

**MINUTES OF GOOD EASTER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 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. Guy Pitt	

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs Lorraine Green	Clerk
11 Parishioners	
Robert Richardson - ECC	

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>DISCUSSION WITH ROBERT RICHARDSON OF ECC REGARDING SHOPPER BUS.</b></p> <p>The Chairman introduced Robert Richardson. He explained that there are spending cuts at ECC. There are a number of statutory things they have to provide but transport and local bus services they are not obligatory to provide. ECC have got to make a £1m saving as their budget has been cut. ECC has a statutory duty to decide whether the shopper bus service continues. The service has exceeded the £5.00 cost per passenger for some time. ECC made the decision to withdraw the shopper bus (SB51) in April 2016. The figures had been misquoted at the time so pressure had been put on ECC to extend the contract. It cost ECC more money. The passenger numbers had improved and the cost per passenger had come down to £5.70. Now with the costs going up the cost would now be £6.34. Mr Richardson said he cannot make a recommendation from cabinet at this cost. He said he can put it forward as a consideration but not a proposal. ECC will go out to tender at the end of January/beginning of February. The contract with Chelmsford Community Transport expires at the end of August 2017. Mr Richardson said he will see what figures come in.</p> <p>A parishioner stated that this was all about money and people are more important than money. Elderly people find it very difficult to carry shopping from the bus stop. One resident picks up her prescription from Sainsburys when using the shopper bus. The current driver carried the shopping to the front door for residents. A parishioner suggested residents pay £2.00 every time they use the bus to help with the cost. Mr Richardson advised that the cost per passenger needs to be below £5.00 then he can put forward the recommendation. He advised that the community have an £800.00 shortfall for the year. If the community could fund the shortfall he can put in a recommendation. Cllr. Willsher suggested picking people up from other villages, i.e. Mashbury. He advised that the bus picks up passengers with wheelchairs so that reduces the amount of passengers. There was a suggestion of making the service a fortnightly shopper bus service. A parishioner suggested getting Sainsburys involved to help with the shortfall as they are receiving custom every week and will lose it if the bus stops. Another parishioner recommended the possibility of getting outside voluntary funding if the company has charitable status. Chairman to write to Sainsburys asking if they can donate some money towards the bus. Chairman to also investigate with Cllr. Sue Barker regarding the Stansted Community Fund. It was suggested that it might be more effective if the Monday Club applied for the grant. Mr Richardson said he would try and given feedback to the Parish Council and parishioners.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.</b></p> <p>No report received.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCILLOR REPORT.</b></p> <p>The Chairman advised that Cllr. Chambers was unwell and sent her apologies. No report received.</p>	

4.	<p><b>DEMOCRATIC TIME.</b></p> <p>Chairman to E-mail Cllr. Aldridge to get the papers back and resubmit 7½ tonne weight restriction application to Local Highways Panel. A parishioner, Elaine Page, reported that HGV's are using the road despite ECC saying they do not. With the minerals application, a large proportion of vehicles will cut through the village to get from the A1060 to A120.</p>	AH																		
5.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Sharon West, ECC Cllr. John Aldridge and CCC Cllr. Mrs Nicolette Chambers sent their apologies.</p>																			
6.	<p><b>TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016.</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 were taken as read and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.</p>																			
7.	<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Willsher declared he was on the Sportsfield Committee. Cllr. Seeley declared he was a City Councillor.</p>																			
8.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THIS AGENDA.</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that the village signpost at the Star crossroads was now propped up he was unsure whether the Village Hall Chairman had done it or ECC Highways. Chairman to chase ECC to get it repaired.</p> <p>The Chairman gave apologies over the confusion over the weight restriction.</p> <p>Cllr. Seely advised that CCC had arrived quite promptly to remove the fly tipping at the end of Tituswell Lane but when they arrived it had already been cleared. This could have been done by Uttlesford Council. The Chairman stated that there could be an increase in fly tipping now with the new regulations at the Council tip. CCC pay for the clearing up fly tipping and ECC pay for the Council tip.</p>	AH																		
9.	<p><b>FINANCE.</b></p> <p><b>a) Payments.</b></p> <p>The following payments were approved by the Parish Council:-</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="319 1272 1037 1456"> <tr> <td>£480.00</td> <td>The Conservation Volunteers</td> <td>Pond Clearance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£185.34</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary for October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£ 46.20</td> <td>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</td> <td>PAYE &amp; NI October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£185.14</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary for November</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£ 46.40</td> <td>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</td> <td>PAYE &amp; NI November</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£ 60.34</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>b) Transfers.</b></p> <p>04.11.16 Transfer £1,000.00 from Business Premium to Current Account.</p> <p><b>c) Audit of Accounts for 2015/16</b> – The Chairman advised that the accounts had been signed off. The notice had been put on the website and noticeboard together with a copy of the accounts.</p> <p><b>d) Budget and Precept</b> – The Chairman discussed the Budget he had prepared. It was agreed that the Precept should remain at £7,100.00 so no increase for 2017/18. Cllr. Bailey proposed this recommendation which was seconded by Cllr. Willsher. The form was completed. Clerk to return to CCC.</p>	£480.00	The Conservation Volunteers	Pond Clearance	£185.34	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary for October	£ 46.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI October	£185.14	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary for November	£ 46.40	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI November	£ 60.34	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	
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10.	<p><b>PLANNING.</b></p> <p><b>a) Planning Applications Received: -</b></p> <p><b>Old School House, School Road</b> – Lime – adjacent to entrance gate – fell to ground level. Reason: damaging vehicles with sap. No comments or objections.</p>																			

