

MINUTES OF MEETING OF
GOOD EASTER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.00PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT:- Cllr. Alan Hall Chairman
 Cllr. Maurice Bailey Vice Chairman
 Cllr. Jim Willsher
 Cllr. Guy Pitt

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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1.	<p>ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT.</p> <p>Cllr. Aldridge reported that there had been a lot of attendance at the cabinet meeting due to the Libraries Consultation. This does not affect Good Easter. Writtle and Broomfield are the only libraries affected in Cllr. Aldridge's area. There has been a reduction in usage of libraries due to kindles or E-books. Technology has changed and the way people use libraries now. ECC do not want to dispose of the libraries but want to adapt them. They have divided libraries into four tiers. There are 74 in the county. The Consultation is out to find out why you need your library. Cllr. Aldridge asked residents to think about where they want libraries to be in 15 years' time.</p> <p>Cllr. Aldridge reported that there is a new arrangement for potholes. Every member is to give Highways details of 20 potholes. The first 10 are to be done immediately the other 10 will be done after Christmas. ECC are working with EALC to enter a pilot scheme whereby the Parish Council take on the responsibility to do the work themselves. Broomfield are going to be taking on the pilot scheme.</p> <p>Cllr. Aldridge said he had previously spoken to the Parish Council about the school bus changing to taxi buses. The school bus seems to be working pretty well and is running on time.</p> <p>Cllr. Aldridge reported that travellers had applied for permission for 4 – 5 pitches near Hanging Basket Nursery. The travellers have built a llama house with facilities. It is in the Green Belt and has been refused. At the weekend the travellers put up gates, connected to the mains and arrived with diggers. By the time CCC could enforce it was Monday morning. They then could not enforce, and the travellers had 6 months to appeal or could put in a new planning application. CCC then had to get a Court Order. On Tuesday the travellers could not do anything more on the site at all as a Stop Order had been put on. The travellers are still there so another Court Order has been heard and sought. Last week they were seeking costs for CCC. The Lawyers will not hear until February. Another piece of land opposite owned by the travellers had a Stop Order put on it. CCC have done everything they can to get them moved. They are seeking 10 pitches in Little Waltham. Cllr. Aldridge is suggesting allowing a local Magistrate to be able to put a Stop Order on behalf of CCC at the weekend. The Court case comes up on 31st January 2019.</p>	
2.	<p>CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCILLOR REPORT.</p> <p>No report had been received.</p>	
3.	<p>DEMOCRATIC TIME.</p> <p>A parishioner asked whether the Parish Council would consider providing a skip in the village once a year or every 6 months. A skip used to be provided years ago but it got stopped. Cllr. Bailey said the Parish Council had a problem with people overloading the skip and rubbish being left everywhere. It was agreed it may help relieve the fly tipping in the village. Cllr. Bailey advised that cost is the biggest factor, but the Parish Council would bear the request in mind.</p>	

	<p>A parishioner had attended a Strategy Meeting regarding the future of the NHS. In future it is proposed patients will be able to skype their GP. She was worried about the elderly and felt it could cause more problems with social isolation and felt people should be encouraged to get together, have healthy lifestyle classes etc. It was reported that the Monday Club was packing up due to lack of support. Cllr. Bailey stated that the Daisy Circle, which was previously the W.I., was quite strong. ECC Cllr. Aldridge suggested the Parish Council consider having a session in the Village Hall where people could skype their GP. They could have a WIFI system and computer in the Village Hall.</p> <p>Another parishioner reported that she was training in holistic, mindfulness, music therapy and laughter therapy. She would like to bring this to the village once a week. She explained that a lot of people struggle with their wellbeing ranging from teenagers to the elderly. It was agreed that Cllr. Bailey would organise for the two ladies to attend the Daisy Circle as guest speakers. The Chairman asked the ladies to put together a one-page document of what they foresee doing and what will happen going forward.</p> <p>A parishioner enquired why contractors close roads when fitting broadband cables. They said they leave the road closed signs up when the work is finished which is very frustrating. Open Reach are good at removing their signs.</p>																																													
