

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
GOOD EASTER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY AT 7.00PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT:- Cllr. Chris Flack (Chairman)
Cllr. Guy Pitt (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr. Graham Seeley
Cllr. Paul West
Cllr. Chris Wood
Cllr. Ian Watkins

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Lorraine Green Clerk
2 Parishioners
Essex County Cllr. John Aldridge
CCC Cllr. Mrs Nicolette Chambers

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

		Action
1.	DISCUSSION WITH STELLA SCRIVENERS OF COMMUNITY ENABLERS. Stella did not attend the meeting and had not sent any apologies.	
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr. Marie Stephenson sent her apologies.	
3.	ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT. Cllr. Aldridge advised that the potholes in Fountains Road are to be looked at. There are a lot of potholes on the edge of the road where inappropriate traffic is trying to pass side by side. Cllr. Aldridge reported that the Writtle traffic had gone up by 40% since the Army and Navy closure. The traffic is changing. The Army and Navy is due to be demolished next week, 7 th February. Government funding has not been formally agreed. It will cost £60m to rebuild the flyover. The A131 will help to move traffic. Tituswell Lane is being actively pursued. Highways will carry out the work when it is appropriate to do so. They do not want to do the work when the river is high. The Highways Panel have advised that the application for 7½ tonne weight limit is not a priority. HGV usage is low. Signage is not recommended. The application is not on the Highways Panel approved list at this time. Cllr. Pitt stated that if the gravel extraction goes ahead the lorry movements will increase. Cllr. Aldridge advised that stipulations will be made that the vehicles have a traffic plan and not cut through Good Easter. Cllr. Aldridge had attended a meeting regarding the North Essex bypass and new railway station at Beaulieu. The railway is due to be completed 2024/25. The bypass will be built after the railway dependant on the monies left. There will be a construction of a new bridge over the railway. Boreham Interchange to Great Leighs will be a single carriageway at this time 200 metres short of Deers Avenue then will be dualized to Braintree. There will be an outside car park at the Railway station adjacent to the multi-storey car park. Cllr. Aldridge stated that this will reduce the amount of traffic to Chelmsford, but the trains will be full. Cllr. Aldridge had attended a meeting with the Patients Group and Writtle Parish Council to see what can be done about the parking. The 30mph Chignal Road junction will extend to Lordships Lane. Warrens Farm to issue an agreement with Writtle College to have a bus depot. Crawford are bringing their HQ to Foxborough Lane.	
4.	CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCILLOR REPORT. Cllr. Chambers had reported to the Chairman that following her meetings with CHP, finally the signage will be completed at the rear of Old Croft Close on Friday 31 st January. She has tried to report the potholes on Fountain Road to no avail and now the road is critical and has collapsed.	

	Under the new administration at CCC prayers are no longer held before Council. Cllr. Chambers could also see Customer Services being stopped from attending Parish Councils. Dog waste bins will no longer be distributed and plastic recycling bags are to be limited. the decision is	
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	<p>being contested. Also, planning lists have ceased and one has to go online to view. Cllr. Chambers is not sure if this applies to the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Local Plan has not been adopted yet. It was suggested that the Councillors meet the Parish Councils and give a presentation on Warren Farm.</p> <p>An application has been received at Ash Tree Farm for 55 dwellings with associated planting and landscaping. It was reported that the site has been a total nuisance and the matter has been taken to Enforcement and Magistrates. The site will be contaminated and very costly.</p> <p>The results from the speed checks in Chalk End showed the maximum to be 27/28 mph despite complaints.</p> <p>There had been a hearing for the Travellers in Bulmer Way and a potential site at Highwood. The appeals had been dismissed. The travellers had been given one month to remove and the need to make the site back to its original state.</p> <p>CCC are planning to plant lots of trees. Cllr. Chambers to keep the Parish Council informed.</p> <p>The owners of Willows Cottage have been approached about the condition of the grass by the pump on Tye Green. The builders are parking their vehicles on the grass and are causing damage to it. Cllr. Chambers advised that the grass is going to be reinstated. Cllr. Chambers suggested chaining off the area as Tye Green is common land and the village do not want travellers moving on. It was agreed to readdress this matter once the builders have reinstated the area.</p>	
5.	<p>DEMOCRATIC 15 MINUTES.</p> <p>It was reported that Marie Stephenson was going to try and grow some loafahs and there was the possibility of a loafah growing competition.</p> <p>A parishioner had enquired whether there could be a 10 Green Parishes link to the Parish Council web page. Matter to be discussed with Cllr. Wood.</p> <p>Cllr. Seeley gave an update on 10 Green Parishes. He advised that he was meeting Marie tomorrow and they were going to kick off the wildflower meadow. A farmer in Canfield was donating the seeds. The Facebook page was busy and a lot was going on. One idea had been for a tap at the Village Hall, but the Village Hall Committee were not happy to issue a tap for everyone to use as it could carry salmonella. It was suggested that maybe this idea could be reconsidered when the new Village Hall is built on the Sportsfield. A bees wax wrap course has been held and another course may be held in the future. 2 spare wheelies bins are needed for crisp packets.</p>	MS
6.	<p>TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2019</p> <p>he Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th November 2019 were taken as read and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.</p>	
7.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.</p> <p>Cllr. West declared he was Chairman of Village Hall Committee. Cllr. Watkins declared he was Treasurer of the Sportsfield Committee.</p>	
8.	<p>DATA PROTECTION POLICY AND DATA PROTECTION ACT.</p> <p>Cllr. Stephenson and Cllr. Wood are dealing with the matter. Cllr. West suggested producing a proposal before the next meeting.</p>	MS/CW
9.	<p>MATTERS ARISING.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	

