

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

In the chair: Mr. K. R. Nott

Present: Mr. R. Bryant, Mr. W. P. Clayton, Mrs. A. L. Gardiner, Mr. M. Graham, Mrs. J. Lushington, Mrs. R. K. Marsh, Mr. D. Patient and Mr. G. Thomas  
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)  
Together with 2 (two) members of the public

88) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. R. S. Brookes (family commitment), Mr. P. E. Pawsey (another commitment), Mr. D. Finch and Mrs. I. Parker

89) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr. R. Bryant declared a pecuniary interest in connection with the application to remove PD rights from former LSA piggeries as the owner of a former piggery in Belchamp Road, Tilbury Juxta Clare.

No other interests were declared.

90) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, were confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

91) MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

92) CORRESPONDENCE

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

93) ACCOUNTS

There were no accounts for payment.

94) MATTERS ARISING FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS

There were no matters arising from Ovington Parish Meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> March or Little Yeldham Parish Meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> March, which required the attention of the PC.

95) BROADBAND REPORT

Mrs. J. Lushington reported that broadband in part of Little Yeldham had improved but funding and improvements for Tilbury Juxta Clare and Ovington is awaited. She advised Tilbury Juxta Clare to consider joining the Great Yeldham project and offered to provide the Tilbury representatives with details. The report by Mr. Finch to the Ovington Annual Parish Meeting, that more funding from ECC for broadband in rural areas was noted. In addition there should be more funding from Central Government for improvement in all

rural areas. Little Yeldham was advised to go with County Broadband. Mrs. Lushington had been keeping Ms. Mo Metcalf-Fisher who is Mr. James Cleverly, M.P.'s assistant informed. Mr. M. Graham reported that County Broadband could connect him and other residents in North End, but prices had increased.

96) REPORT OF BDC PLANNING MEETING RE SEWELLS FARM

Mr. M. Graham reported that Mr. W. P. Clayton, Mr. P. Gentry and himself had attended and spoken at the BDC Planning Committee Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 when the planning application relating to Sewells Farm had been considered. Planning permission had been granted, despite highway objections, following which the site had immediately been put up for sale.

97) HIGHWAY ISSUES AT SEWELLS FARM

Correspondence with ECC Highways and Mr. D. Finch regarding highway safety issues at Sewells Farm arising from the inconsistency between two highway reports was circulated and considered unsatisfactory. The representations made to BDC in connection with the planning applications made it very clear that the major issue was highway safety, but BDC had failed to request the attendance of an ECC Highway Officer at the Planning Committee meeting to explain the inconsistency between the two reports. Although a BDC Planning Officer had suggested an adjournment for this purpose, District Councillors had failed to pursue this. Councillors and members of the public were very disappointed at the way in which ECC and BDC had handled this application.

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

The Clerk reported that Mrs. I. Parker had obtained the support of Mr. Richard van Dulken, the Great Yeldham District Councillor and had made an application to BDC, under an Article 4 direction, for permitted development rights to be removed from old piggeries on the former LSA estate in Great and Little Yeldham and Tilbury Juxta Clare, to force a normal planning application.

Mr. D. Patient outlined the planning history relating to 67 Little Yeldham Road, Little Yeldham, which had led to the PC making its decision at the last meeting to apply for PD rights on the whole of the former LSA estate being removed to close a loophole.

A response from Tessa Lambert, BDC Development Manager, is awaited.

99) TO CONSIDER MAINTENANCE OF TELEPHONE KIOSKS

Consequent upon the PC acquiring ownership of the telephone kiosks at (i) North End, Little Yeldham (ii) Upper Farm, Ovington and (iii) Tilbury Hill, Tilbury Juxta Clare, it was agreed that they should be maintained and repainted. Mr. W. P. Clayton reported that he had found a volunteer to paint the kiosk at North End and the paint had already been purchased. He agreed to ask the volunteer if he is willing to paint the other two kiosks, upon the PC paying for the cost of paint. It was agreed to investigate the position regarding the electricity supply to the kiosks. (Post meeting note: The Agreement provides that the PC is not permitted to connect any equipment to the unmetered power supply without BTs written agreement. BT does not actively monitor the electricity supply to the kiosks).

100) TO REVIEW ECC SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND

It was agreed not to proceed with an application for funding for grass and hedge cutting because it is an ongoing and not a new project.

101) RESIGNATION OF MR. D. PATIENT

Mr. D. Patient reported that this would be his last meeting as a Councillor because he would be resigning the following day. The decision had been forced upon him because of increased work commitments and travel, but he hoped to return to the PC in the future. He thanked the Chairman, Councillors and Clerk for their assistance during the last six years and was proud of the good work carried out by the PC. He expressed a wish that planning in north Essex is not allowed to get out of control as it has done in south Essex. He introduced Mr. Peter Gentry, who is willing to fill the vacancy. The Clerk outlined the procedure for declaring and filling the casual vacancy and that if no election is requested by ten electors then the PC should be able to exercise its powers of co-option to fill the vacancy at the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Patient for all his work during the last six years and wished him well in the future.

(Mr. R. Bryant and Mr. G. Thomas left the meeting)

102) TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION

18/00325/FUL – 55 Little Yeldham Road, Little Yeldham – Demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of new cart-lodge (at former LSA property)

Mr. D. Patient circulated copies of plans in respect of the above application and reported upon representations made to him by members of the public. It was observed that the proposed new cart-lodge is larger and taller than the former Mission Hall, which it is proposed to demolish. A dormer window is proposed, which is not required for a cart-lodge. However if BDC is minded to allow the dormer window then as it only faces the existing dwellinghouse at 55 Little Yeldham Road, it should be conditional upon both parts of the property remaining in the same ownership and not divided in the future.

103) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

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(Chairman)