

LITTLE EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25th January 2012, 8pm in the Memorial Hall

Present: Sue Gilbert (Chairman), Rob Boulton (Vice-Chairman), Steve Oakey, Roger Board, Janina Jones, John Willson, Lawrence Smith (UDC), Jackie Deane (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies** were received from S Walsh (ECC). **There were 2 declarations of interest** for item 5 of the agenda – J Jones lives close to land at The Old Stag, to be considered as a SHLAA site and R Board lives in Glebe Lane, where a boundary change has been requested.
2. **Minutes of last meeting** were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Public Forum** – Concerns were raised that children will need to leave and return again during the Jubilee afternoon by including sports/games. This will be taken into consideration when planning the day.
4. **Major planning application UTT/25/11/OP** Bovis Homes application for 125 homes. Comments to be included in the second letter were agreed upon. The Clerk reported that the applicant has been requested to carry out all the necessary ecological reports but LEPC is still due to submit its further objections ahead of the extended deadline 27th January. Agreed objections were over the intrusion into the countryside, poor sustainability of the site, the change it would make to the demographics and character of the village, and that it would be out of character with the surroundings. Other comments were on the increased traffic to the town centre from the new homes, objection to releasing Wickford Development Co from its s106 obligation and that better alternatives are available to bring more sustainable development to Gt Dunmow.
5. **LDF Consultation** – A discussion on the parish boundary concluded that no changes should be requested. 2009 SHLAA sites were not supported. Delegated powers were agreed for the Clerk to respond online with collated comments by 5th March.
6. **Jubilee Celebrations** – It was agreed that LEPC will fund the £250 entertainment costs and that those wishing to raise funds for playground equipment will be allowed to sell burgers at the event, provided that they open up a bank account for the proceeds. The committee should be made aware of S Holden's comments regarding sports during the day. It was agreed that R Board should source the basket and post for the beacon. The Clerk was asked to register the village as having a beacon.
7. **Emergency planning** – S Gilbert offered her contact details for the emergency lead for 24/7 call out. The Clerk was asked to forward the most recent plan details to S Gilbert for updating.
8. **Representatives' Reports** - Gravel pit – comments on the conditions were made directly to C Tomalin at ECC regarding dust and lighting. Sewell's representative and C Tomalin have agreed to make a presentation at the March and April meetings. The April meeting is to be for the public at the Annual Parish Meeting. S Gilbert reported on the introductory meeting with Land Securities and another one will be

arranged. A further tree planting took place in January. J Jones gave an update on Memorial Hall AGM. New volunteers have come forward to refurbish the goal post in the Spring. R Board and N Holden have agreed on inexpensive fencing to mark boundaries at memorial garden. R Boulton offered to take away rubble at the village hall. R Boulton reported that he is looking into footpath damage near Tingie Hoe and at Park Road, both due to being used as a bridleway.

9. **Clerk's Report** and Correspondence – The village sports day to coincide with other village events for the Olympics. The Clerk has advertised in the parish magazine for a representative to attend meetings but the Clerk will attend the first one. PCSO was informed of ASB in Memorial Hall car park and agreed to send a patrol car to monitor the situation and two more dates for community office will be advised. The Joint Waste consultation was completed by S Oakey. Highways requests have been sent to C Stoneham for the Highways Forum. Training information was circulated, including a condensed course for councillors. A report from S Walsh was circulated prior to the meeting. Next Uttlesford Forum, including LDF presentations, will be held at HRS on 28th February.
10. **Planning:** UTT/2507/11/OP - Demolition of derelict former Brookfield Farmhouse and construction of up to 125 No. dwellings and associated estate roads, garages, car parking spaces, footpaths, cycleways, cycle stores, refuse storage, public open space, landscaping and foul and surface water drainage with pumping station, foul sewer along the B184 and dry balancing pond. Access to the development will be obtained from the un-constructed northern section of the Great Dunmow North West Bypass of approximately 0.55km in length (approved under Ref.No. UTT/0084/01/FUL but amended by this application to incorporate a right hand turn lane). Removal of existing spur from roundabout Bovis Homes Ltd **see item 4.** Strong objection.
UTT/0022/12/LB, Erection of front porch, 7 Mill End Little Easton, 7 Mill End Little Easton GREAT DUNMOW Essex – no comment
Decisions: UTT/2196/11/LB Installation of a spiral wine cellar within the entrance hall below ground floor level Tower House Easton Lodge Little Easton Conditional Approval
11. **Finance:** Balance on 1st January 2012 was £9,678.30
Cheques agreed: J Deane (clerk) £437.93, A&J Lighting (street lights) £20.52, E-ON (street lights) £22.12, S Gilbert (Xmas party expenses) £67.57, Dunmow Waste Management £120 (grab waste disposal at village hall).
12. **Items for next agenda:** Gravel pit presentation, conditions for UTT/25/11/OP, Annual Parish Meeting.
13. **Date of next meeting(s):** Wednesday 14th March **at 7.30pm**, Wednesday 25th April **at 7.30pm** for the Annual Parish Meeting at the Memorial Hall.
14. Meeting closed at 10.10pm