

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY JUXTA CLARE AND
OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
LITTLE YELDHAM ON TUESDAY, 22nd JANUARY 2019 AT 8 P.M.

In the chair: Mr. K. R. Nott

Present: Mr. R. Bryant, Mrs. A. L. Gardiner, Mr. M. Graham, Mr. P. Gentry and
Mr. G. Thomas
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)
Mrs. I. Parker (District Councillor)
Together with 1 (one) member of the public

71) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. R. S. Brookes (family commitment), Mr. W. P. Clayton (illness), Mrs. R. K. Marsh (holiday), Mr. P. E. Pawsey (prior engagement) and Mr. D. Finch. It was reported that Mrs. J. Lushington, who was moving away, had resigned on 31st December 2018. The Clerk had thanked her for her service and in particular for taking Broadband issues forward.

72) 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 this item.

No other interests were declared.

73) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th November 2018, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, were confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

74) MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

a) Mygunya, North End Road, Little Yeldham

Mr. P. Gentry reported that the planning application for a new dwelling in the garden of Mygunya had been refused by BDC on 18th December 2018.

There were no other matters arising.

75) CORRESPONDENCE

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

76) ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported that he had applied to HMRC for refund of VAT amounting to £640.20 paid during 2018 and payment is awaited.

The following accounts were presented for payment:

Society of Local Council Clerks – annual subscription	£63.00
Mr. M. J. Frost – building work	£480.00

Little Yeldham Village Hall – annual grant	£400.00	
Hire of hall for meetings during 2018	<u>£93.00</u>	£493.00

It was proposed by Mr. P. Gentry, seconded by Mr. G. Thomas and carried that the above accounts are paid.

77) TO CONSIDER GRANT TOWARDS FOUR VILLAGES MAGAZINE

Mr. M. Graham reported that he had requested this agenda item because he felt that a contribution should be made to reflect the contents relating to the three villages. He had requested figures from the Vice Chairman of Great Yeldham Parish Council, which had not been forthcoming. Mr. G. Thomas understood that the magazine was self-financing as advertisers cover printing costs and therefore no contribution was required.

78) TO CONSIDER PRECEPT FOR 2019-2020

The Clerk reported that the Parish Support Grant had been discontinued, but BDC would pay £63 in respect of Council Tax Collection Fund Surplus. The PC budget could remain at £6681 and the ECC Local Services Fund grant towards hedge and grass cutting costs was taken into consideration. It was proposed by Mr. M. Graham, seconded by Mr. P. Gentry and carried that the Parish Council precepts for £5700.00 in 2019-2020. The precept form was duly completed, signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerk.

79) TO REVIEW BDC OPEN SPACES ACTION PLAN

This item was deferred from the previous meeting for Councillors to consider seeking S106 monitory contributions for POS improvements. Following discussion it was agreed to put two schemes forward as follows:

- a) New, upgraded or replacement children's play equipment on Little Yeldham Playing Field; and
- b) Improvements to the surface of Little Yeldham Village Hall Car Park.

It remained unclear if the development at Sewells Farm will result in any community benefits, including POS under a S106 Agreement.

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

Mrs. I. Parker read out the reply she had received from Mr. C. Paggi who had agreed with a previous reply from Mrs. T. Lambert. It was not clear if he had considered the revised spread sheet from Mr. P. Gentry, which had provided significantly more information. Mrs. Parker will enquire and continue to pursue this matter with Mr. Paggi. It was one year since the issue was first raised with BDC and Mr. Gentry offered to visit Mr. Paggi to discuss.

81) REPORT OF SITE MEETING WITH MR. FINCH ON 24TH NOVEMBER 2018

Mr. P. Gentry gave a report of a site meeting with Mr. Finch on 24th November 2018, which Mr. W. P. Clayton had also attended. The matters discussed had included the dangerous corner at Church Green and the dangerous access to Sewells Farm and it had been agreed that a 'CONCEALED ENTRANCE' or similar sign would be erected. Mr. Clayton had sent a message to confirm that since the site meeting the signs had been erected at the Church Green corner, drains at North End had been cleared and the safety

barrier between the road and the Belchamp Brook at North End had been repaired. The only outstanding item was the erection of posts on the Village Green. Mr. Clayton had also reported fly tipping at the old Gypsy site, which had been cleared.

82) TO CONSIDER ISSUE OF HEDGES OVERHANGING HIGHWAYS

Mr. M. Graham requested that a standard letter is sent to persons who allow their hedges to overhang public highways. This suggestion was declined as the PC has no power to enforce and therefore overhanging hedges need to be reported to ECC Highways. However the issue could be mentioned in the parish magazine.

83) BROADBAND UPDATE

Mr. M. Graham reported upon an email from County Broadband which did not have the 30% of people required to, proceed with a broadband scheme. Mrs. I. Parker reported that she had spoken to Mr. James Salmon of County Broadband and Little Yeldham only needs six more people to sign up to achieve broadband. Mrs. Parker will endeavor to find six more people in Little Yeldham to sign up before the deadline on 31st January.

84) BRAINTREE DISTRICT REPORT

Mrs. I. Parker reported upon the following:

- a) An increase in the BDC element of the Council Tax for 2019-2020 and the reasons for it, namely the lack of funding from Central Government, no longer any income from recycling and income from businesses not yet in place.
- b) Five more Planning Officers are required, which will add to expenditure.
- c) Investment in capital projects such as the new Doctor's Surgery at Sible Hedingham to be built by BDC for which BDC will receive rent.
- d) Monthly meetings with Jasmine Wiles of ECC Highways when Mrs. Parker will request continuation of the kerbing around Hall Green Corner.
- e) ECC will only cut footpaths once a year but the P3 scheme is working well in Belchamp St. Paul, which relies on volunteers. Mrs. Parker will make further enquiries about how P3 now works and report back.
- f) BDC will participate in a pilot scheme for voter identification, where 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.

85) ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

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

86) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Proposed Chicken Farm at Hole Farm, Belchamp St. Paul

Mr. G. Thomas reported upon a recent planning application in Belchamp St. Paul for a large chicken farm, which if granted will necessitate 264 traffic movements by heavy haulage lorries a year. Apparently the preferred route by ECC Highways is through Tilbury Juxta Clare, which is completely the wrong direction for Thetford. The applicants preferred route is via Bradley Hill. Upon the instructions of the Tilbury Juxta Clare Councillors, the Clerk had written to BDC, but had restricted representations to

opposing traffic movements through Tilbury Juxta Clare only. The action of the Tilbury Councillors and the Clerk was approved and supported by all Councillors. In view of the involvement of ECC Highways Department, Mr. P. Gentry suggested sending Mr. D. Finch a copy of the letter to BDC, which was agreed.

b) Damaged gate at Sewells Farm

Mr. M. Graham reported a damaged gate at Sewells Farm, which forms part of the access for Anglian Water to reach the sewage plant via the Playing Field. As the gate is not the responsibility of the Parish Council it was left for Anglian Water to liaise direct with the owner of Sewells Farm.

There was no other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

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