

GREAT EASTON AND TILTY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 24th SEPTEMBER 2020
ONLINE MEETING VIA ZOOM

Present: Paul Kelly – Mark Claxton – Tristan Martens – Fiona Down – Julia England

Clerk: Wendy Hall

Residents/Guests: Cllr Martin Foley, Robert Davidson, Charles Brabin, Mike Ferris, David Bloxham

1. Welcome

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

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Michael Taylor

3. Declaration of Members Interests

Paul Kelly GECA, SSE, Tristan Martens Essex Wildlife, SSE, Mark Claxton GECA, Fiona Down SSE, Tilty Church, Tilty Church Warden, Conservative Party, Stop Easton Park.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held 25th June 2020, having been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed.

5. Matters Arising NOT on the Agenda

The Co-option of new Parish Councillor Nicole Thake – unfortunately she was unable to attend the meeting.

6. Public Forum

Re Burns Playing Field and DUFC

David Bloxham addressed the Councillors regarding Burns playing field particularly problems with DUFC, he would like to know what action is being taken regarding these issues raised in a previous PC meeting. Parking is a major problem with driveways being blocked when the field is in use, he feels that the PC have let the villagers down by not taking any action.

Paul Kelly advised that as explained in previous meeting this is not a problem that can be fixed very quickly, he advised that he had shared the various emails that Mr Bloxham had sent with the rest of the Councillors and they are working towards a solution. He pointed out that Burns playing field is actually a registered charity with the PC being the Trustees, he also advised that when the field was given to the PC it was to be run with a strong emphasis on football.

He said it was this legacy that led to the Parish Council supporting the playing of football at Burns Playing Field. Football club involvement with Burns Playing field and Duton Hill has co-existed for 40+ years! Paul Kelly mentioned that we are all aware that sporting venues are few and far between in Uttlesford and the benefits to the young from playing sport and belonging to a club are so important in their upbringing. The PC have thus far found that DUFC is a well-established club with an excellent ethos and very much meets those principles. In 2019, the PC agreed to lease the pitch and changing rooms to DUFC for a period of 10 years.

Paul Kelly said there are various options that need to be discussed further to try and help with the problems, more discussions need to be had to see if we can provide an alternative hardstanding to be used for parking. It was advised that the current car park is for the use of residents and for the playing field. The ownership of this area was discussed and Paul Kelly pointed out that this has always been a quandary but that the PC had paid for additional space to be created some years ago to allow more parking for football teams as well as local

residents. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic other suggestions to alleviate parking cannot be adopted, such as car sharing by DUFC and their visiting teams along with other Covid Safety precautions the football club must take. Efforts, to find alternative/additional parking at the Three Horseshoes and a local field have not met with success as yet.

Julia agreed that there is definitely a problem with parking through the village on match days and this does need to be addressed. Mark Claxton suggested that we could maybe suggest that DUFC give the villagers some respite one weekend per month.

In summing up, Paul Kelly said that the PC believe it is important to support where possible sport among our youth. With the scarcity of available venues to hold organised sports and the fact that we have such a facility makes it important that we do what we can towards this. However, we also recognise that we have a duty to our community and any residents that may be affected.

Rather than this situation becoming adversarial he encouraged that we all look for solutions and work together, requesting Mr Bloxham to be patient. He will be speaking directly to DUFC Management Committee following tonight's discussion and will report back in due course. The PC will also be engaging with the local community of Duton Hill on this topic.

UDC Local Plan

Martin Foley advised that the local plan is being re-drawn and is at groundwork stage, more details will be provided when he has them. Martin also advised that there maybe some re-organisation within the Government with UDC being brought in with Chelmsford he will provide more information if and when available.

7. Village Hall

Paul Kelly advised that the Village Hall has been closed they are looking to re-open this weekend (26th) starting with a keep fit class, a risk assessment has been carried out and this can go ahead using in and out doors and no equipment is being used. Track and Trace will also be available.

Expenses – Wave (sewerage Jan - Jul) £89.84. COVID Grant £10,000.00.

