

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
GOOD EASTER PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT 7.00PM  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:-**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Lorraine Green Clerk  
4 Parishioners

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>DISCUSSION WITH LUCY DICKINSON, SUPERFAST ESSEX COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, TO UPDATE PROGRESS ON BROADBAND AVAILABILITY FOR THE PARISH.</b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Lucy Dickinson to the meeting who advised she was standing in for Connie Kerbst.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that his download speed was 4.44 and upload 0.43 and he was not too far from the exchange. Some areas were worse in the village. Lucy advised that rural villages are last on the list as the income for BT is not great and is only small. Lucy reported that 82% of properties in Good Easter are in the plans to be upgraded to Outreach Phase 2 Plan and will be completed by December 2019. Lucy said she keeps checking the interactive map to see what is happening for the next six months. She receives a six month rolling view of what is happening. 136 properties are to be upgraded. 17 properties do not have access to Superfast but are eligible for future investment. The scheme is going out to Procurement in April for phase 4a and 4b and these properties will be picked up. The remaining 12 properties are already served by County Broadband. If these properties want Superfast Broadband they must contact County Broadband. Cllr. Bailey said they will not be able to do it. Lucy advised that she would need to know by February if the properties cannot get Superfast Broadband and then they can be put into the phase 4 funding. Lucy advised that County Broadband should not be charging for the signal test. If there is no service Lucy can assist under the support Essex programme. It was reported that County Broadband is all about line of sight and if there is bad weather broadband is bad. Lucy advised that upgrading of the cabinets to fibre has been taking place from the exchange to the cabinet then copper to the houses. In rural areas Superfast Broadband are looking at different solutions to upgrade. New houses will not have been picked up. Superfast Broadband cannot invest into them it is the provision of the developer or person doing the work. Superfast Broadband is committed to delivering 30mb and above. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Bailey for the work he had carried out on Broadband and for organising the meeting.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.</b></p> <p>The Chairman advised the ECC Cllr John Aldridge had sent his apologies due to being on Chairman business at ECC. ECC Cllr. John Aldridge had sent a written report, but the Chairman stated it was too complicated and would E-mail it to all Councillors.</p>	<b>AH</b>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCILLOR REPORT.</b></p> <p>The Chairman advised that CCC Cllr. Mrs Nicolette Chambers had sent her apologies due to her being at a big meeting at County Hall where they were discussing the development plan for the City. No report had been submitted.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>DEMOCRATIC TIME.</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</b></p> <p>Cllrs. Mrs Sharon West, Graham Seeley, ECC Cllr. John Aldridge &amp; CCC Cllr. Mrs Nicolette Chambers.</p>	

6.	<p><b>TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 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.</p>																																	
8.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THIS AGENDA.</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>																																	
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="245 604 1386 848"> <tr> <td>26.11.17 Chq No. 100825</td> <td>£ 187.54</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary for November</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26.11.17 Chq No. 100826</td> <td>£ 47.00</td> <td>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</td> <td>PAYE &amp; NI November</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20.12.17 Chq No. 100827</td> <td>£ 187.74</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary for December (Lost in Post)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20.12.17 Chq No. 100828</td> <td>£ 46.80</td> <td>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</td> <td>PAYE &amp; NI December (Lost in Post)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18.01.18 Chq No. 100829</td> <td>£1,280.00</td> <td>Mark Henderson</td> <td>Grass Cutting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18.01.18 Chq No. 100830</td> <td>£ 375.28</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary for December and January</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18.01.18 Chq No. 100831</td> <td>£ 93.80</td> <td>HM Revenue &amp; Customs</td> <td>PAYE &amp; NI December and January</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18.01.18 Chq No. 100832</td> <td>£ 55.94</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>b) Transfers.</b></p> <p>24.11.17 Transfer £500.00 from Business Premium Account to Current Account  17.01.18 Transfer £2,000.00 from Business Premium Account to Current Account</p>	26.11.17 Chq No. 100825	£ 187.54	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary for November	26.11.17 Chq No. 100826	£ 47.00	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI November	20.12.17 Chq No. 100827	£ 187.74	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary for December (Lost in Post)	20.12.17 Chq No. 100828	£ 46.80	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI December (Lost in Post)	18.01.18 Chq No. 100829	£1,280.00	Mark Henderson	Grass Cutting	18.01.18 Chq No. 100830	£ 375.28	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary for December and January	18.01.18 Chq No. 100831	£ 93.80	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI December and January	18.01.18 Chq No. 100832	£ 55.94	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	
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10.	<p><b>PLANNING.</b></p> <p><b>a) Planning Applications Received: -</b></p> <p>No applications received.</p> <p><b>a) Planning Results:-</b></p> <p><b>Assers Cottage, Mill Road</b> – Proposed conversion of existing detached garage to habitable room.  <b>Approved.</b></p> <p><b>Assers Cottage, Mill Road</b> – Timber outbuilding to accommodate three stable blocks, including tack and store area. <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 next event will be a Supper on 28<sup>th</sup> April.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that this is essential as the income keeps the rental rates low. The rental of the Village Hall is the lowest rate in the area and Parish people get an even better rate.</p>																																	
13.	<p><b>SPORTSFIELD REPORT.</b></p> <p>The Chairman advised that Mark Willsher is going to do the concrete base for the bench next to Horse Pond. Chairman and Cllr. Bailey had marked out the area but after the snow they had lost the markings. Chairman to chase Mark Willsher so bench can be ordered. The Chairman advised a recycled 3-seater teak bench would cost £454.15 plus VAT. This included a £50.00 discount off the price. This price included engraving up to 70 characters, text and anchorage kit for hard surfaces. The Chairman proposed the bench was purchased which was seconded by Cllr. Bailey. All agreed.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that most Parish Councils in the area take the income from the Sportsfield and pay the outgoings. The Sportsfield had proposed taking the income and the Parish Council pay the outgoings.</p>	<b>AH</b>																																

	<p>The Chairman said the Parish Council need to decide what they want to do. He had received no answer from the Sportsfield Committee. It was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. Willsher advised that there is a meeting next week. Cllr. Willsher felt that the Sportsfield Committee and Parish Council were thinking in different ways and there is some confusion. He stated that the Parish Council needed to sit down with the Sportsfield Committee. Chairman and Vice Chairman, Maurice Bailey, to organise.</p>	<b>AH/MB</b>
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
<b>15.</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</b></p> <p>The date of the next meeting is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.04pm.</p>	