

MINUTES OF GOOD EASTER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.00PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:-

Cllr. Alan Hall	Chairman
Cllr. Maurice Bailey	Vice-Chairman
Cllr. Jim Willsher	
Cllr. Graham Seeley	
Cllr. Jill Larsen	
Cllr. Sharon West	
Cllr. Guy Pitt	

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Lorraine Green Clerk
0 Parishioners
CCC Mrs Nicolette Chambers

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

		Action
1.	<p>ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.</p> <p>Cllr. Aldridge had sent his apologies. The Chairman advised this is due to the fact Cllr. Aldridge is now busy as he is the Chairman of ECC. The Chairman read out the following report which had been received from Cllr. Aldridge:-</p> <p>1. ECC pledge £85 min for new / improved special schools to meet increased demand for places from young people diagnosed with autism etc.</p> <p>2. Note Bene that:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) the bus consultation ends on 28.9.16 b) the new rules to prevent the commercial use of ECC recycling sites commences 31.10.16.</p> <p>It should be noted that ECC are aware there are fears over fly tipping but current evidence from areas that have introduced these rules suggests that there will be no increase.</p> <p>3. Re devolution, ECC and the 14 councils in "Greater Essex" take the view that it should not allow the benefits of collaboration and devolution to be derailed by the current focus on "elected mayors". Economies and efficiencies should be the drivers.</p> <p>4. Details of Phase Three of the Superfast Broad band has been published online and takes the BB issues to the more rural areas that have hitherto missed out.</p> <p>5. Nothing much to report on roads but I am sure many of the PC and parishioners will have seen many improvements locally.</p> <p>6. You will know that a number of villages have experienced traveller incursions; (Roxwell, Chatham Green, Blackmoor etc.) I have circulated the current position re unauthorised encampments / developments so please report any such that you see as soon as possible to the CCC AND ECTU - ECTU@essex.gov.uk</p> <p>The Chairman advised that he had not been to look at Armours Lane. Cllr. Aldridge is seeking proper resurfacing as wanted to know whether the Parish Council would support this action. Cllr. Aldridge cannot guarantee the proposal will be approved. Chairman to reply that Parish Council are supportive.</p>	AH/JA
2.	<p>CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCILLOR REPORT.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that Cllr. Chambers was unwell. She had very little to report. She was chasing the relevant people at CCC to get rid of the spoil from Horse Pond. The manpower had been used to clean up after the travellers.</p>	NC