4.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.</p> <p>Cllrs. Sharon West, Graham Seeley, Jill Larsen and CCC Cllr. Mrs Nicolette Chambers had sent their apologies.</p>																																													
5.	<p>TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH SEPTEMBER 2018</p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th September 2018 were taken as read and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.</p>																																													
6.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.</p> <p>Cllr. Willsher declared he was on the Sportsfield Committee</p>																																													
7.	<p>MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THIS AGENDA.</p> <p>A commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1 was held in the village on 11th November 2018. It brought together many parishioners of the village who worked very hard and the Chairman thanked them. He said it made him very proud of the village.</p> <p>An estimate is needed to renovate the Tye Green pump in order to get a grant from Essex Heritage Trust. Cllr. Willsher agreed to ask Mark Willsher to obtain a quote from a carpenter. A parishioner also agreed to ask her Husband to take a look at the pump.</p>																																													
8.	<p>FINANCE.</p> <p>a) Payments.</p> <p>The following payments were approved by the Parish Council:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>20.09.18 Chq No. 100862</td> <td>£ 75.00</td> <td>Essex & Herts Air Ambulance</td> <td>Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20.09.18 Chq No. 100863</td> <td>£ 75.00</td> <td>Stop Stansted Expansion</td> <td>Donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>08.10.18 Chq No. 100864</td> <td>£480.00</td> <td>The Conservation Volunteers</td> <td>Pond Clearance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>08.10.18 Chq No. 100865</td> <td>£680.00</td> <td>GE PCC St Andrews Church</td> <td>Annual donation for upkeep of Churchyard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22.10.18 Chq No. 100866</td> <td>£ 76.34</td> <td>Edd Catton</td> <td>Website Hosting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22.10.18 Chq No. 100867</td> <td>£190.80</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary 01.10.18 – 31.10.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22.10.18 Chq No. 100868</td> <td>£ 47.60</td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs</td> <td>PAYE & NI October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14.11.18 Chq No. 100869</td> <td>£282.91</td> <td>Mr Alan Hall</td> <td>Reimbursement of Remembrance expenditure</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22.11.18 Chq No. 100870</td> <td>£190.60</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary 01.11.18 – 30.11.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22.11.18 Chq No. 100871</td> <td>£ 47.80</td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs</td> <td>PAYE & NI October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22.11.18 Chq No. 100872</td> <td>£ 61.50</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) Transfers.</p> <p>08.10.18 Transfer £1,500.00 from Business Premium to Current Account</p> <p>c) Grant to St. Andrews PCC for upkeep of graveyard – A grant of £680.00 had been paid to St. Andrews PCC which was for two years grant,</p>	20.09.18 Chq No. 100862	£ 75.00	Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	Donation	20.09.18 Chq No. 100863	£ 75.00	Stop Stansted Expansion	Donation	08.10.18 Chq No. 100864	£480.00	The Conservation Volunteers	Pond Clearance	08.10.18 Chq No. 100865	£680.00	GE PCC St Andrews Church	Annual donation for upkeep of Churchyard	22.10.18 Chq No. 100866	£ 76.34	Edd Catton	Website Hosting	22.10.18 Chq No. 100867	£190.80	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.10.18 – 31.10.18	22.10.18 Chq No. 100868	£ 47.60	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI October	14.11.18 Chq No. 100869	£282.91	Mr Alan Hall	Reimbursement of Remembrance expenditure	22.11.18 Chq No. 100870	£190.60	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.11.18 – 30.11.18	22.11.18 Chq No. 100871	£ 47.80	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI October	22.11.18 Chq No. 100872	£ 61.50	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	