10.	<p>FINANCE.</p> <p>a) Payments.</p> <p>The following payments were approved by the Parish Council:-</p> <p>28.11.19 Chq No. 100921 £ 340.00 St. Andrews PCC Donation for Churchyard 17.12.19 Chq No. 100922 £ 31.24 Ionos Website Fees</p>	

17.12.19 Chq No. 100923	£ 196.57	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.12.19 – 31.12.19
17.12.19 Chq No. 100924	£ 49.20	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI December
06.01.20 Chq No. 100925	£ 33.99	E-On	Electric on Sportsfield
26.01.20 Chq No. 100926	£1,360.00	Mark Henderson	Grass Cutting 2019-20
27.01.20 Chq No. 100927	£ 246.12	Mrs L.J. Green	Salary 01.01.20 – 31.01.20
27.01.20 Chq No. 100928	£ 61.60	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI January
29.01.20 Chq No. 100929	£ 97.31	Mrs L.J. Green	Expenses

b) Transfers.

04.01.20 Transfer £500.00 from Business Premium to Current Account
 27.01.20 Transfer £2,000.00 from Business Premium to Current Account

c) Change of Signatories on Barclays Band Mandate – The Clerk had returned the signed Mandate to Barclays but they were still awaiting some of the Councillors personal forms before the changes could take effect.

d) Grass cutting contract – Cllr. Seeley had received 3 quotations. Cllr. Seeley proposed that himself and Cllr. Watkins review the quotations. Authority was delegated to them both to appoint a contractor and report at the next meeting.

e) Any Other – Cllr. West requested a revised version of the Precept. Chairman to reissue.

Cllr. Seeley reported that EALC had sent out a legal update advising Parish Council's they cannot give money to churches. Chairman to check to see if they can pay for work on Churchyard.

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11. PLANNING.

a) Planning Applications Received: -

Homelands, Bedfords Farm Road – Part two, part single storey side extension. The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Mill House, Mill Road – Change of use from retail (A10 to residential (C3). The Parish Council had no comments to make.

b) Planning Results:-

Primrose Cottage, Mill Road – Replace 3 ground floor rear windows with double glazed windows. **Approved.**

Willow Cottage, Tye Green – First floor side and rear extension, with associated roof alterations. Single storey rear extension. **Condition 3 – Detailed drawings and sections showing the finishing levels; Condition 4 -Full details of hard landscaping works to the rear. Conditions Discharged.**

c) Other Planning Matters

Land South of A1060 (Salt's Green), Chalk End, Chelmsford (Northern part of MLP Allocation A40: Shellow Cross – Cllr. West had written to Strutt and Parker twice but had not received a reply. Nothing further to report.

12. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairman advised that all relevant correspondence had been circulated to all Councillors.

The Chairman had received a letter from Support 4 Sight who were looking for support and a grant. The Chairman thought that this would tie in quite well with the Community Enablers and had been hoping the matter could have been discussed with Stella Scrivener at the meeting. After discussion the Parish Council decided they did not want to support this. Cllr. West stated that there was quite a lot of communication for the elderly in the village and they look out for each other.

