

GREAT EASTON AND TILTY PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 27th MAY 2021 AT 7.30pm

HELD AT GREAT EASTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Tristan Martens – Julia England - Mark Claxton – Fiona Down – Nicole Thake - Peter Neale.

Clerk: Wendy Hall

Residents/Guests: David Hahn, Sandra McCabe, Bernard McCabe, John Lewis, Julie Neale, Cllr Martin Foley.

- **Welcome**

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

- **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Michael Taylor

- **Declaration of Members Interests**

Tristan Martens Essex Wildlife, SSE, Mark Claxton GECA & The Swan PH, Peter Neale GECA, Fiona Down SSE, Tilty Church, Tilty Church Warden, Conservative Party, Stop Easton Park, CAMRE, Nicole Thake DHCA.

- **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Clerk asked for Nominations for Chairman

Cllr England nominated Cllr Martens, seconded by Cllr Thake – Resolved 1 abstained

Clerk asked for Nominations for Vice Chairman

Cllr Thake nominated Cllr England, seconded by Cllr Claxton – Resolved

Chairman – Cllr Martens

Vice Chairman – Cllr England

- **Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

Cllr Claxton requested that his declaration of Members Interest regarding The Swan PH ACV and the omission of guest Matthew Southon be added. Both amendments were agreed.

- Cllr Neale requested that he would like the minutes amended as he feels they are not a true record of the meeting, but was unable clarify any specific points. He was advised to put the concerns in writing.

- As outlined in the Standing Orders, any amendments have to be proposed, seconded and agreed by a majority vote at the meeting that minutes are approved.

- **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.**

Chairman advised that he had asked all councillors to review the previous minutes from Jan, Feb & March to ensure outstanding matters were dealt with.

Cllr Thake asked about the bin for Burns, Clerk advised she had made contact with UDC and advised to purchase a bin and then try to make arrangements to empty - Nicole will approach UDC again.

Cllr Neale was asked about the flooding issue on B184 – no update. He will chase up and report at next meeting.

Cllr Neale was asked about the slide in GE he will speak to Paul again and may need the key for playing field, access.

Cllr Neale has obtained a quote for repairing Miss Piggy, quote is from Playscene £1023.54

- **Adoption of Accounts**

Clerk has completed the Annual Return, this has been circulated and signed by the Chairman. John Lewis has agreed to be our Independent Auditor, he will sign accounts and they will be submitted to PK Littlejohn and advertised.

- **Ratification of Co-option**

Following the statutory notification period, the Clerk advised councillors that a qualifying resident could now be co-opted to fill the councillor vacancy in Duton Hil. The applicant was David Hahn and his co-option was ratified by all councillors.

David Hahn was welcomed to the parish council by the chairman and took his seat with immediate effect.

- **Public Forum**

A member of the public raised issues with the minutes, stating that they were not a true reflection and who should this be reported to, she was advised to send concerns in writing to the Clerk who will respond within 30 days.

A member of the public asked about The Swan ACV discussion from the last meeting. Cllr Kelly (Chairman) at the time, stated that the PC would not be carrying on with the nomination and it would be considered by GECA. Councillors were not consulted on this and the ACV would be discussed at the following meeting.

Cllr Martens advised that significant evidence has to be supplied in any nomination e.g., letter from the Cricket Club supporting the use of the pub as their base.

Whilst it was acknowledged an ACV nomination can be submitted by any recognised community group, the PC had dealt with this previously in 2015 & 2020 and was prepared to discuss and vote on a further submission.

A member of the public stated that the re-opening of the pub has been delayed several times, causing concern amongst the residents. They further asked why the PC were not investigated about the ACV nomination – Cllr Martens made it clear that UDC had no issue with the submission and that it had been accepted by UDC to proceed to full committee.

Cllr Foley addressed the PC and was congratulated on becoming County Councillor. He asked to be copied into all emails we send regarding highways and he will assist in any way he can. Cllr Down asked what committee he has been assigned, he is still waiting to find out.

- **Laundry Lane**

Correspondence has been received and distributed from a resident in Laundry Lane regarding the playing field and Dunmow United. Councillors agreed the course of action is to refer the correspondence to UDC for their advice.

In relation to Dunmow United the lease is to be discussed in further detail and further constraints may be considered to cover both Laundry Lane and Burns playing field.

- **Village Hall**

Azure Pizza and Flitch & Chips are using the village hall car park and the street parking outside. An external socket to be fitted which Flitch & Chips have agreed to contribute to. Consideration be given to charging a monthly levy

No Income and Expenses, Bank balance £47,477.35 @ 10th May 2021.

- **Reports from Representatives**

Planning

UTT/21/1430/HHF	1 Church Cottages, Church Lane	No Objections
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Planning Application Determined

UTT/21/0806/HHF	South Hill, Broxted Rd	Approved Conditions 07/5/21
UTT/21/0719/HHF	1 Blamsters Rise	Approved Conditions 12/5/21
UTT/21/0805/HHF	The Folly Broxted Rd	Approved Conditions 06/5/21
UTT/21/0843/LB	Andrews Farm, Andrews Farm Lane	Approved Conditions 18/5/21

UTT/21/0987/HHF
UTT/21/1113/HHF
UTT/21/1112/HHF

Abbey Cottage, Duton Hill
Blacksmiths, Mill End Green
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Refused 12/5/21
Approved Conditions 26/5/21
Approved Conditions 25/5/21

Playing Field

Cllrs Claxton and Martens met Sharon Durdant-Hollamby to discuss ideas for planting trees in Burns. Areas identified are just inside the gate would be good for fruit trees and behind the changing room would be good for a community garden. Playing Field along river 4/5 willows & N/E football triangle would be good for a copse, approached Headteacher of Great Easton Primary School, children could plant in autumn.

Cllr Thake will arrange a questionnaire for Duton Hill residents for interest in a Community garden, this will be done using raised beds approx. 8ft x 8ft approx. cost £1500.00.

Commerative oak tree planting to be considered at the Bus Shelter in Duton Hill and Great Easton to mark the Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

Neil Benterman will spray Hogweed in car park and area at the end of Burns as he has licence. Contact Trembarth regarding footpath 24.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

River Interest:

River is quite low with lots of growth - the EA won't do anything. We are responsible for 50% - possibly look into clearing.

Cllr Foley to chase Rissa Long regarding water gauge and blocked drain at bottom of Duton Hill.

Road Safety/Highways

Gallows Green sign has been agreed, nothing further to report.

No hedges can be cut until late July due to nesting season.

Airport

MAG have been successful to increase to 43mppv, this means increased flights and more pollution, UDC are looking at financial consequences. Cllr Foley advised that he feels there should be a judicial review, he has now been elected as Chairman Stansted Airport Advisory Panel, he will give further updates at next meeting.

• Clerks Correspondence

Income £0.00, Expenses Clerk Salary £322.14, Grass No. 4 £472.00, Ink Cartridge £52.05. Bank Balance £48838.92.

• Any Other Business

Cllr Hahn asked about the purchase of a laptop for Wendy, nothing agreed as yet, could he put suggestions on paper to be discussed, he also advised that the website is being reviewed at the moment. Chairman advises that IT be added as a regular agenda item.

Cllr Neale asked that the ACV should be re-visited as there is worry in the village that this could be turned into housing, He agreed to speak to owners and report back at next month's meeting.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

Date of Next Meeting Thursday 24th June 2021 at 7pm in Great Easton Village Hall.

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