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	<p>d) Budget and Precept - The Budget was discussed. Sportsfield electricity had gone up significantly to £420.00. RoSPA Inspections were £120.00. Chairman explained that the Parish Council were taking on the Sportsfield overheads. The Budget was £7,100.00 but the Parish Council had slightly overspent this year by purchasing the bench and renovating the village sign. After discussion it was agreed that the Precept would have to be increased by £2,500 for 2019/20 which was a 34.4% increase. The Chairman explained that this may be subject to a village referendum due to the large increase. Cllr. Bailey proposed the Precept of £9,544.00 which was seconded by Cllr. Pitt. Chairman and Cllr. Larsen to complete the Precept form and send to CCC.</p>	
9.	<p>PLANNING.</p> <p>a) Planning Applications Received: -</p> <p>No plans received.</p> <p>b) Planning Results:-</p> <p>Ladyland, Farmbridge End Road - Single storey detached carport. Approved.</p> <p>Site N/W of Round Roblets, Bedfords Farm Road – Change of use of 3 existing agricultural barns into 3 residential dwellings. Approved.</p> <p>Barn at Round Roblets, Bedfords Farm Road – Conversion of former agricultural barns to residential dwelling and office/playroom. Demolition of existing structures and construction of new double garage. Condition 4a – Contamination Scheme Discharged.</p> <p>8 Old Croft Close – Appeal rejected. Enforcement notice been issued to remove lights and cut back to 1 metre.</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 Committee are hosting a supper night at the end of April. No date or theme has been set yet. Carpet bowls are going to be held in Village Hall. Sportsfield Committee are in talks with the Village Hall Committee as they will be running the club. The bottom of the stage is going to be adapted to allow the carpet underneath. The Monday Club have obtained a grant of £1,000.00 for the carpet from the Stansted Community Trust. The club will start January time and is being advertised.</p>	
12.	<p>SPORTSFIELD REPORT.</p> <p>The fifth and final pop-up pub was held in October. There was a good turn-out for Bonfire night with approximately 40-50 people attending. There will be Christmas lights on the Sportsfield as part of the Church festival. The event will be held on 7th December at 5pm when the Committee will be lighting the lights and giving away mince pies, mulled wine and sausage rolls. A New Years Eve party will be held in the Village Hall. The Sportsfield Committee will be running a disco and residents bring their own drink and food. A run and walk are being held on New Years Day. There is a 6½ mile trail run or 3.6 mile walk or run. Map and directions are being given.</p> <p>Currently there is over £8,000.00 in the bank account. The Committee are starting work on the facelift of the Pavilion internally. The Pavilion is structurally sound, and an RSJ is holding it up.</p> <p>The Chairman asked the Chairman of the Sportsfield Committee to work up a 3 -5 year future as to where the Committee see the Sportsfield going. The Chairman said they are looking for grants and reassessing the 5 year plan. It was agreed that the Committee would have something put together by the next Parish Council meeting on 31st January 2019 when they would produce an outline.</p>	
13.	<p>DATA PROTECTION ACT AND ELECTION OF DATA PROTECTION OFFICER.</p> <p>The Chairman had circulated all documents, but nobody had responded. High Easter are going to let the Chairman see the proposal they have. If the Parish Council like this proposal they will adopt it.</p>	

14.	ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA. The Chairman reported that Cllr. West had resigned with effect of 1 st December 2018. The Chairman had consulted with Brian Mayfield at CCC who advised that as the vacancy had arisen within six months of the next Election date, the Parish Council can co-opt a replacement Councillor. Clerk to put an item on next Agenda. Cllr. Bailey proposed co-opting CCC Cllr. Nicolette Chambers as she has experience and contacts and is also willing. All agreed. Chairman to advertise vacancy on noticeboard.	
15.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Dates of next meetings for 2019 will be: 31 st January 28 th March, 16 th May, 25 th July, 26 th September and 28 th November. The date of the next meeting is on Thursday 31 st January 2019. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.14pm.	