The Chairman had received a letter of resignation from the Clerk who had given one months' notice. The letter was read out explaining her reasons for resigning. Since the Election of a new Parish Council in May 2019, she had observed a lot of changes, encountered disruptive behaviour that she

	<p>found unacceptable and sadly was not happy about the atmosphere within the Parish Council that is now in existence. The Clerk had found the last year extremely challenging which has had a huge impact on her workload and she felt the Parish Council no longer runs as smoothly as it did in the past leading to her no longer enjoying her role and getting job satisfaction. The Chairman presented the Clerk with presents that he had personally bought for her to say thank you for all her hard work over the past 18 years.</p> <p>The Chairman proceeded to read out a statement and advised that he would also be resigning as Chairman and as a Councillor with immediate effect. His reasons were on the same grounds as the Clerk's resignation and they both felt they could no longer work alongside a particular Councillor. Cllr. West pointed out that although not named he knew the remarks were directed at him and asked that the matter was discussed there and then and sorted out as he did not know what he had done and wanted an explanation. The Chairman was not prepared to discuss the matter any further as he had made up his mind, like the Clerk, to resign and he left the meeting.</p> <p>The Vice-Chairman, Guy Pitt, then took the chair as Acting Chairman and read out a statement of his own this was followed by Cllr. West offering to resign if that was in the best interest of the PC and if Cllr. Flack and the Clerk withdrew their resignation. He then left the meeting. After a long discussion with the Clerk, the remaining Councillors asked the Clerk and Chairman to reconsider their decisions now that Cllr. West had offered to resign. It was agreed that they both had a week to give their decision. Clerk to speak to the Chairman.</p>	
13.	<p>VILLAGE AMENITIES AND PROPOSAL TO BUILD NEW VILLAGE HALL.</p> <p>Cllrs. Watkins, Wood and West had attended a meeting with Tim Glass and Alison Ward. A questionnaire had been prepared which would be incorporated and circulated once finalised. Cllrs. to report back at each meeting then continue with feasibility study.</p>	IW/CW
14.	<p>TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AS A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE PARISH CONCIL FROM 30TH JANUARY 2020, AND APPROVAL OF VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE.</p> <p>It was agreed that in Item 7 'until a new committee can be formed' should be added.</p> <p>Item 2. Should read 'be a Parish Councillor' not 'shall'.</p> <p>It was agreed that these items would be adopted at the next meeting.</p>	
15.	<p>VILLAGE HALL INSURANCE.</p> <p>Two quotes still to be obtained.</p>	
16.	<p>ASBESTOS SURVEY – VILLAGE HALL AND SPORTSFIELD PAVILION.</p> <p>Cllr. Wood to arrange survey. He advised he would see if one exists first and if not look into costs. The Sportsfield will probably need one as well.</p>	
17.	<p>VILLAGE HALL REPORT.</p> <p>No report was given.</p>	

18.	<p>SPORTSFIELD REPORT.</p> <p>The Treasurer of the Sportsfield Committee gave the following report:-</p> <p>The run on New Years Day had raised just over £600.00.</p> <p>A grant had been received for £3k from Stansted Airport Community Fund for repainting the Sports Pavilion.</p> <p>There is currently £18k in the bank.</p> <p>There will be a quiz in the Village Hall on 14th February 2020 and the first pop-up pub.</p>	
19.	<p>VILLAGE POND CLEARANCE.</p> <p>It was agreed that 10 Green Parishes would be approached to see if they would be interested in helping clear the pond. Cllr. Seeley to speak to the organiser.</p>	GS
20.	<p>7½ TONNE WEIGHT LIMIT.</p> <p>ECC Cllr. Aldridge had advised that the application is not on the Highways Panel approved list at this time.</p>	
21.	<p>VE DAY CELEBRATIONS.</p>	

	<p>It was suggested that the Parish Council support the event. The idea is for the village to get together and have one event, like a street party.</p> <p>It was agreed that matter would be discussed at the next meeting and the proposal of a donation.</p>	
22.	<p>STANSTED AIRPORT EXPANSION PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATE.</p> <p>The application had been rejected for now. Parish Council to await MAG's movement.</p>	
23.	<p>ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
24.	<p>DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2020.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is on Thursday 26th March 2020.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20pm.</p>	