

GOOD EASTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON:

Thursday 30th September 2021 at 7pm

At

Good Easter Village Hall

In attendance:

Cllr G Seeley (Chairman)

Cllr Guy Pitt

Cllr L Bailin

Cllr I Watkins

Cllr P West

Miss L White (Clerk to the Council)

1. Declaration of Interests/Recording of Meetings

Members were reminded that they must disclose any interests they know they have in items of business on the meeting's agenda and were advised they may also disclose the interest at any point during the meeting.

They were also advised they are obliged to notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the meeting, if they have not previously notified him / her about it.

Cllr West declared an interest in the Village Hall

Cllr Watkins declared an interest in the Sportsfield Association

2. Apologies

Cllr M Stephenson.

Apologies noted. No vote was taken.

3. Minutes / Public Forum

- The minutes of the Council Meeting on the 29th July 2021 were approved.
- No members of the public were present.

4. Admission of the Public

In accordance with The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Chairman invited Cllrs to vote as to whether any agenda items should be discussed in confidence. No items to be discussed confidentially.

5. Finance

- The following payments were noted / approved:

(All figures gross)

29/07/2021	BACS	Miss LP White	Zoom (final payment)	£14.83
30/07/2021	BACS	Good Easter PCC	Grant	£500.00

11/08/2021	DD	Ionos	Website	£15.62
23/08/2021	DD	Eon	Sportsfield Electricity	£42.71
26/08/2021	BACS	Miss LP White	Mileage	£16.83
26/08/2021	BACS	Miss LP White	Salary	Confidential
26/08/2021	BACS	Miss LP White	Printer	£64.99
22/09/2021	DD	Eon	Sportsfield Electricity	£74.34
28/09/2021	BACS	Miss L White	Clerk's Salary	Confidential
30/09/2021	BACS	EALC	Training	£126.00
30/09/2021	BACS	JCM Contracting	Grass Cutting	£715.80

- Income to be noted:

12/08/2021	CR	Ionos	Refund	£8.44
13/09/2021	CR	EALC	Grant for Defibrillator	£380.00
27/09/2021	CR	CCC	50% Precept	£5,355.00

- The clerk reported the progress of the following grant applications:

- £380.00 received from EALC on the 13th September 2021 towards the purchase of the defibrillator.
- £300.00 had been approved from the Locality Fund towards the purchase of the defibrillator.
- £915.66 had been requested from the Community Initiatives Fund towards the purchase of the defibrillator. A decision is expected early December.
- An application for a grant from the Community and Technology Fund is in progress for the purchase of a printer and funds towards running costs for the production of the Parish Council newsletter.

- Cllr West signed the bank reconciliation and made enquiries pertaining to the budget which was considered to be in good health.

6. Planning Matters

- Members noted comments had been submitted in support of the following application under delegated powers:
Reference: 21/05609/CAT
Address: St Andrews Church Souther Cross Road Good Easter Chelmsford CM1 4RU
Description of works: Horse Chestnut x2 (Marked 6 and 56 on the plan) - Fell - Reason - The tops have died off and require removing as they pose a significant risk to members of the public; Field Maple x4 (Marked 15,16,17,19 on the plan) - Fell - Reason - To allow space for the Yew marked 18 to grow; Lime x3 - Marked 42 on plan - Fell - Dead, they pose a significant risk to anyone using the footpath.
- Members noted the following application had been permitted:
Reference: 21/01256/FUL
Address: Outbuilding At Imbers Yard Souther Cross Road Good Easter Chelmsford
Description of works: Retrospective application for change of use from storage outbuilding to car repair workshop (Sui Generis).
- Members to note the following application had been refused:
Reference: 21/01496/CUPAQ

Address: Agricultural Store School Road Good Easter Chelmsford Essex

Description of works: Determination as to whether the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority is required for the change of use of agricultural buildings to 1 dwelling (Class C3)

7. Meeting Dates 2022

It was resolved to hold meetings in 2022 on the last Thursday of every other month, commencing on the 27th January 2022 with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting being held on the 26th May 2022. Meeting dates will be published on the website.

8. Stansted Airport Watch

Members considered making a donation to Stansted Airport Watch from S137.

The clerk advised there was currently £250.00 in the budget for S137.

Members resolved to pay for the poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday from S137 monies with the balance being split between Stansted Airport Watch and Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

9. Policies

The Reserves Policy was adopted.

10. Report from the Village Hall Working Party

Cllr Watkins reported that a meeting was planned to take place in October to progress the timetable for the plan of action.

11. Sportsfield Association

- Cllr Watkins reported that works to the car park had now been completed.
- Cllr Watkins reported a 'Spooky Scarecrow Trail' will be taking place between the 23rd & 31st October 2021. Furthermore, there will be a Pop Up Pub at the Pavilion on the 29th October 2021.

12. Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr West reported the event on the 5th September 2021 celebrating the centenary of the Village Hall was a success with 115 parishioners attending. He also reported that the floor in the kitchen and the store had been replaced and was pleased to report there are now five regular bookings per week.

13. Footpaths

Cllr Balin spoke about the grant Essex County Council were offering under the Devolution Scheme. Members chose not to take up the offer of the grant it being deemed too small an amount of money to cover the works that needed doing in the Parish.

Cllr Seely read a report from Cllr Chambers covering the following open space / footpath matters:

- There are three remaining footpaths to be cut and will be done within the next two weeks.
- Cllr Chambers has asked the Parks Department to cut the wedge near to nos. 1 - 6 Old Croft Close.

- Cllr Chambers had spotted rubbish dumped on the lane leading to Games Farm and Aythorpe Roding which she had reported.
- Cllr Chambers has also reported the large pot hole near to Wares Farm on the left hand side.

Cllr Chambers' report also advised as follows:

- Following the fatality last week on the A1060, the police are undertaking speed checks.
- Parking fees will be introduced shortly at Hylands Park.
- As regards the recent Parish Boundaries review, the results had been reported to a special meeting of the City Council last week. It was reported that there are very few changes thus far.
- Finally, Chelmsford City Council will be putting together an event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee next year.

14. Training

The Autumn training schedule had previously been circulated.

Cllr Balin was attending the Climate Change Course and Cllr Pitt is booked to attend the Planning Briefing.

15. Members / Clerk Invited to Share Any Other Business

None.

Meeting closed: 7.38pm

Date of next meeting: 25th November 2021

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