

	<p>Six houses in Tye Green are not shown as being included with the upgrade scheduled within the next few months. I have been advised by Superfast Essex that at this moment they cannot guarantee which properties will be picked up with the new cabinet that is to be installed to serve properties in this area but will cover as many as possible. Links to the latest interactive map can be found on the Superfast Essex website.</p> <p>A big concern is that Souther Cross and most of the houses to the South of the village do not appear on any Essex Superfast broadband plans!</p> <p>It was reported that it is affecting the sale of houses if Broadband connection is not good or the village does not have it.</p> <p>Cllr. Bailey advised that another survey is being carried out over the next few weeks. Superfast Broadband or their providers will carry this out. Cllr. Bailey advised that he attends meetings. Cllr. Seeley said ECC Cllr. John Aldridge should be giving a report on Superfast broadband. Cllr. Hall suggested sending a letter to Alan Hazlehurst MP and ECC Cllr. John Aldridge regarding the issue and advising what the concerns are in the village and ask them to find out what is happening and get some answers.</p> <p>A parishioner, Mark Willsher, said that he had got a better signal. Cllr. Seeley said he had also got good broadband.</p>	MB/AH												
4.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</p> <p>Cllrs Willsher, Larsen and Pitt sent their apologies. ECC Cllr. John Aldridge and CCC Cllr. Nicolette Chambers did not attend.</p>													
5.	<p>TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH JANUARY 2017</p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th January 2017 were taken as read and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.</p>													
6.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.</p> <p>Cllr. Seeley declared he was a City Councillor and declared an interest in the planning application for Timothy Cottage.</p>													
7.	<p>MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THIS AGENDA.</p> <p>Cllr. Bailey reported that getting in touch with people in the village was difficult and that if the Parish Council had parishioners E-mail addresses it would be much easier to send things out and make life easier not having to deliver things house to house. Cllr. Seeley suggested putting a message out to residents asking them if they want to be kept informed of what is happening with the Parish Council. The Chairman suggested having a Facebook page. Cllr. Bailey said the Parish Council need to be able to communicate more efficiently and effectively. Cllr. Bailey said there could possibly be a Data Protection issue. Chairman to speak to EALC regarding the matter.</p>	AH												
8.	<p>FINANCE.</p> <p>a) Payments.</p> <p>The following payments were approved by the Parish Council:-</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">£185.34</td> <td style="width: 45%;">Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Salary for February</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£ 46.20</td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs</td> <td>PAYE & NI February</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£1,050.00</td> <td>Mark Henderson</td> <td>Grass Cutting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£62.03</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) Transfers.</p> <p>01.03.17 Transfer £500.00 from Business Premium to Current Account. 15.03.17 Transfer £1,500.00 from Business Premium to Current Account</p> <p>Clerk advised that a VAT refund had been submitted to HMRC for £264.03 which should be in the bank account by the end of the financial year.</p>	£185.34	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary for February	£ 46.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI February	£1,050.00	Mark Henderson	Grass Cutting	£62.03	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	
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	The Clerk advised that she will need to purchase a new ledger accounts book as she has come to the end of the current book. All agreed.	CLERK
9.	<p>PLANNING.</p> <p>a) Planning Applications Received: -</p> <p>Timothy Cottage, Tituswell Lane (LBC) – Single storey extension with link from dwelling house. The Parish Council had no objections to make. Cllr. Seeley declared an interest.</p> <p>Timothy Cottage, Tituswell Lane (LBC) – Single storey extension with link from dwelling house. The Parish Council had no objections to make. Cllr. Seeley declared an interest</p> <p>Planning Results:-</p> <p>No results to report.</p>	
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 Chairman advised that a St. Georges Day Pie Supper will be held on 22nd April 2017. Tickets are available from the Secretary.</p>	
12.	<p>LEASE FOR LAND AT SPORTSFIELD.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that he had received an E-mail from the Parish Council's Solicitors. They had heard from Birkett Long and the document has now been signed and both relevant parties are ready to complete. A Land Registry search is to be done. Within a month the land should be in the Parish Council's hands. A meeting will then have to be arranged with the Sportsfield Committee to discuss how to deal with the land and who is paying for what. The Chairman stated that the Sportsfield Committee can now apply for grants. It is a valuable asset to the village community.</p>	AH
13.	<p>SPORTSFIELD REPORT.</p> <p>Mark Willsher reported that there are a list of events. There will be a pop-up pub in the Pavilion tomorrow evening which will have a St. Patrick's theme with lots of silly hats and Guinness.</p> <p>The Committee currently have £6k in the bank.</p> <p>The Penny Farthing event is still going on as far as the Committee are aware which will be combined with a smaller fete. Instead of a dog show the attraction will be the bicycles.</p> <p>Mark Willsher advised that the Sportsfield Committee would like to put in a quotation to cut the Sportsfield and various other green areas in the village. He advised that the Committee will have the equipment as they are not impressed with how the Sportsfield has been cut over the last year. He stated that it is not good enough to play football on. The Chairman advised that the present contractor is paid for up to 12 cuts each year. The Parish Council were not opposed to the idea but felt a quotation should be submitted next year as it was not fair to take the contract away from the present contractor this year as it was not giving him any notice.</p> <p>Marks Willsher enquired regarding the cost of having a commercial wheelie bin at the Sportsfield. Cllr. Seeley suggested that Mr Willsher approach a commercial waste disposal company. CCC also do a similar thing and charge each week for the service. Mr Willsher advised that some of the cost of the service was going to be put over to the Football Club.</p> <p>Mr Willsher reported that the Committee were going to get grants for a better parking area and to extend the current parking area. It was suggested that Tesco Bags for Life grant would be an ideal candidate.</p> <p>Cllr. Seeley advised that he would like to be involved in discussions with the Sportsfield Committee. The Chairman suggested having a working party of 3 Parish Councillors who then report back to the full Council.</p>	

14.	<p>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.</p> <p>The Chairman had completed the form for CCC Parish Cleansing Day. The suggested dates were 7th September, 21st September or 5th October. The Chairman explained that this is where CCC come to the village and carry out jobs. The Chairman had included the footpath alongside the Sportsfield but advised CCC will not come and do that until the end of August because of birds nesting. The Chairman advised that CCC did not come last year as they were sent off to an urgent operation elsewhere.</p>	
15.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is on Thursday 18th May 2017.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00pm.</p>	