	Cllr. West reported that the sign had gone over again outside the Village Hall. Chairman said Highways had looked at it after it was propped up. Chairman to re-report matter.	AH																								
3.	DEMOCRATIC TIME. Nothing to report.																									
4.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. ECC Cllr. John Aldridge and Cllr. Chambers sent their apologies.																									
5.	TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH JULY 2016. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 th July 2016 were taken as read and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.																									
6.	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS. Cllr. Willsher declared he was on the Sportsfield Committee. Cllr. Seeley declared an interest in planning application for Timothy Cottage and also declared he was a City Councillor.																									
7.	MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THIS AGENDA. The Chairman advised that Elaine Page had promised to draft a letter regarding the weight restriction but the Chairman had not yet received it from her. Chairman to chase. The survey forms for the shopper bus had been completed. Residents had also written to say why they do not want it to stop. Robert Richardson, of ECC, attending November meeting. SSE – Cllr. Bailey did a leaflet drop with the help from Cllr. Seeley. Cllr. Bailey advised that this is not a one-off complaint and that residents can complain at any time. The Chairman reported that a new airline is coming to Stansted next year. The Chairman advised that the Conservation Volunteers had come and cleaned Horse Pond. They had left a portion of bull rushes and growth so wildlife, newts etc can move. Next year they will move this area. The work had cost £200.00 plus VAT for each of two days. Cllr. Seeley suggested putting this annual maintenance for the pond into the Precept. All agreed. The Chairman advised that CCC will remove the spoil. The Chairman advised that the village sign needs repainting but he cannot find anybody to do the work. The Parish Council noticeboard which is affixed to the bus shelter also needs replacing. It was donated by the Millennium Committee. It will cost about £300.00 for a metal replacement noticeboard. The Chairman advised that it needs to be larger than the current one. Chairman to look at prices and circulate information to all Councillors.	AH																								
8.	FINANCE. a) Payments. The following payments were approved by the Parish Council:- <table border="0"> <tr> <td>£900.00</td> <td>Mr E Caton</td> <td>Website</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£246.30</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary for August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£ 61.40</td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs</td> <td>PAYE & NI August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£185.14</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary for September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£ 46.40</td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs</td> <td>PAYE & NI September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£ 51.17</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£100.00</td> <td>Stop Stansted Expansion</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£ 50.00</td> <td>Essex Air Ambulance</td> <td>Annual Donation</td> </tr> </table> b) Transfers. 12.08.16 Transfer £1,500.00 from Business Premium to Current Account.	£900.00	Mr E Caton	Website	£246.30	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary for August	£ 61.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI August	£185.14	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary for September	£ 46.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI September	£ 51.17	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	£100.00	Stop Stansted Expansion	Annual Donation	£ 50.00	Essex Air Ambulance	Annual Donation	
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	<p>c) Clerk's Salary – The Clerk's salary was agreed out of a meeting by circulation of E-mails. It was agreed the Clerk would be put onto SCP25 which equated to £11.66 per hour, £231.54 per month or £2778.44 per annum, which was the same as Roxwell Parish Council. This included an additional £50.00 for doing the PAYE.</p> <p>d) Audit of Accounts for 2015/16 – The Clerk advised that the External Auditors had requested some further information today which she would supply them with in due course.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>PLANNING.</p> <p>a) Planning Applications Received: -</p> <p>Church House, School Road - All trees - within garden area and Church House orchard area. 2x Blue Cedar - crown lift two lower lateral limbs and reduce upper canopy by 0.25m and lower canopy by 0.75m to provide clearance garage, Fell 1x dead Cedar; 1x White Beam - crown lift by 2m and crown thin 20% to allow formative growth without restrictions; Purple Plum - crown reduction 0.25m of tree canopy and thin 20% to allow passage of light; Hedgerow (mixed species) - reduce sides back from garage area 0.5m, along existing length; Leyland Cypress - Fell to ground level, poor health and intrusion of windows; Crimson King - crown reduce by 1.5m and thin out smaller lateral branches to check growth and height; Common Ash - cut back from garden area by 1.5 - 2 m, removal of canopy deadwood; Lawson Cypress - Fell/remove to ground level due to tree situation in close proximity to dwelling; Mountain Ash - removal of basal epicormic growth, cut back by 0.1-0.25m to shape and crown thin 15% and balance for formative growth; Laurel Hedge – faceback regrowth of laurel hedges to front and rear of property; Domestic Plum - remove due to poor specimen health; Domestic Apple - 3x Apple trees: cut back 0.25m to reshape and thin epicormic growth along branch laterals. Removal of strangulating Ivy. Reason: The Orchard area is overgrown and in poor condition. The Parish Council had no objections.</p> <p>Old School House, School Road - Amended specification: Ash tree - adjacent to garage and rear boundary of Endway Cottage - crown reduction by 3m in height and 1.5m on the sides; 4m crown lift.; 5 year management plan to annually remove the epicormic growth encroaching over the boundary into the garden of Endway Cottage from ground level to the crown break. Sever ivy. Reason: loss of light. The Parish Council had no objections.</p> <p>Timothy Cottage, Tituswell Lane (LBC) – Two storey extension with single storey link from existing dwelling. Plans to be circulated. Cllr. Seeley declared an interest.</p> <p>Timothy Cottage, Tituswell Lane – Two storey extension with single storey link from existing dwelling. Plans to be circulated. Cllr. Seeley declared an interest.</p> <p>b) Planning Results:-</p> <p>Timothy Cottage, Tituswell Lane 15/00050/DOC/1 Condition 4 - Sample of materials; Condition 5 - Drawings to show details of (i) Eaves; (ii) Verge; (iii) Plinth; (iv) Doors; and (v) Stairs; Conditions Discharged.</p> <p>Church House, School Road - All trees - within garden area and Church House orchard area. 2x Blue Cedar - crown lift two lower lateral limbs and reduce upper canopy by 0.25m and lower canopy by 0.75m to provide clearance garage, Fell 1x dead Cedar; 1x White Beam - crown lift by 2m and crown thin 20% to allow formative growth without restrictions; Purple Plum - crown reduction 0.25m of tree canopy and thin 20% to allow passage of light; Hedgerow (mixed species) - reduce sides back from garage area 0.5m, along existing length; Leyland Cypress - Fell to ground level, poor health and intrusion of windows; Crimson King - crown reduce by 1.5m and thin out smaller lateral branches to check growth and height; Common Ash - cut back from garden area by 1.5 - 2 m, removal of canopy deadwood; Lawson Cypress - Fell/remove to ground level due to tree situation in close proximity to dwelling;</p>	

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10.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that all relevant correspondence had been circulated to all Councillors.</p>	
11.	<p>VILLAGE HALL REPORT.</p> <p>The work had been completed at the rear of the hall. The pillars had been strengthened on which the Village Hall is built. The Village Hall Committee are holding a pie supper to raise money to put back into the funds on 19th November. Advertisements will be put in village magazine and posters will be put up.</p>	
12.	<p>SPORTSFIELD REPORT.</p> <p>There will be a pop-up pub on 29th October on the Sportsfield. As it is Halloween Night residents are encouraged to come in fancy dress.</p> <p>The Chairman advised the transfer of land is still on-going.</p>	
13.	<p>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that CCC Parish Cleansing Service did not clean the gullies alongside the road or roadswept and litter picked and did not do the hedge cutting along the Sportsfield footpath. The Chairman telephoned them and they have agreed to come back and do the work.</p> <p>Cllr. Seeley reported fly tipping at the end of Tituswell Lane. Chairman advised him to report it.</p> <p>Chairman reported that there had been a bad robbery at Pitts Farm.</p> <p>Cllr. Bailey reported that motorbikes are riding on the bridleway by Pitts Farm.</p>	GS
14.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is on Thursday 17th November 2016.</p> <p>he Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.55pm.</p>	