

HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes (Unapproved) of a Council Meeting

Date: Thursday 4th July 2019

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: OSCA, Henham

Present: District Cllr G. LeCount; County Cllr R. Gooding, Cllrs N. Baker, S. Lee, R. Ryan, F. Frindle, M. Fisher, M. Francis, D. Marshall and Clerk M. Dacey

1. Apologies for Absence: District Cllr P. Lees, Z Rutherford

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the June 2019 meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising

4. Reports and Recommendations

Greens and Village Estate – Cllr. Baker:

- (i) **Ponds** – Further tree work behind the first two ponds should be completed soon with the removal of the debris and a dead tree behind the second pond opposite the shop.
- (ii) **Tree inspection** - The Chair has appointed an arborist to inspect our trees. He is coming next week to scope the works.
- (iii) **Pot holes by Church** – The Parish Council previously agreed it would repair the repairing the potholes at a cost of £1300 plus VAT. It was previously agreed that the Chair would seek legal advice as to the ownership of the roads which has been circulated prior to this meeting. Following a discussion it was agreed to take a view next time the roads are in need of repair. The current repairs will also include works outside Billys Barn.
- (iv) **Village green outside Poplar Hall** – Cllr Marshall and Mr Bambridge have cleared some of the vegetation and work is ongoing. It was agreed that the stumps will need removal and Cllr Marshall will organise this.
- (v) **Village green by OSCA** – following complaints from residents, it was agreed that Cllr Lee would liaise with the builder in order to tidy up that area of the village green which remains unsightly following the recent building works. It was noted that the area in front of the garage to Wyndies is not Parish Council land.

Village Hall – A cost plan meeting will be held next week and it was agreed an EGM would be held on 18th July to discuss this.

Speedwatch – Cllr Frindle confirmed this will re-commence next week.

SSE – SSE has written to the Parish Council requesting a donation for Membership Renewal. Last year we donated £250.00 plus an additional £250.00 towards the Judicial Review. It was agreed the Parish Council would donate £500.00.

(ii) Finance

Receipts				
<u>From Whom</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>		
Mr J Leahy	Cemetery fees	£800.00		
SOV	SOV 100 club May 2019	£395.00		
Mr & Mrs Harris	Cemetery fees	£800.00		
<u>To Whom</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>(Invoice no.)</u>				

M. Dacey	Clerk's salary (June)	£ 386.31	£ 0.0	£ 386.31
EALC (11541)	Planning training for Cllr Ryan	£65.00	£13.00	£78.00
L. Beresford (5)	Village Window and Signs cleaning	£40.0	£0.0	£40.00
Paul Mower	Village gardening	£105.00	£0.0	£105.00
JRB Enterprise (19915)	Dog Poo bags	£58.04	£11.61	£69.65
M. Dacey	Refund for postage and printers ink	£455.81	£9.16	£59.17
P. Knott (60494)	Grass cut 12/6 & 26/6	£870.00	£0.0	£870.00
L. Peake (271033)	Refund for Burial Rights Book	£103.00	£20.60	£123.60

Treasury Management Investment Policy and Strategy 2018/19 – Cllr Fisher – nothing to report.

Signing of AGAR 2018-19 for Henham PC – The Year-End Accounts have been submitted to the external auditor by the clerk.

VAT Reclaim – The Clerk has submitted a VAT reclaim for £6000.02 on behalf of the Parish Council.

(vi) *Planning and Developments*

- Cllr Ryan attended a planning course at EALC.

Applications:

- **UTT/19/1436/HHF** – proposed Extension of front door porch, 5 Vernons Close
- **UTT/19/1339/FUL** – proposed Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling with detached double garage, Wood End Cottage, Wood End Green. An objection has been submitted by our planning advisor and advice provided to local residents.
- **UTT/19/1395/FUL** – proposed Erection of one pair of semi-detached houses with parking (amended scheme to that approved under planning permission UTT/18/0148/FUL) Lodge Cottage Chickney Road. It was agreed the Parish Council would comment on this application.
- **UTT/19/1553/HHF** – proposed Construction of two car garage and residential annexe, Billys Barn Birds Farm Church End
- **FAIRFIELD: UTT/17/3573/OP Land to The North West of Henham Road** – Henham Parish Council strongly opposes this development of 350 houses and will challenge it at the UDC Planning meeting. It was expected that the planning meeting may be heard on 19th December but will be pushed back to later this year.
- **Bedwell Development** – It was noted that residents have recently received a public consultation booklet from a developer called Gladman, outlining a proposal to site 235 new homes on a plot sitting behind existing properties on Bedwell Road on the approach to Ugley Green. The booklet encourages local residents to respond to the consultation, however the advice from the Parish Council is not to do so. Developers regularly use this mechanism to gauge public opinion prior to submitting planning applications and by doing so, they have the opportunity to put together a strong defence to any potential challenges. Residents are therefore asked not to respond to this proposal by Gladman with their concerns but respectfully request that residents wait until the planning application is formally submitted to Uttlesford District Council before doing so via their official planning portal.

