

## MINUTES

Minutes of the Great Easton and Tilty Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7pm in Great Easton Village Hall.

### Present

Clr Martens (Chair)  
 Clr England  
 Clr Hahn  
 Clr Claxton  
 Clr Hurst  
 Clr Neale

01.22.01	Chairman opened the meeting
01.22.02	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> – Note and approve Clr Thake & Clr Down.
01.22.03	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING</b> None
01.22.04	<b>MINUTES</b> To receive, consider, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 – Clr Claxton stated that he and Clr Hurst were present, Clerk advises she will rectify.
01.22.05	<b>MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT</b> <b>SWAN – ACV</b> Clr Neale asked about the Swan ACV decision by UDC as he had missed the last meeting. General feelings were of disappointment but the legal position for the authorizing authority had tightened. The letter received from UDC has been posted to the website.
01.22.06	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</b> No Public Participation.
01.22.07	<b>VILLAGE HALL BROADBAND</b> Clr Hahn advises Gigaclear will be installed 3 Feb 22 and we can advertise the hall with broadband. Costs are £30.00 + VAT per month for 2.5 years for 50mb up and 50mb down. Router will come through the Green Room and will be placed where the speaker is and possibly in the next meeting we may have prices for a new speaker system. Clr Martens asked if anyone may be interested in the current system.
01.22.08	<b>LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</b> At the November meeting it was agreed to utilise the services of an expert consultant - Jackie Deane has accepted. Jackie Deane advised that we have to decide on the Parish Boundary, whether to keep the same as the Parish Boundary or expand, Clr Martens asked the Councillors their views. Due to the size of our current boundary it was decided to stay within our boundary. Clr Martens suggests that we should have a dedicated board to the LNP.

	<p>The formation of a Steering Group was discussed, this would be guided by Jackie and report back to PC. Cllr Martens suggested that councillors give it some thought and decide if they would like to be involved. For the next meeting, thoughts about how to establish the steering group - Jackie Deane suggests at least 2 x Councillors and 4/5 residents; there would be separate meetings and a dedicated councillor will report back to the PC meeting.</p>
01.22.09	<p><b>RECEIVE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b></p> <p>Cllr Martens advised the stretch on road on B184 near to the turning for Lindsell was visited with the two district councillors and spoken to residents regarding the speed of passing traffic. An application has been submitted to reduce the speed up to Hadley's Farm. Essex County Council have said that speed surveys will be carried out. Cllrs looking for 40mph to be set between Dunmow &amp; Saffron Walden. B184 flooding has been investigated and we need to chase up the outcome.</p>
01.22.10	<p><b>RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>Expenses £1500.22 Bank Balance £45,193 as of 30/3/22.</p> <p>Precept applied £27,248.00 increase 4.8% as per Government forecast on inflation - email was circulated to all councillors.</p> <p>Expenses have increased due to employment of a cleaner and window cleaning for the Village Hall.</p>
01.22.11 Duplicated	<p><b>FINANCE – RECEIVE STATEMENT AND AGREE PAYMENTS</b></p> <p>Expenses £1500.22 Bank Balance £45,193.30 3/1/22.</p> <p>Precept applied £27,248.00 increase 4.8% as per Government legislation, emailed was circulated to all Councillors.</p> <p>Expenses have increased due to employment of a cleaner and window cleaning for the Village Hall</p>
01.22.12	<p><b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS – TO RECEIVE AND RATIFY</b></p> <p><b>UTT/21/2138/FUL &amp; UTT/21/3576/LB</b>  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> Demolition of stables and former forge building &amp; conversion and extension of barn to form a dwelling (amended scheme to approve under listed building consent UTT/17/0956/LB).  <b>LOCATION:</b> Old Forge Duton Hill  No comments or objections.</p> <p><b>UTT/22/0117/OP</b>  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 1 no. dwelling.  <b>LOCATION:</b> Land rear of Butchers Yard  Councillors to visit site before comments are made due to various concerns.</p>
01.22.13	<p><b>PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY – TO NOTE</b></p> <p><b>UTT/21/3384/HHF</b>  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> Proposed Single Storey Infill Extension Associated Operational Development  <b>LOCATION:</b> The Garth, The Endway  <b>DECISION:</b> Approved Conditions 7/1/22</p>
01.22.14	<p><b>UTT/21/3593/CLE – THE SPARROWS DUCK STREET</b></p> <p>Cllr Neale forwarded various emails from a resident asking for financial support from the parish council to challenge the decision taken by UDC. Councillors agreed that it would be inappropriate to fund legal action regarding planning decisions. The chairman outlined the actions taken to date and that a letter had been submitted to the CEO of UDC regarding the deep-seated concerns felt by all councillors regarding the handling of this particular application.</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The parish council have commented at every stage of the process, from the initial un-authorised erection to the present time.</li> <li>2. The parish council met with Nigel Brown, the UDC Development Manager at UDC, early 2021 to discuss Sparrows and the actions to date.</li> <li>3. The parish council wrote to Nigel Brown in November 2021, chasing up the progress on enforcement following the dismissal of the appeal in December 2020.</li> <li>4. The parish council submitted comments (clearly visible on the portal) opposing the December 2021 application.</li> <li>5. The parish council wrote directly to Nigel Brown regarding this application in January 2022.</li> <li>6. The parish council wrote directly to Martin Foley and Michael Taylor, the UDC councillors regarding the decision.</li> <li>7. The parish council wrote directly to Peter Holt, Chief Executive at UDC regarding the matter.</li> <li>8. UDC have referred the matter to the interim Director of Planning, Tracey Coleman who will respond directly back to the parish council.</li> <li>9. It was noted that not a single comment was submitted by any resident or interested party during the time-frame period.</li> <li>10. Councillors discussed the matter at length and were in agreement of their concern regarding the failure of UDC to serve an enforcement notice and take action.</li> <li>11. Councillors agreed that it was not appropriate to fund legal action, conscious of the ramifications and precedent for future planning applications.</li> <li>12. There is great disappointment from the PC of the council as a whole regarding the inactions of UDC Planning.</li> </ol>
01.22.15	<p><b>DUTON HILL LEGACY GAMES</b></p> <p>Letter received from a resident of Duton Hill regarding the Legacy games, Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> August requesting a donation. Cllr Martens advised that we should be diligent about donations and these should be given to organisations with structures and accountable finance officers. Cllr Neale suggested that they should advise of a business plan as to what the money is for. Councillors agreed that we should respond saying that the donation should go through an organized body.</p>
01.22.16	<p><b>DUTON HILL</b></p> <p><b>Road Closure for Queens Platinum Jubilee Street Party</b></p> <p>This holds a cost of approx. £1200.00, or apply through a registered charity as this would be free of charge.</p> <p><b>Donation</b> – £500 donation to each community association 4 x Councillors agreed. Cllr Hurst, Cllr Claxton and Cllr Neale who are linked to each community association did not vote, payment details are to be sent to the Clerk.</p> <p><b>Tables from Village Hall</b> – Agreed DHCA can have on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June as they are not in use. Old tables can be offered to the Pub</p>
01.22.17	<p><b>COMMUNITY BASED SPECIAL POLICE CONSTABLE</b></p> <p>District Councillor raised that Essex Police have a scheme for Special Police Community Constables The PC will pay for cost of training - it is unpaid and the officer has the same powers of a full-time officer. The bulk of work would be within the community but may be required to go out of the area. General discussion ensued amongst councillors and it was agreed that somebody with greater knowledge should attend the meeting to explain the scheme fully.</p>
01.22.18	<p><b>CHANTILLY - DUTON HILL</b></p> <p>Cllr England advises of rubbish outside Chantilly in Duton – agreed to contact environmental health, photos to be sent to Clerk.</p>

