

GOOD EASTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

Thursday 25TH November 2021 at 7pm

At

Good Easter Village Hall

In attendance:

Cllr G Seeley (Chairman)

Cllr G Pitt

Cllr L Bailin

Cllr I Watkins

Cllr P West

Cllr M Stephenson

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

Cllr Stephenson declared an interest in the Sportsfield Association

2. Recording of Meetings

Councillors and Members of the Public (none present) were asked if they have any intention of recording the meeting. They were also reminded they must advise the Chairman if they choose to record any part of the meeting whilst the meeting is in progress.

3. Apologies

Cllr C Wood.

Apologies noted. No vote was taken.

4. Minutes / Public Forum

- The minutes of the Council Meeting on the 30th September 2021 were approved with minor alterations and signed by the Chairman.
- No members of the public were present.

5. 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.

6. Report from Chelmsford City Council

Nothing to report.

7. Report from Essex County Council

Cllr M Steel was unable to attend the meeting; the clerk had previously circulated a report from Cllr M Steel concerning flooding and the postal service.

Cllr West asked the clerk to obtain an update from Cllr Steel regarding the planning application reference ESS/77/20/CHL, pertaining to Land south of A1060 (Salt's Green), Chalk End, Roxwell, Chelmsford, CM1 4NJ.

8. Finance

a. The following payments were noted / approved:

(All figures gross)

30/09/2021	DR	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£18.00
04/10/2021	BACS	EALC	Training	£126.00
04/10/2021	BACS	JCM Services	Grass Cutting	£715.80
04/10/2021	BACS	EALC	Training	£84.00
13/10/2021	DD	Ionos	Website	£7.57
25/10/2021	DD	Eon	Sportsfield Electricity	£49.16
27/10/2021	BACS	Miss LP White	Expenses	£16.83
27/10/2021	BACS	Miss LP White	Salary	Confidential
12/11/2021	DD	Ionos	Website	£7.19
19/11/2021	BACS	JCM Services	Grass Cutting	£715.80
25/11/2021	BACS	Miss L White	Salary	Confidential
25/11/2021	BACS	Miss L White	Poppy Wreath	£21.98
25/11/2021	BACS	Miss L White	Expenses	£16.83
26/11/2021	DD	Eon	Sportsfield Electricity	£29.97
23/11/2021	BACS	Stansted A'port W	Donation	£115.85
23/11/2021	BACS	Herts & Essex Air A	Donation	£115.84

VAT on above transactions - £279.83

b. Income noted as follows:

25/10/2021	CR	Chelmsford CC	CIL Payment	£1,663.25
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c. The bank reconciliation to the 23rd November 2021 was agreed and signed by Cllr Stephenson.

d. Matters pertaining to reserves / projects and running costs were discussed after which, it was **resolved** not to increase the precept and a figure of £10,710 was agreed, being a charge of £59.83 for a band D property. In accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Chairman signed the 'Precept on Charging Authority' form.

e. Council noted receipt of a grant of £400.00 to fund the Parish Council Newsletter and resolved to purchase a dedicated printer (HP OfficeJet Pro 9019 All-in-One Wireless Inkjet Printer) as recommended by Cllr Stephenson who produces the monthly newsletter. The remainder of the grant would be used to fund running costs, after which it will be funded by the Parish Council via the precept.

- f. With the regard to the purchase of the defibrillator, the clerk reported that the Locality Fund has approved £300, but it will not be paid until council has bought the Defibrillator. She further reported that a decision will not be made until December as to whether the application from the Community Initiatives Fund had been successful.

9. Planning Matters

The following applications were considered and comments agreed.

- **Reference:** 21/02071/FUL
Address: Church House School Road Good Easter Chelmsford
Description of works: Single storey side extension.
Comment: No objection, but observations to be submitted.
- **Reference:** 21/05641/CAT
Address: Church House, School Road, Good Easter, Chelmsford
Description of works: Ash (Marked T1) - Remove tree and root - Reason - In decline; Field maple (Marked T2) - Remove tree and root - Reason - Blocks light to Apple and view; Beech (Marked T3) - Remove tree and root - Reason - Poor structural form; Monterery cypress (Marked T4)- Remove tree and root - Reason - Enable new landscaping and growing under cables; Acacia (Marked T5) - crown lift to 2.5m - Reason - To ease mowing the lawn.
Comment: No comment.
- **Reference:** 21/02117/FUL
Address: Site North West Of Round Roblets, Bedfords Farm Road, Good Easter, Chelmsford, Essex
Description of works: Retrospective application for the construction of a pond.
Comment: No objection, but with observations to be submitted.

10. Report from the Village Hall Working Party

Reports compiled by Cllr West and previously distributed by Cllr West were discussed, after which the following resolutions were made:

- In principle and subject to cost, Council **resolved** to agree to support the programme / plan contained within Cllr West's reports, thereby incurring costs prior to the formation of a legal entity.
- Council **resolved** to fund initial legal costs for the rebuild of the Village Hall / Pavilion, with the clerk providing three quotes before appointing a solicitor.

11. Sportsfield Association

Cllr Watkins reported that the Pop Up Pub event on the 29th October had been a success raising c.£700.00.

12. Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr West reported that most users were now back with bookings rising.

13. Footpaths

Nothing to report.

14. Litter Picking

Councillors resolved the litter pick would take place on the 9th January 2022, commencing at 10.30am.

15. Training

None requested.

Cllr Pitt made reference to the Planning Briefing he attended being of interest and useful.

Cllr Balin reported she will be attending the next Climate Change Course session shortly.

Meeting closed: 8.08pm

Date of next meeting: 27th January 2022

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