Breaches: *District Cllr Lees to update re HTY:*

- **Hill Top Yard (UTT/15/0623 – Enforcement – timing of lighting system)** – The Parish Council continues to monitor any other ongoing breaches of the planning conditions. District Cllr Lees has chased up the breach. UDC has confirmed this has now been logged as a new investigation. The reference number is ENF/19/0077/C.

- **Appeals:** none
- **Decisions:** UTT/19/0502/HHF – Application for a proposed Cartlodge at White House, High Street – Refuse

(iv) **Highways – UPDATE from Cllr LeCount :**

Repairs to entrance of Old Mead Lane – There is some differing opinion on ownership of the entrance but OLMRA's understanding is that the lane truly begins at the gate which is about 2 metres into the turning. **ECC have been asked to check who is responsible for repairing the damage.**

Hall Road Henham The Henham Parish Council agreed to pay for the installation of a 40mph buffer zone at this site – **Advertising in the press will commence on 11 July for 2 weeks and then if no objections the work will commence later in July.**

Blocked drains in Old Mead Road - **A new online application has been applied for by Cllr LeCount**

School Parking at Pimletts and Carters Lane, Henham – **The request for double yellow lines in the vicinity of the school would need to be made to the North Essex parking Partnership and will need Cllr Gooding's support as the relevant County Member.**

Closure of Hall Road, Elsenham (Abbotford Bridge) - for bridge repairs commenced in May and the road will be closed for between 4 – 6 months (depending on weather conditions). The division has caused major problems in Pledgdon Green. **Therefore a permit to reduce the speed through the village to a temporary 20 mph has been submitted. This been agreed (6 June) and will come into force in the next two weeks. Cllr LeCount will then ask Essex Police to enforce the reduced speed limit, and when Hall road is reopened, Cllr LeCount will request that the temporary 20 mph becomes a permanent fixture. New signage to stop HGVs and none residents using Pledgdon Green village as a short cut has been erected.**

Residents are encouraged to also report any matters to Essex Highways direct via the Essex Highways web site www.essex.gov.uk/highways (details also on the Henham Website), as the more people who complain regarding Highways matters the more likely something will get done.

5. Correspondence

Sent/Received: Email to the clerk regarding the willow tree by the pond.

Planning Applications - see 4(iii) above

- Clerk – approximately 200 emails in June 2019.

6. Waste and Minerals Development Issues – Nothing to report.

7. Stop Stansted Expansion – Cllrs Lee and Fisher attended an Extraordinary Meeting of Uttlesford District Council (UDC) on Friday 28 June at 4.00pm where it was decided by Uttlesford District Council to refer the 2018 Stansted Airport planning application back to the Planning Committee for further consideration.

8. Governance – Nothing to report.

9. Local Plan – The Stage 1 hearing sessions are in the process of being heard at UDC. Our planning advisor attended the session on 4th July representing the interests of the village. Cllr Baker and Cllr Le Count provided an update.

10. Henham SOV 100 Club draw Cllr. Fisher –

June Draw

Cllr F. Frindle conducted the draw on behalf of the Henham SOV 100 Club. He drew from a black bag containing 158 lottery balls. The winning numbers were:

1st Prize Number 95 (R & M Diggins) £229

2nd Prize Number 117 (P Canning) £111

3rd Prize Christmas Bonus Ball £55 Cumulative total £383

Total funds received were £790 half will be paid out in prize money plus the cumulative Christmas bonus ball totalling £1026 with the balance of £395 to be paid to Henham Parish Council SOV Funds.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 5th September 2019, 7:30 at OSCA. There will be an EGM on 18th July to discuss the village hall. There is no meeting in August.

Mareike Dacey, Clerk