**GREAT EASTON AND TILTY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 31st OCTOBER 2019**

**AT GREAT EASTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Paul Kelly – Tristan Martens – Peter Neale – Julia England – Jackie Marling

**Clerk:** Wendy Hall

**Residents/Guests:** John Lewis, David Hahn

1. **Welcome**

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

 Mark Claxton, Keith Layte, Fiona Down, Cllr Martin Foley, Cllr Michael Taylor

1. **Declaration of Members Interests**

Paul Kelly GECA, SSE, Peter Neale GECA, Tristan Martens Essex Wildlife, GECA, SSE.

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held 26th September 2019, 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**

John Lewis addressed the Parish Council to ask if there was an airport update from the recent STACC meeting, unfortunately due to Fiona Down’s absence there is no Airport report. It was advised that anyone can attend the meetings but not the Parish Liaison meeting.

1. **Register of Interest (Councillors)**

Tristan addressed the Councillors to advise that he had noticed that there have been no Register of Interests recorded on the UDC website for each Councillor, he stated that this is a legal requirement that needs to be on the Council website and the Parish Council website, he has some information regarding this which will be sent to Wendy to circulate for each Councillor to read and return the form**.**

1. **Tree Reduction – Brocks Mead**

Tristan asked the fellow Councillors if he could ask Steve Smith to reduce the size of the trees in Brocks Mead as they have become very overgrown and preventing access for the mowers, Steve Smith has quoted £150.00, this was agreed.

1. **Tree Planting – Brocks Mead**

Tristan advised that a number of the trees in Brocks Mead have died off, he has asked if he can obtain quotes to replace the trees, he is happy to plant them, all agreed.

1. **Community Speed Watch**

Tristan advised the Parish Council about the Community Speed Watch scheme, there have been many complaints regarding speeding in the villages, he has gathered information about the scheme which has been handed out advising all the requirements, as there has to be a number of volunteers required it was recommended that each Community association be advised to see how much interest is generated.

1. **Village Hall allHa**

Wendy Hall advised that some figures were omitted from last month’s meeting as she hadn’t received these until she arrived for the meeting, these figures are included in this report. Wendy Hall reported that the income from Hall hire was £3189.76, included in this is Hall Hire £685.50, Upholstery Class £2430.00, COIF £74.26. Expenses were Caretaker £37.50, Acrylic for Notice Board, Diaries for Hall Hire £7.98.

Paul Kelly stated that he had spoken to Audrey Miller regarding an enquiry from a Cara Rosendale to hire the hall for a Home Education class for Children on World Culture, it was agreed that more information will be required before a decision can be made, this include whether the organisers have been DBS checked.

1. **Reports from Representatives**

**Planning**

UTT/19/2509/FUL Stonyfield, Broxted Road No Objections Amendment to original

 Paul Kelly advised that he had spoken to UDC regarding the recent planning application for The Sparrows, Duck

 Street, awaiting outcome as there have been various written objections from the surrounding neighbours.

**Playing Fields**

Wendy Hall advised that she has made progress regarding the playground inspection, she has obtained two quotes Fenland Leisure £100 + vat for each site or David Bracey £150 + vat for each site, it was agreed to use Fenland Leisure.

A new bench has been installed to replace the vandalised one in Burns Playing Field, this will also need to be regularly maintained.

Jackie advised that another bench that had a plaque has also been removed, she has advised that she will be attending DHCA meeting to arrange fundraising for this bench, would the P.C make a donation, this was agreed.

**Footpaths**

 Tristan has spoken to Chris Trembarth he has been given permission to create a new buffer zone on

 Footpath 24, there cannot be a footpath in the buffer zone, this situation is to be monitored and any

 finding’s reported.

**River Interest**:

Rivers are looking good but overgrown

**Road Safety/Highways**

 Paul Kelly advised he will attending a meeting to support the speed limit reduction in Gallows Green,

 he will report at the next meeting.

**Airport**

Nothing to report due to Fiona absence.

 Paul Kelly advised that he had received an email from SSE advising that if anyone would be interested

 in attending the High Court hearing they will be arranging a bus service £15, if anyone is interested

 advise Paul and he will forward the details.

1. **Clerks Correspondence**

Expenses – 1 x Grass Cut £461.25, Clerk Salary x 2 £606.66, Hedge Trimming River £192.00, Littlejohn Audit £240.00.

1. **Any Other Business**

Paul Kelly asked if Councillors had received the link to Scribe accounts, all agreed that we can make calls to purchase the programme.

Remembrance Day – 3 Wreaths are at the Three Horseshoes to be collected by Parish Council, GECA and DHCA. Tristan has agreed to clear the memorial of wreaths etc from last year.

Jackie advised that DHCA are arranging a street party in May 2020, they will be applying for a road closure, Jackie will advise when she has more details.

Dunmow United to be contacted as they have not come to any meetings they have been invited to, to discuss the lease.

Paul Kelly advised that the tree lighting in Great Easton will take place on 1st December 2019

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

**Date of Next Meeting Thursday 28th November 2019 7.30pm at Great Easton Village Hall**

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