**GREAT EASTON AND TILTY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 30TH JANUARY 2020**

**AT GREAT EASTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Paul Kelly – Peter Neale – Mark Claxton – Julia England – Jackie Marling – Fiona Down

**Clerk:** Wendy Hall

**Residents/Guests:**  Robert Pickford, David Bloxham, Leena Bloxham, John Sandlin DUFC, Kevin Smith

1. **Welcome**

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

 Tristan Martens, Cllr Martin Foley,

1. **Declaration of Members Interests**

Paul Kelly GECA, SSE, Peter Neale GECA, Mark Claxton GECA, Fiona Down SSE, Tilty Church, Tilty Church Warden, Conservative Party, Stop Easton Park.

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held 31st October & 28th November 2019, having been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed and signed as a true record. Two sets of minutes were signed as Wendy was absent from the last meeting.

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

Nothing to Report

1. **Public Forum**

David Bloxham a resident of Abbey View attended the meeting to express his and fellow residents’ concerns of the use of Burns Playing Field by Dunmow United. There are several areas of concerns the main one being the parking on match days, this causes the road to become quite narrow and difficult for residents to get in and out of their properties, There also seems to be an issue with the players banging mud out of their boots and leaving rubbish around the field.

John Sandlin of DUFC listened to the concerns and said that he will speak to players and spectators to ensure that more respect is given to the residents. It was also suggested by the PC that we enquire about the vacant field in Duton Hill and see if this can be used as parking to ease congestion.

David Bloxham also raised concerns about the state of the road and pavements in Duton Hill, he was advised that this was a highways issue and should be reported using the ECC Highways website.

Robert Pickford addressed the Councillors to enquire about footpath 47, Chris Trembarth farms the land and the footpath was in quite a bad state, Paul Kelly advised that he would make contact with Chris and ask him to make this a priority.

Robert Pickford also asked if the Council had received any planning applications regarding the Moat House expansion, it was advised that nothing had been received to date and as soon as any was it would be discussed at a meeting.

Mike Taylor advised that the local plan was looking uncertain and would probably be modified, this would be supported if Garden Community was removed.

1. **Dunmow United Football Club**

John Sandlin attended the meeting to provide an update regarding DUFC, they have approx. 200 players ranging from 7-18, a men’s team and 2 x Girls teams, they have also been awarded a charter stamp. He also advised that they are applying for a grant to enable them to improve the condition of the pitches at Laundry Lane, to enable them to do this he has asked if the lease could be re-started to have 10 years still remaining, it was agreed that the lease be changed to a 12 year lease starting from February.

 The Clubhouse at Laundry Lane was also discussed, it was agreed

That they would fundraise and they would approach the PC when they had a proposal in place.

1. **ROSPA allHa**

It was agreed that Wendy would apply online for the annual playground inspection to take place in May/June when they are in the Essex area.

1. **River/Flood**

After various emails and telephone communication the BMW from the river was removed last week. The EA advised that they did not feel that this was a danger, we believe that the removal of the car was undertaken by the insurance company.

The railings have been removed and we are waiting for the insurance company to deal with their replacement.

It was discussed that flooding problems etc could also be caused by blocked drains and ditches a lot of which are the responsibility of the land owners, Mark Claxton advised that he had found a page on the Council website that advised who was responsible for what.

A discussion was had regarding signage for flooding etc, it was decided that we need to be careful what signage we use as we could be held responsible, it was agreed to await clarification as Mike Taylor had sent email regarding this.

1. **Playground/Miss Piggy**

Peter Neale advised that the repairs to Miss Piggy and the slide are being undertaken by Paul Rayner and would be completed before the annual inspection.

1. **Village Hall**

Wendy advised that due to her absence from the last meeting she was unable to collect the Bank statements, she can however provide the expenses for Nov – Jan.

Gas £72.41, Electric £107.27, Caretaker Nov £150.00, Dec £90.00, Toilet Rolls £23.98, Boiler Repairs £663.74, Clean Water £29.55, Waste Water (Annual) £157.40, Gas £181.87. – Total £1476.22

1. **Reports from Representatives**

**Planning**

UTT/20/0108/LB Blamsters Hall No Objections

 UTT/19/3141/HHF Blamsters Hall No Objections

 UTT/19/3142/LB Blamsters Hall No Objections

 UTT/20/0107/HHF Blamsters Hall No Objections

**Planning Application Determined**

UTT/19/2192/HHF Snow Hill Nursery Approved 05/11/19

UTT/19/2286/HHF Highview House Approved 11/11/19

UTT/19/2306/HHF The Sparrows Approved 18/11/19

UTT/19/2309/CLE The Sparrows Refused 20/11/19

**Playing Fields**

Nothing more to report

**Footpaths**

It was discussed if stones could be put on the footpath used by the walking bus to the school, Mike Taylor advised that he would email Rissa Long as Highways are responsible.

**River Interest**:

Nothing to report due to Tristan absence

**Road Safety/Highways**

Due to the large amount of pot holes on the roads it was discussed

 that everyone should make sure these are reported on the ECC

 Highways website.

**Airport**

Fiona reported that Martin Foley had posted an article about the

impact airport noise has on health, it was discussed that it could increase the risk of heart attack and strokes. It was also discussed that levels of pollution are monitored and there are peaks in pollution that can be caused by traffic and weather.

Fiona advised that she has been in discussion with Martin Peachy to invite him to attend a PC meeting, this could possibly happen in April/May.

**Clerks Correspondence**

Wendy advised that she received her training for Scribe accounts package yesterday and is now inputting all information from April 2019. New reports will be available for the Councillors at the next meeting.

Expenses were as followed 3 x Clerk Salary £909.99, Branches Cut & Flower Boxes £205.00, Electric Burns £60.55 – Total £1175.54

1. **Any Other Business**

Fiona advised she had received a phone call prior to the meeting regarding somebody living in a camper van in the Burns car park, this will be investigated.

Jackie advised about the Street Party taking place in Duton Hill for VE day this is being held on 8/5/20, she would like to borrow chairs, it was suggested that she speak to Brian to ask if the old village hall chairs could be used. Paul Kelly advised that Great Easton would like to attend the street party, Jackie welcomed this.

Tree felling in the wood surrounding Little Easton and Great Easton was discussed, this is being carried out by Land Securities and they do have authority to do this. Paul to speak to Andy Doddsley.

The precept has been applied for, the figure was £25,600.00, also the Scribe software has been purchased as previously discussed.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm

**Date of Next Meeting Thursday 27th February 2020 7.30pm at Great Easton Village Hall**

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