8. Reports from Representatives

Planning

UTT/20/1759/HHF	6 School Villas	No Objections
UTT/20/1892/HHF	Barnards Bridge	No Objections
UTT/20/1886/HHF	Hyde Barn, Gallows Green	No Objections
UTT/20/2032/HHF	Nevilles Farm	No Objections
UTT/20/2272/OP	Hyde Farm, Gallows Green	No Objections
UTT/20/2143/FUL	Land at Cherry Street	Objections Comments Below

Land at Cherry Street

Councillors and residents discussed planning application UTT/20/2143/FUL, this is planning for 9 houses, it is a 16.5 acre plot owned by a construction company, planning was denied last year for a mobile home. This same site is also home to a very large industrial site which has been alerted to the planning enforcement officer, the surrounding area cannot support this as they are single track roads, it was advised that residents should submit their comments and the PC will also do the same, Residents deadline is 25/9, PC deadline 2/10, wider area 9/10

Planning Application Determined

UTT/20/1008/HHF	28 Brocks Mead	Approved Conditions 1/7/20
UTT/20/1100/HHF	The Sparrows, Duck Street	Refused
UTT/20/1141/HHF	Barnards Bridge	Approved Conditions 6/7/20
UTT/20/1401/FUL	Bell Mills, Mill End Green	Unconditional Approval 10/8
UTT/20/1339/FUL	Barn East of Andrews Farm	Approved Conditions 10/8/20
UTT/20/1759/HHF	6 School Villas	Approved Conditions 10/9/20
UTT/20/1892/HHF	Barnards Bridge	Approved Conditions 18/9/20
UTT/20/1886/HHF	Hyde Barn	Withdrawn

Playing Fields

Paul Kelly advised that there was evidence of bonfires, and pumpkin growing also geese wandering freely, Wendy advised that these belong to a resident in Duton Hill as she had previously been contacted regarding them – Wendy will forward previous correspondence.

Tristan also advised that there has been some strimmer damage to the new equipment, he has spoken to Steve Smith regarding this, also DHCA need to be contacted to arrange for oiling the wood to protect.

Footpaths

Tristan advised that a footpath in Duton Hill has been ploughed over, farmer has done nothing wrong but he will speak to him when they next have a meeting.

River Interest:

Tristan advised that there had been a possible Mink hunt approx. 2 weeks ago, unfortunately PC are unable to do anything as they are not hunting just tracking, it is just unfortunate that it is driving wildlife away.

Road Safety/Highways

Paul advised that he has still received no response regarding the speed limit in Gallows Green. Martin Foley advised that he has also been trying but hasn't heard anything back, advised to send email to Simon Walsh. Also received no communication regarding replacing the railings to the Ford in Great Easton. Simon Walsh seems to be the best contact but no communication has been received from him he was also on the committee when the weight restriction was lifted on the bridge.

Airport

Paul advised that there had been emails regarding planning permission which he has shared with the Councillors, it was agreed that we should support SSE with donation as normal. Paul will make comments and make contact with Brian Ross.

Clerks Correspondence

Expenses were as follows Clerk Salary x 3 £909.99, Grass Cut x 4 £1891.12, Insurance £1909.56, Hogweed Spray £321.60, P/ground Inspection £189.60, EON Apr-Jun £49.47. Income Precept (2nd) £12800.00.

9. Open Councillor Position

Paul Kelly asked if we still had two interested parties for the Councillor position, it was decided that we would invite them attend the next meeting prior to the public, there would then be a vote to co-opt one of them on to the Council.

10. Any Other Business

Tristan advised that we should look to plant some trees in Burns, agreed to speak to DHCA regarding this.

Tristan also advised that he would like to apply for an Urban Clearway for the Endway by the Church this would prevent vehicles parking on the bend – this was agreed.

Fiona advised that she had made contact with the owners of the children's home in Duton Hill regarding cutting back the hedge, she has spoken to the maintenance team and sent photos as they requested.

Paul and Wendy advised that the quotation for the hosting of the website and email service is £399 per year, it was agreed that Wendy should contact Jackie Deane to see if there is another company that she could recommend for this for an additional quote.

Wendy advised that she had received an email that David Hahn would like to join as a Councillor, Tristan and Fiona also advised that they had a name – as there is one space a two names Wendy will speak to UDC for advice.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

Date of Next Meeting Thursday 29th October 2020 7.30pm via Zoom

Chairman.....Date.....