

GREAT EASTON AND TILTY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 28th JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30pm

ONLINE MEETING VIA ZOOM

Present: Paul Kelly (Chairman) – Mark Claxton – Tristan Martens – Fiona Down – Julia England – Peter Neale – Nicole Thake

Clerk: Wendy Hall

Residents/Guests: Cllr Martin Foley, Cllr Michael Taylor, Mike Ferris, John Lewis.

1. Welcome

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

2. Apologies for absence

Fiona Down

3. Declaration of Members Interests

Paul Kelly GECA, SSE, Tristan Martens Essex Wildlife, SSE, Mark Claxton GECA, Peter Neale GECA, Nicole Thake DHCA.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held 26th November 2020, having been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed. Mike Ferris asked if there was an update for the planning application for The Annexe at The Folly – Cllr Kelly advised that this would be addressed under planning.

5. Matters Arising NOT on the Agenda

Nothing to report.

6. Public Forum

Nothing to report.

7. Community Governance Review of Parishes 2021

The Chairman asked if all Councillors had received the email from Wendy, all agreed apart from Cllr Thake who advised that Wendy had just resent to her old email address as she hasn't managed to set her new one up, she apologises and will have a read through. A short discussion ensued regarding this asking for input from Cllr Foley & Cllr Taylor, they are unsure at this moment whether this will go ahead or be superseded by the local plan as it is not the right time for re-organisation, more details are to follow.

8. Village Hall

Expenses – £81.25 Gas, £52.63 Electric, Brian Wage Arrears £189.51. Income £115.00.

The Clerk is unsure what this relates to and will contact Audrey to ask if she knows. Brian's arrears are due to a change in wage amount to reflect national wage rates.

The Chairman advised that Fritch and Chips have been using the Village car park during lockdown, they have asked if they could fit an external plug socket. Cllr Martens said that he is not sure that an external socket would be ideal, he suggests that they open and close the Village Hall to allow the use of electric, this was agreed.

9. Reports from Representatives

Planning

UTT/20/3331/HHF	The Sparrows, Duck St	No Objections
UTT/21/0062/HHF	Bridgefoot Cottage, The Endway	No Objections
UTT/21/0226/HHF	Padebec Duton Hill Road	No Objections After speaking with Neighbour.

Planning Application Determined

UTT/20/2143/FUL	Land at Cherry Street	Withdrawn 07/12/20
UTT/20/2608/HHF	The Sparrows, Duck St	Withdrawn 09/12/20

UTT/20/2712/OP	Annexe at The Folly	Approved Conditions 18/12/20
UTT/20/2867/HHF	Abbey Cottage, Duton Hill	Refused 21/12/20
UTT/20/2921/HHF	Easton Hall Cottage	Withdrawn 21/12/20
UTT/20/2922/LB	Easton Hall Cottage	Withdrawn 21/12/20
UTT/20/2934/HHF	Easton Hall Cottage	Withdrawn 21/12/20
UTT/20/2962/FUL	Land to East Maltings Bridge	Approved Conditions 07/1/21

With regard to the matter raised earlier by Mike Ferris regarding The Folly status, the Chairman said that he would follow up with Cllr Downs regarding her progress with UDC Planning Enforcement, as she was not in attendance.

Playing Fields

Cllr Claxton advised that he had made enquiries regarding the planting of trees, however this may prove difficult to be a 'community event' due to the current COVID regulations and unlikely to do any planting before March. It was suggested this is done later in the year.

The Chairman advised that there had been no football matches, however there had been 1 match and the new parking worked successfully, however some local residents on the private road are concerned that travellers may access this field as there is no gate, it was agreed to gate the access.

Cllr Thake asked about a waste bin for Burns playing field as she has collected a lot of rubbish in the area, the Clerk to make enquiries to UDC about a waste bin.

Footpaths

Nothing to report.

River Interest:

River has been rising very quickly in a short space of time, there are trees being left in the River to slow the flow, this seems to be a problem in all areas.

The Chairman advised that he has sent emails to Rissa Long for additional signage for the Ford. Unfortunately, she has still not replied, Cllr Walsh is also copied in on all emails, no reply from him either – PC to invite Cllr Walsh to a meeting.

Road Safety/Highways

The Chairman advised that he has still had no replies regarding the speed limit in Gallows Green, he feels we made need to look into this ourselves, Highways carried out a speed check but found the average speed limit was 38mph, there are concerns on this road as there are also a lot of horse rider's using this, he will continue to try and make contact. Cllr Foley suggested signs e.g. slow horses.

Cllr Neale advised about flooding on the B184 near Blamster's Villas and who is responsible for inspecting ditches, The Chairman advised that he has a contact that he used for School Villas similar flooding issues previously - he will find the details and pass them to Cllr Neale.

Airport

Cllr Foley advised that SSE are taking the right approach during the current hearing and their representative from the Airport, Mr Hill, took a very aggressive approach. John Lewis asked of the P.C had made a representation, the Chairman confirmed they had made a further written representation and he had spoken to the organisers prior to the hearing and confirmed the letter was received. The Chairman will forward a copy to John Lewis for his information.

10. Clerks Correspondence

Expenses were as follows Clerk Salary x 2 £644.28, Eon Burns £65.21, Clerk Arrears £387.06, Stanley Tee Solicitors £360.00, Brian Salary Arrears £26.00, Messer Landwork £240.00.

The Clerk advised that she would be applying for the Precept for the same amount has last year £26,000.00, this was agreed.

The Clerk advised that she had received an email from Jon Badley of Brocksmead regarding the hedge asking if the PC could cut this, Cllr Martens advised that he lives there and there 4 out of the 7 houses who maintain the hedge, it is a very grey area as the hedge borders land that was gifted to the PC, it was agreed that Cllr Martens obtain 3 x quotes to maintain the hedge.

11. Any Other Business

Cllr Martens stated that he was made aware of some comments that had been made on Facebook regarding a member of the village allowing his dog to foul on the pavement and not picking it up, the comments were to name and shame the individual on the FB page and noticeboards, Cllr Marten would like a post to inform the village that PC represent the community and we do not condone the naming and shaming of anyone, we are a community body elected by the Parishioners and there was no place in our society to name and shame any individual. A short discussion took place regarding the merits for the PC to become embroiled in a community FB site. Cllr Martens will put something in writing to share with the other Councillors.

The Chairman advised that he had actually met and spoken to the one of the dog owners concerned, but there is also another individual, he will look into a letter to send to inform them that they should be clearing up after their dog's otherwise further action will be taken by reporting them to the enforcement authority. The Clerk to research if a template exists within UDC for such use.

Cllr Neale addressed the Councillors stating how surprised he was regarding the comments he received from them following the last meeting with Mr Bloxham, he makes no apologies for these, The Chairman suggested that if anyone would like to make any comments or speak to Cllr Neale to do so on a one to one basis.

The Chairman advised that Wendy would be attending Clerks Course and also feels it would benefit the PC if she also attends the Election/Co-option of Cllrs course – this was agreed.

The Chairman advised that the Union Jack & St Georges cross flag need replacing – this was agreed.

Cllr Thake advised that she is unable to use her new email at this time she will get this set up and advise when this has been done.

The Chairman said he has notice a problem with Cllr England's email and also could the PC Zoom meetings be added to the front page of the website, Cllr England will get both of these rectified.

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

Date of Next Meeting Thursday 25th February 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

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