**Minutes of Theydon Mount Parish Council OGM**

**Held on 16th August 2023 at 7:00pm**

**at Mount Farm conference venue, Tawney Common CM16 7PX**

**Minute Action**

1. **Apologies –** Heather Brady (HB), Rod Angood

In attendance were Peter Connell (PC), Patrick

Bamford (PB), Keith Farrow (KF), Hilliard

Brewitt (HTB), Martin Hudson (MH)

1. **Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of meeting held 12th June 2023 – ratified

1. **Declarations of Interest** - None
2. **Reports on actions from last OGM**

**Item 2 –** Minutes of last OGM to council to be posted to council

website and notice board RA to post to website

MH to post to notice board

**Item 4.2.1** – RA previously reported that despite several attempts he

has not been successful in getting any confirmation from Cllr McIvor that

our reply to Essex Highways has been passed on by Cllr McIvor.

We now have Cllr McIvor’s blessing to call him on his mobile or message via

WhatsApp

Other options are to escalate query to Cllr McIvor through Chairs action

or deliver copy of our response directly to Essex Highways Offices. Await return of RA

**Item 4**.**2.2 –** HTB & PB to report on progress of Summer 2023 Newsletter. Completed and distributed

**Item 4**.**2.3 –** PC still awaiting response from Alex Burghart regarding Affinity

water leaks

Agreed to send a firm chaser regarding leaks within the Parish to both Affinity & Essex

Highways PC to follow up

**Item 9**.**1 - London Alpaca** - to follow up if necessary, but keep a watching brief

All members to monitor

**Item 9**.**1 – Hornes Farm –** No further planning news at this juncture. Noted that the attendees

wanted to keep an eye on activities and await outcome

On hold

**Item 9**.**1 – Abridge Golf Club –** KF unable to make progress on

S106 as cannot access documentation. As this document should be freely available a

response is required from EFDC RA/PC to chase EFDC

**Item 9**.**1 – Solar Farm –** We are on the developers list to get regular updates

that need to be reviewed as and when received Watching/waiting

1. **Business**

**4.1 Finger posts, Gateway Signs and footpath signposts**

**4.1.1 Progress report –** HTB informed the attendees that the new finger

has been delivered, painted and about to have the lettering fixed.

A work party is to be organised to install the new post at the junction of Epping

Lane. May need 3rd party assistance with digging the hole. HTB to organise

Missing finger post at Tawney Common. Now being prepared by Epping Rangers

and will be installed within the next few weeks. If not chaser to be sent MH to chase

**4.1.2 Gateway Signs – Presentation by PB**

PB gave a PowerPoint presentation about the on-going project PB to post presentation to council website

PB/HTB/RA met with Oliver Porter (Essex Highways) via ZOOM on 16th August

and after long discussion the siting and locations have been provisionally agreed

KF will assist PB to finalise these locations taking particular note of our complicated

boundaries

This will take place on 22nd Aug 2023 PB & KF

Proposed target for submission of application is being targeted for the

first week of September PB

Once permissions have been granted the actual work must be carried

out by a certified installer who we have identified. PB to get quote

**4.2 Local Highways**

**4.2.1 Update on our Traffic Calming Initiatives and progress**

This item held over pending RA return

1. **Training**

PC briefed the meeting on the NALC online 75min seminar on digitisation

of communication with local residents. RA to arrange

HTB suggested the need initially for more in house training on the tools

we currently use to communicate. To be discussed at next OGM

1. **District/County Councillor Report**

HB reported that EFDC have agreed to damn across the

Roding at Shonks Mill. Possible local impact HB to monitor

1. **Correspondence**

* Letters and emails received – RA

1. **Planning**

PC sought comment and interpretation regarding each of the planning issues from the other councillors.

* 1. Review all extant and new planning matters as follows:
* **Norton Fisheries EFP/1683/23** – New application

More activity on site and confusing planning applications based on

previous applications and refusals.

Letter to EFDC must be sent prior to 21st Aug 2023 PC to write in absence of RA the Parish Clerk

* **Abridge Golf Club EFP/0282/23** – Access to the S106 required PC?/RA to chase EFDC
* **Solar Farm** – Stanford Rivers All to monitor
* **Taw Farm – EFP/1709/23**. Letter of objection to be sent highlighting

the improper use of planning applications. Deadline for letter 29th Aug PC to write in the absence of RA the Parish Clerk

9.2 Representations re Garden Cottage Pre App Report

Mr Marc Yallop made a presentation to the councillors outlining his

Pre-Application for two new dwellings to the rear of the site and renovation

of the existing cart lodge to create a further dwelling on the site.

The council will further discuss after a further site visit by PC & KF PC & KF to arrange visit and report

1. **Clerk Matters and Questions**

Summer Projects …roll over to Autumn RA to discuss with MH

Phone Box refurbishment? Work party to be set up

RA & MH to discuss

Road Signs clean and repair? Work party to be set up

RA & MH to discuss

Banks Lane re-establishment of signage. Letter to Essex Highways

and suggest in letter to Theydon Garnon PC that they do the same. PC to write in the absence of RA the Parish Clerk

Fence opposite 9/10 Mount Road has now been reduced in size.

Letter to enforcement officer asking if this now in compliance? PC to write in the absence of RA the Parish Clerk

Letter to EFDC regarding incorrect listing of planning

applications to the wrong parish that ultimately impact

Theydon Mount PC to write in absence of RA the Parish Clerk

Raised by HTB Letter to EFDC (environmental health?) noting the

presence of a dangerous plant, Hogweed, near Beachett Cottages ?

**Signed Peter Connell **

**Chair of Theydon Mount Parish Council Dated 21/08/2023**