with Mr. David Finch was arranged for Saturday, 24th November at 9am at Church Green, Little Yeldham to discuss a number of highway issues relating to the village.

64) BROADBAND UPDATE

Mrs. J. Lushington reported that since the last meeting, Mr. James Salmon of County Broadband had made a presentation at the Village Hall, Little Yeldham upon the network they proposed installing in Little Yeldham. Those interested need to sign up and enter into a contract by 29th November 2018 because it is intended that work will start during spring 2019 with a view to completion by the end of 2019. Tilbury Councillors reported upon a similar offer, which will preclude the villages from the ECC scheme. Mrs. Lushington will shortly be attending another meeting and will report back.

65) REPORT OF PLANNING TRAINING COURSE

Mr. P. Gentry gave a report of the EALC Planning Training course, which he had attended at Dunmow on 29th September. He outlined the main topics, which was very comprehensive and agreed to circulate details and the slide pack. (Post meeting note: circulated 14th November)

66) REPORT OF HIGHWAY BRIEFING

Mr. M. Graham had represented the PC at a Highway Briefing arranged by EALC and held at Dunmow on 7th November and had sent a brief report. (Post meeting note: Full report circulated 14th November).

67) BRAINTREE DISTRICT REPORT

Mrs. I. Parker reported upon the following:

- a) Suffolk County Council is no longer pursuing a western relief road, but will look at junction improvements in Sudbury instead.
- b) Several road closures are planned in the Yeldham area during the ensuing few months so work to improve broadband can take place.
- c) Fly-tipping needs to be reported to BDC, which has increased powers to prosecute.
- d) The Community Safety Partnership between BDC, GCH and Essex Police has been very successful and helps, inter alia, to avoid exploitation.
- e) Under the Homeless Act efforts are being made to find accommodation for homeless people.
- f) Following a RTA, road markings have been reinstated at Gestingthorpe crossroads.
- g) BDC will participate in a pilot scheme for voter identification, where two forms of identification will be required, at the forthcoming District and Parish Council elections on 2nd May 2019 to try and avoid election fraud.

Mrs. Parker was thanked for her report.

68) ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

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

69) DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The following meeting dates for 2019 were agreed:

22 nd January	Parish Council Meeting
5 th March	Ovington Annual Parish Meeting
19 th March	Little Yeldham Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm followed by Parish Council Meeting at 8pm
30 th April	Tilbury Juxta Clare Annual Parish Meeting
7 th May	Annual Parish Council Meeting
16 th July	Parish Council Meeting
17 th September	Parish Council Meeting
12 th November	Parish Council Meeting

70) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Tilbury Juxta Clare War Memorial

Mr. G. Thomas reported that following vandalism to Tilbury Juxta Clare War Memorial on several occasions the 'Christ figure' had been repaired and relocated inside the Church and a metal cross had been installed on the memorial and looks good. A re-dedication service had recently been held.

b) Hare coursing

Mrs. A. L. Gardiner reported that persons taking part in illegal hare coursing in the area are still active.

c) Sewells Farm

Mrs. Gardiner reported that the owner of Sewells Farm is seeking another access to the farm to enable more houses to be built. A local farmer had refused access across his farm and Mrs. Gardiner enquired the position with regard to the playing field. The Clerk advised that the playing field is subject to restrictive covenants against development, which would include an access and therefore any applications by the owner of Sewells Farm will be strenuously opposed.

d) Mygunya planning application

The application for a dwelling in the garden of Mygunya will be considered by the Little Yeldham Planning Advisory Group within the prescribed time limits.

There was no other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

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(Chairman)