**GREAT EASTON AND TILTY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 26th July 2018**

**AT GREAT EASTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllrs John Lewis (Chairman) - David Rowland (Vice Chairman) - Terry Francis – Tristan Martens – Paul Kelly – Julia England

**Clerk:** Wendy Hall

**Residents/Guests:** Derek Connell, Mark Claxton, David Hahn, Tony Murphy, Patricia Brennan and Tina Wilkinson and Rob Irvine (Great Dunmow United Football Club)

1. **Welcome**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone attending.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cecile Down, Clair Southon

1. **Declaration of Members Interests**

John Lewis S.S.E – David Rowland S.S.E, C.A.B, Friends of Five Parishes

Tristan Martens, SSE, Essex Wildlife Trust, Paul Kelly S.S.E

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held 28th June 2018, having been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

1. **Matters Arising NOT on the Agenda**

Nothing to Report

1. **Public Forum**

Derek Connell informed the Parish Council that he will be lighting the Beacon on 11th November 2018 to commemorate 100 years since World War 1, he asked if Great Easton would be lighting their Beacon, it was agreed that they would.

Mark Claxton addressed the Councillors as he was approached by Clair Southon to trim his boundary hedge, he informed us that the hedge was regularly trimmed and he did not feel that this was protruding onto the pavement, he suggested that the only solution would be to remove the hedge and replace with a wall, however he did not feel that this would be in keeping with the village, he would be open to any further suggestions. It was suggested that it would be discussed at the September meeting when all Councillors would be present.

1. **Great Dunmow United Football**

Rob Irvine attended the meeting to discuss taking over the Burns Playing Field, John Lewis referred to the points that were outlined in his email.

1. Steve Smith will continue to cut the playing field as normal and any further cuts that are required will be the responsibility of the Great Dunmow United.
2. Rob Irvine asked if they could have the first years rent free of charge to enable them to purchase new goal posts and lights etc – this was agreed by the Councillors.
3. Facilities have been checked and agreed that they were in good working order, they would remain the responsibility of the Parish Council and covered by the current insurance policy.
4. Rob Irvine requested permission for a storage container, this was agreed and suggested that it would be sited to the rear of the changing rooms.
5. It was agreed that the playground remain the responsibility of the Parish Council.
6. A short discussion started regarding Mr Sidgwick a resident of Laundry Lane who has made several complaints regarding parking etc, it was agreed that the Parish Council would not get involved, however it was suggested that with regard to parking in Duton Hill on match days or training that the football team and supporters remain courteous to the residents and do not park across the drives and block the entrance to their properties.
7. **Village allHaHall**

Receipts for the Village Hall this month were Hall Hire £112.00. Expenditure amounted to £112.50 for caretaker’s salary.

1. **Website Update**

Julia informed the Councillors that the website had been updated, there were a few items outstanding and she will make sure that these get updated.

1. **Reports from Representatives**

**Planning**

UTT/18/1414/FUL Stonyfield, Broxted Road No Objection

 **Planning Applications Determined**

 UTT/18/1144/OP 3 Maysland Cottages, Dunmow Road Conditional Approval

 UTT/18/1362/OP South Hill, Broxted Rd, Cox Hill Conditional Approval

 UTT/18/1538/HHF Speldhurst, The Endway Approved

**Playing Fields**

Tristan explained that the bollards are still to be installed, Jackie Deane suggested at the last meeting that we could borrow the machine to check for services, this did not happen, however the bollards will be installed when Matt returns for holiday, they will be set slightly further back to ensure there are no services underneath.

Playground inspection has been carried out by Broadmead Leisure, Wendy Hall read out the report with costings to repair defects, it was suggested that we go ahead with the necessary repairs to Great Easton equipment, however we need to contact Clair Hurst before we give go ahead to the Duton Hill

equipment as this may be replaced. Invoice for the inspection was received £114.00

**Footpaths**

This is a busy time for Farmers due to harvest and they should be cutting back soon, it was suggested that a meeting was called with all the Farmers to address this matter.

**River Interest**:

River is overgrown but there are no problems.

**Road Safety/Highways**

Tristan gave the costings for a convex mirror to be fitted to the crossroads, 600 wide £80.00, 800 wide £110, it was agreed to go ahead with the purchase and it is to be fitted to the existing furniture.

**Airport**

 The Chairman again outlined the details of the planning application from MAG, after an amended

 application from MAG had been received by UDC.

The application seeks permission to increase passenger numbers from 35mppa to 43mppa, plus attendant infrastructure development.

The Chairman also explained that SSE has served legal papers requiring the Government to take control of deciding the latest Stansted Airport expansion proposals.

A number of residents present voiced their concerns on aircraft noise and adherence to the flight path, when departures are being made on Runway 04.

They were encouraged to write to MAG, with a copy to SSE, with details of their complaints.

**Clerks Correspondence**

 **Expenses**

Cheques since the last meeting – Clerk Salary £303.33, Grass Cut x 2 £900.00, EON £25.96

Wendy read out a letter received from a resident in Cox Hill, Great Easton regarding contractors working on the houses opposite his property, the letter was complaining about parking and general unsocial behaviour. Chairman has agreed to visit the site and speak to the contractor in charge.

An email was received from a resident in Abbey View, regarding Geese that are allowed to roam free on the Burns playing field, these Geese are owned by a resident of Abbey View, these Geese have been vicious to people and animals, Chairman will write a letter to the owner requesting that she keep the Geese within her own property.

**Any Other Business**

Paul Kelly said that the arrangements are underway for the soap box race and he had a meeting to attend after the Parish Council meeting.

He also suggested the erection of a Flagpole outside the Village Hall, it was suggested that this was a good idea and they would have a look after the meeting to find an appropriate place.

It was also suggested that we join the Great Easton Facebook page as the Great Easton Parish Council to post updates about what is happening within the Parish Council – Wendy will look into setting this up and become the Admin for this.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

There will be no meeting in August the next meeting is as follows

**Date of Next Meeting Thursday 27th September 2018 7.30pm at Great Easton Village Hall**

**Chairman……………………………………………………Date……………………………………………**