01.22.19	<p><b>GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE</b></p> <p>At the last meeting, long discussion about the Facebook no Councillor felt there was any benefit to the Facebook page and we should concentrate on the website, Cllr Hahn advises that a post is created with a link to the website page.</p>
01.22.20	<p><b>TILTY CHURCH CAR PARK</b></p> <p>Move to next month's meeting awaiting a response from the Church</p>
01.22.21	<p><b>VILLAGE HALL HIRE ENQUIRY</b></p> <p>Clerk reads out an email regarding a hall hire enquiry Daniel Webb for cycling event 8am Thurs 11 Aug to 18.00 Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Aug for continuous use – Councillors had a discussion agreed in principal costs etc to be discussed. Cllr Martens to speak to previous booking clerk about the previous booking.</p>
01.22.22	<p><b>RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Planning</b> – Nothing to report.</li> <li>• <b>Village hall</b> – Fire Risk Assessment smoke alarms are on site, need to fitted possibly next week, also re-route electrics. Removal of wall and new bar area, 3 x quotes to be obtained to make the hall more appealing to hirers. New kitchen can be fitted by volunteers. Quote for facias and plumbing and electrics received, would like to go ahead. Lock on front door. Lock to be changed with new keys with a key list. Electronic lock also discussed, Cllr Martens will discuss with the electrician. Cllr Neale to liase with Cllr England regarding First Aid kit etc.</li> <li>• <b>Open spaces (to include playing fields and play areas)</b> Cllr Neale spoke to Broadmead Leisure, Miss Piggy to be collected next week or week after, Cllr Martens asks Cllr Neale to show him the slide. Duton Hill play equipment will be repaired 3/4 Feb as are the railings over the Ford.</li> <li>• <b>Footpaths, road safety and highways</b> – Essex Highways advises Marshes not suitable due to the roads, Marshes had road survey saying roads are fine for this. Cllr Hurst asks about footpaths – footpath behind Duton Hill Farm, bridge has fallen into the river, Cllr Martens Trembarth Land and he maintains footpaths but Essex County Council maintain bridges, he will attend the weekend to take photos.</li> <li>• <b>River interests</b> – Dave Chalkey advised river drained for remedial works by sluice gate and there was lots of Crayfish. Cllr Neale to look into reports of Crayfish being taken and sold on.</li> <li>• <b>Airport</b> – Nothing to report.</li> <li>• <b>DHCA/Duton Hill</b> – Nothing to report</li> <li>• <b>GECA</b> – Quiz night in the Swan Sat night</li> <li>• <b>DUFC</b> – Cllr Martens met with resident of Laundry Lane 4/12 conversation started well and they were complaining about burger van and smoking, Spoke to DUFC they have a bagel van, no smoking seen. Cllr Martens offered to replace orange cones, resident refused and would like football to cease. Further meeting to be had with DUFC and decisions need to be made.</li> <li>• <b>IT, Website and social media</b> – Nothing to report</li> </ul> <p><b>Defibrillator</b> – John Lewis has agreed to continue with the monthly checks of the defibrillator</p>
01.22.23	<p><b>ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT MONTHS AGENDA OR IN FIVE PARISHES MAGAZINE</b></p>
01.22.24	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7PM</b></p>
01.22.25	<p><b>CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9.10pm</b></p>

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