

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
GOOD EASTER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.00PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:-

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Lorraine Green Clerk
 2 Parishioners
 ECC Cllr. John Aldridge

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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1.	<p>ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.</p> <p>The Police and Fire Commissioner has advised that PCSO's are not being funded and are going down to 0. Parish Councils will no longer be funding PCSO's who have no powers of arrest. Instead the idea is to get more Special Constables who are sworn Officers and get financial help from Parish Councils. This is only a proposal at the moment and the people are being asked whether they would be happy to increase their Precept to put more Police on the beat.</p> <p>There is now an EALC Local Services Fund which ECC are financing with £500k. Funds will be dispersed very much the same way as Community Initiatives Fund to community groups and charity groups. Cllr. Aldridge said that the Parish Council or Sportsfield Committee could apply for funding for the sports pavilion. Cllr. Bailey asked if the Parish Council could apply for Broadband via Community Initiatives Fund. Cllr. Aldridge felt the Local Services Fund would be more appropriate for this.</p> <p>High Easter are applying for Google Clear Broadband. It was agreed that the Parish Council should get someone in from Superfast Broadband to come and speak to them. It was reported that people are getting no response from the lady who is dealing with Broadband. ECC. Cllr. Aldridge asked for the E-mail to be forwarded to him, so he could look into the matter.</p> <p>Cllr. Aldridge reported that crowd funding is coming in and that ECC are getting engaged into it.</p> <p>ECC have launched their own lottery. The main prize is £25k and there are smaller prizes. If there is a charity resident in Essex they can get registered and people can specify when paying in they want money to go to that specific charity. The tickets cost £1, 50% goes to charity, 10% to a general fund, 20% towards VAT and administration costs and 20% is prize money.</p> <p>A problem was reported with regard to HGV's 2 -3 weeks ago. Large articulated lorries with sugar beet were using Fordham Lane to get to A1060. British Sugar Corporation had put in traffic circuit with boards. The fault laid with their own signage as lorries went all over Good Easter village. The lorries arrived in convoy and are perfectly within their right to do this as they are allowed access. They were loading on a field near A1060 and it was felt the lorries did not need to go through the village. The lorries could have used the A1060 to go in an out of the field. The Chairman had spoken to Peter Matthews who advised it was only for a couple of days and that the land is leased. The Chairman asked whether this is going to happen every year as it has never happened before. It has destroyed the verges on the highway. Cllr. Aldridge to write to Chief Executive at British Sugar Corporation and ask what is happening and why and to see if it could be done in a better way as is causing obstruction.</p> <p>The Parish Council were still pushing for 7.5 tonne weight restriction. There are still lots of lorries passing through the village. One lorry got stuck in Tituswell Lane and ripped the hedge out. A parishioner, Elaine Page, suggested speaking with Jon Simmonds at ECC to discuss the data which shows 25 vehicles. Lorries are using the village as a short cut and other villages have 7.5 tonne weight limits.</p>	<p>JA</p> <p>JA</p>

	<p>It was reported A1060/M11 junction will have an impact when the 10,000 houses are built at Bishops Stortford. It will make A1060 a major trunk road. It was agreed the matter needs to be looked into and following through.</p> <p>Cllr. Aldridge advised that there had been a deferment in the hearing of the Local Plan which had been postponed until January 2018.</p> <p>There are significant savings in the Budget due to a reduction in Government funding. School transport in London is funded and the question is being asked why do people have to pay out of their rates in Essex.</p>													
2.	<p>CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCILLOR REPORT.</p> <p>No report was received.</p>													
3.	<p>DEMOCRATIC TIME.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>													
4.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</p> <p>Cllr. Mrs Nicolette Chambers sent her apologies.</p>													
5.	<p>TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER 2017</p> <p>Cllr. Seeley asked that the words 'we have concern' replace the words 'It was reported' at the beginning of the 6th sentence in Minute 12, Paragraph 1. Also 9% equates to £9.79 should be added.</p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th October 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.</p> <p>Cllr. Willsher declared he was on the Sportsfield Committee.</p>													
7.	<p>MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THIS AGENDA.</p> <p>The Chairman had received a quotation of £400.00 to create a base for the bench at Horse Pond. It was agreed that Mark Willsher would do the work. The Chairman had spoken to Richard Matthews' Daughter about the wording on the plaque. Chairman and Cllr. Bailey to meet Mark Willsher on site to mark out the base area.</p>	AH/MB												
8.	<p>FINANCE.</p> <p>a) Payments.</p> <p>The following payments were approved by the Parish Council:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Chq No. 100822</td> <td>£187.74</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary for October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chq No. 100823</td> <td>£ 46.80</td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs</td> <td>PAYE & NI October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chq No. 100824</td> <td>£ 88.75</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) Transfers.</p> <p>No transfers had been carried out.</p> <p>c) Precept and Budget -</p> <p>The Chairman and prepared the Budget which was discussed. It was agreed the Precept would remain unchanged at £7,100.00. The Precept form was completed and Clerk to send to CCC.</p>	Chq No. 100822	£187.74	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary for October	Chq No. 100823	£ 46.80	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI October	Chq No. 100824	£ 88.75	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	CLERK
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<p>9.</p>	<p>PLANNING.</p> <p>a) Planning Applications Received: -</p> <p>Assers Cottage, Mill Road – Timber outbuilding to accommodate three stable blocks, including tack and store area. The Parish Council had no objections or comments to make.</p> <p>b) Planning Results:-</p> <p>Primrose Cottage, Mill Road – Cypress Oak and Cherry – dead, fell to ground level. No Objection but owner required to replace trees.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that all relevant correspondence had been circulated to all Councillors.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>VILLAGE HALL REPORT.</p> <p>A Supper will be held on 28th April.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>SPORTSFIELD REPORT.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that in Roxwell and High Easter the Parish Council pay for the overheads and the land is owned by the Parish Council and they take the income. In Good Easter £550.00 is received from Dunmow Roads F.C. It is up to the Sportsfield if they want to run it themselves. Clarification needs to be sought as to what is being done about the authorised usage of the Pavilion. Planning is for the storage of sports equipment but is now being used for the pop-up pub etc. Cllr. Seely had not yet spoken to the Planners regarding the matter. It was agreed the Sportsfield Committee should be asked if they want to retain the sub-let income and pay the outgoings or give the money to the Parish Council and they pay the outgoings. The current outgoings are £625.00 per annum.</p>	<p>AH</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>LEASE FOR LAND AT SPORTSFIELD.</p> <p>Clerk to remove from agenda as item is now dealt with.</p>	
<p>14.</p>	<p>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that on 11th November 2018 it will be 100 years since the Great Armistice was signed in 1918. All villages with beacons should light it and Good Easter will also have a church service. Anyone attending the Memorial Service in Good Easter will be invited to attend the Memorial Hall for refreshments to commemorate. The church bells will also be rung as well. 17 men were killed in WW1 in the village and 3 were killed in WWII. The Chairman suggested going along with the set up and earmark a small budget to cover the cost of refreshments. A budget of £200.00 was agreed.</p>	<p>AH</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is on Thursday 18th January 2018.</p> <p>The dates of meetings for 2018 were set as follows:-</p> <p>18th January 22nd March 17th May, 19th July 20th September and 22nd November 2018</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00pm.</p>	