	<p><b>Planning Results:-</b></p> <p><b>Old School House, School Road</b> - 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. <b>Approved.</b></p>	
11.	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE.</b></p> <p>The Chairman advised that all relevant correspondence had been circulated to all Councillors.</p>	
12.	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL REPORT.</b></p> <p>The Chairman advised that the pie supper had been postponed until February when there will be a Valentines Supper. The Secretary is going into hospital next Thursday to have a new shoulder replacement.</p>	
13.	<p><b>COMPLAINT ABOUT NOISE FROM FOOTBALL MATCHES ON SPORTSFIELD.</b></p> <p>The Chairman had received a complaint about adults making a noise and dogs barking due to the noise. The Chairman stated that he does not hear a lot of noise. He said there will be some noise that is what the Sportsfield is all about. Up to the age of 14 play on Good Easter Sportsfield. There are two teams who will be there most weekends through the season. It was agreed that the Sportsfield would write to Dunmow Road Football Club advising a complaint had been received. Chairman had E-mailed the complainant back.</p>	
14.	<p><b>SPORTSFIELD REPORT.</b></p> <p>The Chairman had received an E-mail from ECC legal services regarding the transfer of land. They had received a copy of the grant land transfer and had gone back to the Solicitors acting for the family trust, David Whybrow, and all changes had been agreed. Once the hard copy of the transfer and plan have been received the Solicitors will let the Chairman know then they will be signed and delivered and the transfer completed. A 99 year lease has been granted. There were some conditions, i.e. the land cannot be built on and the Village Hall cannot be rebuilt on the land. The Chairman said the conditions will be discussed before agreeing. The Chairman said he would call an emergency meeting if needs be and go through the conditions. If the Parish Council disagree they will send the contract back.</p> <p>Once the lease is finalised the Sportsfield will look for grants to rebuild the Pavilion on the site. The Chairman advised that they can build on the existing footprint. Cllr. Bailey said once the Parish Council have got ownership it will be easier to obtain grants. The Chairman stated that it had taken the Solicitors a year to get the land registered as a village green.</p> <p>The Chairman and Cllr. Bailey had attended the Sportsfield AGM. Some events had been put onto the website. They had found the meeting most useful and got details of events. The Christmas Festival is coming up. It had been a great Bonfire Night/Halloween event with over 80 people attending. There had been a lot of good feedback about having it closer to the village.</p>	
15.	<p><b>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.</b></p> <p>The Chairman and Cllr. Bailey had attended a Stansted Flight Path outreach event. There are 1 in 4 being carried out in various locations. It was an opportunity to discuss daytime route changes implemented by NATS with CAA's approval. The reason for changes is to ease congestion in the air which includes flights from Gatwick, London City Airport and Heathrow. The review is to be carried out by NATS in February 2017. The impression Cllr. Bailey got from the meeting was that NATS and Stansted Airport want to keep the changes and that they are considering whether to channel flights along a narrow corridor on the Clacton route or to spread them out more along that route thereby spreading the noise. They also claim that less noisy engines are and will be introduced. Cllr. Bailey said NATS will probably do what they want so it is a waste of time. They will take note of complaints and it will either be ratified or changed in February 2017. They had looked at possible variations on flight path. If constricted it will be better for Good Easter.</p> <p>Noise monitoring was carried out in High Easter over a 3 month period during this Summer, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. The majority of flights during the period were (SW) on runway 22 (see map) 36,878 = 81% and (NE) runway 04 8,601 = 19%. The prevailing noise level was 52db on average therefore below WHO guidelines of 55db.</p>	

	<p>However, after a preliminary look at the report, Martin Peachey has commented that a major delinquency is the lack of ambient or background noise measurement provided. He also makes the point that it is totally unacceptable to impose noise on communities that were previously not overflowed and especially not in a concentrated manner. The Chairman said the new aircraft coming on stream by Ryan Air will be quieter.</p>	
<b>16.</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</b></p> <p>The date of the next meeting is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The dates of meetings for the rest of 2017 are 16<sup>th</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 21<sup>st</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.</p>	