

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
GOOD EASTER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2019 AT 7.00PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT:-

Cllr. Alan Hall	Chairman
Cllr. Maurice Bailey	Vice Chairman
Cllr. Jim Willsher	
Cllr. Guy Pitt	
Cllr. Mrs Jill Ryder	
Cllr. Graham Seeley	
CCC Cllr. Mrs Nicolette Chambers	

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Lorraine Green Clerk
6 Parishioners

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

		Action
1.	ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT. No report received,	
2.	CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCILLOR REPORT. Cllr. Chambers reported that the City Council were busy with the Elections. The willow tree had been cut back at The Old Parsonage. Cllr. Chambers advised that they would be topping the trees in Old Croft Close as they were covered in ivy and weak.	
3.	DEMOCRATIC TIME. A parishioner enquired what was happening with Broadband as he had seen Openreach busy putting up cables this week. Cllr. Bailey reported that it would be December at the earliest before Broadband is in the village. It is already Superfast in certain parts of the village. County Broadband are having a meeting on 3 rd April and are offering Ultrafast Broadband, but they need huge numbers to make it worthwhile.	
4.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies were received from ECC Cllr. John Aldridge.	
5.	TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31ST JANUARY 2019 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 st January 2019 were taken as read and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.	
6.	PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS. The Chairman advised that notices are on the noticeboard. Nomination papers need to be with the Returning Officer no later than 4pm on 3 rd April 2019. The Elections will be held on 2 nd May 2019 if there is no contest. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are both retiring. They will stay in office until the May meeting. Cllr. Ryder announced that she would not be re-standing. The Chairman had been on the Parish Council since 1999 and the only other long-standing Councillor is Cllr. Willsher. Cllrs. Seeley, Chambers and Pitt advised that they would be re-standing. Cllr. Willsher was undecided. Cllr. Bailey said that he appreciated all the hard work the Chairman had put in over the last 20 years and said that it had been an education for him. The Chairman also thanked Cllr. Bailey for all his support as Vice-Chairman. The parishioners thanked the three Councillors standing down for all they have done for the village.	

7.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.</p> <p>Cllr. Willsher declared he was on the Sportsfield Committee. Cllrs. Seeley and Chambers declared that they were Chelmsford City Councillors.</p>																									
8.	<p>MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THIS AGENDA.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>																									
9.	<p>FINANCE.</p> <p>a) Payments.</p> <p>The following payments were approved by the Parish Council:-</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="245 478 1328 663"> <tr> <td>25.02.19 Chq No. 100879</td> <td>£ 190.80</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary 01.02.19 – 28.02.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29.01.19 Chq No. 100880</td> <td>£ 47.60</td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs</td> <td>PAYE & NI February</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15.03.19 Chq No. 100881</td> <td>£ 989.00</td> <td>The Bowls Shop</td> <td>Carpet Bowls Starter Kit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28.03.19 Chq No. 100882</td> <td>£ 190.80</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Salary 01.03.19 – 31.03.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28.03.19 Chq No. 100883</td> <td>£ 47.60</td> <td>HM Revenue & Customs</td> <td>PAYE & NI March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28.03.19 Chq No. 100884</td> <td>£ 80.19</td> <td>Mrs L.J. Green</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) Transfers.</p> <p>07.01.19 Transfer £1,000.00 from Business Premium to Current Account 25.01.19 Transfer £2,000.00 from Business Premium to Current Account</p> <p>c) Any Other – The Chairman advised that following receipt of the NALC Clerk pay guidelines, the Clerk’s salary should be increased by £88.45 and not £50.00 as agreed at the last meeting. All agreed.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that he currently pays Ionos for the running costs of the website. He will continue charging to his credit card until May when he will then give the Clerk a bill for the total he has paid which amounts to approximately £23.00.</p>	25.02.19 Chq No. 100879	£ 190.80	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.02.19 – 28.02.19	29.01.19 Chq No. 100880	£ 47.60	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI February	15.03.19 Chq No. 100881	£ 989.00	The Bowls Shop	Carpet Bowls Starter Kit	28.03.19 Chq No. 100882	£ 190.80	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.03.19 – 31.03.19	28.03.19 Chq No. 100883	£ 47.60	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI March	28.03.19 Chq No. 100884	£ 80.19	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses	
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10.	<p>PLANNING.</p> <p>a) Planning Applications Received: -</p> <p>No applications had been received.</p> <p>Planning Results:-</p> <p>Clatterford House, Clatterford End – Demolition of existing out-buildings and construction of single storey rear extension. Replacement of existing garage with new cart lodge. Approved.</p>																									
11.	<p>CORRESPONDENCE.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that all relevant correspondence had been circulated to all Councillors.</p>																									
12.	<p>VILLAGE AMENITIES AND PROPOSAL TO BUILD NEW VILLAGE HALL.</p> <p>The Village Hall is 100 years old in 2 years’ time. It will be 10 years before a new Village Hall would be open for use. Positivity is needed in the village otherwise the village will not have a Village Hall. It was agreed 2 parishioners would form a Committee and bring some ideas to a future Parish Council meeting. A parishioner felt that a Parish Councillor should head the Committee. Cllr. Seeley said that nothing could be done formally until after the Elections and there is a new Parish Council. A parishioner stated that the Parish Council should be responsible for the project. The Chairman proposed that the item is put on the May Agenda.</p>																									
13.	<p>VILLAGE HALL REPORT.</p> <p>Carpet Bowls will start in the Village Hall. Spring Supper will be held on 8th June 2019.</p> <p>£500.00 grant had been received from Stansted Community Fund which has been used to purchase new tables, crockery and cutlery. The hall can now cater for 85-90 people.</p>																									

14.	<p>SPORTSFIELD REPORT.</p> <p>There is currently £8,500.00 in the bank account. A grant for £3k has been received from Stansted Community Fund for redecoration inside the Pavilion. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt around the village and Sportsfield. There will be a pop-up pub in May. Village Fete will be held on 13th July.</p>	
15.	<p>DATA PROTECTION ACT.</p> <p>The Chairman now had a copy of the High Easter notice and agreed to circulate it to all Councillors. It had been adopted by High Easter which was a much simpler version than Roxwell Parish Council's.</p>	
16.	<p>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.</p> <p>Mill Road will be closed from 25th March 2019 for 12 days whilst BT carry out cabling and junction box work.</p> <p>A cheque had been sent out to the people who provided the carpet bowls for The Bowls Club. The Over 60's will use the facility. Sportsfield had also got involved and advertised the new club.</p> <p>Parish Cleaning Day will be held on 6th June 2019. The Street Care Team will come to the village and clean out gutters, cut grass etc. The Chairman suggested holding a litter pick after the team have been as last year was very successful. Cllr. Bailey suggested having a litter pick every month as the road was terrible with litter. Cllr. Seeley stated that there as a lot of mud on the road in Tittuswell Lane. It was reported that people are throwing their dog bags in the churchyard. A parishioner suggested having a bin for dog users. The Chairman stated that this was discussed about 4 years ago and it was felt unnecessary. Cllr. Chambers advised that CCC will empty the bin at a cost, but the Parish Council have to purchase them privately. Cllr. Seeley agreed to investigate the cost of purchasing a bin. Cllr. Bailey suggested having a dog bin on the Sportsfield as well. It was agreed there is a lot of dog fouling on the Sportsfield. Cllr. Seeley to investigate the cost of emptying and purchasing dog bins.</p>	
17.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is on Thursday 16th May 2019 which will be the Annual General Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45pm.</p>	