

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF GOOD EASTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016 AT 8.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:-** Cllr. Alan Hall Chairman  
 Cllr. Jim Willsher  
 Cllr. Mrs Jill Ryder  
 Cllr. Guy Pitt  
 Cllr. Graham Seeley

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Lorraine Green Clerk  
 1 Parishioner

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman advised that the Minutes of last year’s Annual Parish Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 had been circulated and subsequently approved on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015.

		<b>Action</b>
1.	<p><b>CHAIRMAN’S REPORT FOR 2015-16</b></p> <p>Councillors, Parishioners, guests, ladies and Gentlemen – It gives me great pleasure to present to you my report for the past 12 months.</p> <p>I was first elected to this council in May 1999 when Richard Matthews was Chairman – a year later Tommy Matthews took over as Chairman and I became Vice-Chairman. Tommy was a fund of knowledge on Councils, and the parish and we all join in offering his family our condolences on his passing away just recently.</p> <p>In the past 17 years I am pleased to say that there have been no drastic changes in the Parish – yes a few new houses have been built and there have been many changes in the population however life in Good Easter goes on much as before, thankfully!</p> <p>Finance – We have seen a slight increase in our precept during the year under review however we are conscious of the need to give value for money from our precept. As usual our accounts have been audited both internally and externally and have been certified as 100% correct.</p> <p>Planning – 13 applications have been considered during the year, an increase of 2 over the previous year. The 2 new houses at Ivy Cottages Mill Road have been completed and are now occupied and a proposal by Chelmer Housing to build on an open space adjoining 6 Council Houses Mill Road was robustly opposed and was withdrawn. I reiterate the need to preserve the open aspects between houses which we enjoy.</p> <p>There are two major committees in the parish who run the Village Hall and the Playing Field. The Village Hall is in great shape given it’s age – over 90 years and it provides a valuable parish asset as a meeting place. Letting fees are kept low which is reflected in the high usage. Our Playing Field will, hopefully, pass into the ownership of the Parish Council very shortly when an agreement will be reached with their committee concerning the running and control of this valuable asset. Discussions have already started with the Conservation Volunteers on clearing up the Horse Pond and returning it to the former glory. Both of these committees give hours of work for the benefit of the village and I thank them for their endeavours on our behalf.</p>	

	<p>As a village we get good support from our County Councillor – John Aldridge, congratulations on becoming Chairman of Essex County Council. Our City Councillor Nicolette Chambers – we have the benefit of her living in the village and being able to help promptly over waste dumping, broken road signs and so on, not to mention her invaluable advice. I also thank our Reverend Dubb Gannon who with his family is much in evidence.</p> <p>Lastly I thank my fellow councillors for their time and work, particularly my vice chairman Maurice Bailey and our Clerk Lorraine, always at the end of a telephone or a computer, when hers is working!</p> <p>That concludes my report.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REPORT.</b></p> <p>Mrs Di Hall, Secretary of the Village Hall Committee, gave the following report:-</p> <p>We have changed electricity provider to N-Power on a new tariff. We have reduced the insurance bill by signing a three year fixed agreement. We have agreed to install a water meter. Piers under hall have been checked, fire extinguishers checked and refilled.</p> <p>Village Hall exterior painted by Chairman, Paul West, and interior redecorated professionally. New signage for Village Hall by Howard Cross. New tea urn required. ‘Waterloo’ the Autumn event raised £700.00.</p> <p>Next event will be a Pie Supper to be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 details to be announced.</p> <p>We are grateful to the Parish Council for a grant under Section 106 which will help fund work to the rear of the hall. Work has started on this work and should be completed shortly.</p> <p>Bookings are healthy and we have been able to keep rents unchanged for many years for the benefit of the village. Our bank balance is approximately £7,000.00 which will be diminished by the balance of work to rear of the hall.</p> <p>The cost for all weeds to be killed at the back of the Village Hall, membrane put in and covered is £5,500.00 and the Committee are hoping they will pay half and they will get money from S106 and a small grant from Stansted.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>SPORTSFIELD REPORT.</b></p> <p>Graham Seeley advised that he had stood down as the Chairman and a member of the Sportsfield Committee,</p> <p>No report was received. The Chairman asked that the Secretary of the Sportsfield Committee Circulates a report to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Regarding the transfer of land at the Sportsfield, the Chairman advised that a 999 year lease with a Peppercorn rent was being considered. He had spoken to the Solicitors and they were awaiting a reply from the donor’s Solicitors. Cllr. Seeley reported that the Sports Pavilion is currently impractical in size and the Committee are very keen to get enough money to have a new pavilion. Cllr. Willsher felt a Village Hall would be ideal on the field as it is dangerous at the current location and there is no parking. Cllr. Seeley advised that there are lots of grants available.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>OPEN MEETING FOR PARISHIONERS TO RAISE RELEVANT MATTERS.</b></p> <p>Nothing raised.</p>	

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26pm.