

LITTLE EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th September 2014 at 8.00pm in the Memorial Hall

Present: Sue Gilbert (Chairman), Chris Audritt, John Willson, Doug Wyatt and Jackie Deane (Clerk), Cllr Martin Foley (Thaxted Ward) and 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Walsh and Smith. There were no declarations of interest on agenda items.
2. Minutes of the last meeting were signed by the Chairman as a true record.
3. Public Forum – Cut wood from previous tree work has been left on the recreation ground and residents asked for it to be taken away. The problem of speeding vehicles, including quad bikes, at Mill End and Park Road was raised as an ongoing concern. A resident asked if it is possible for the grass verge at the junction with the B184 could be cut more regularly and Cllr Foley suggested that a diary note could be made for a monthly email to be sent to the County Council during the summer months or the County Council's phone number for verge cutting could be put on the website.
4. Planning application UTT/14/2285/OP Land West of Great Dunmow – Councillors gave views for inclusion on the comment on the second application, with the alternative road access from Woodside Way. Main concerns included traffic impact on the village and onto the bypass road, damage to the environment and wildlife corridors, damage and isolation of ancient woodland, loss of prime agricultural land, pressure on public services and the risk of flooding or insufficient sewage capacity. Comment is due by 19th September.
5. Planning Appeal APP/C1570/A/14/2213025 by LS Easton Park Investments Ltd – Councillors agreed an additional budget for consultant and administration costs, should the second planning application be accepted by the planning inspector as a minor amendment at the appeal.
6. Budget review – It was agreed that £2,000 should be re-assigned to the planning budget as £1,000 is no longer needed by the Memorial Hall Committee for fence work now that they have received grant funding and, since a grant has been agreed for work on the war memorial wall and railings, £1,000 can be re-assigned as it is no longer needed for the refurbishment work.
7. Sign on the recreation ground – Doug Wyatt showed the sign, which is ready to be erected against the fence around the recreation ground.
8. Request for speed limit reduction – Doug Wyatt has received some anecdotal evidence and so will start filling in the forms for the Local Highway Panel.
9. Representatives' reports – D Wyatt reported that UDC has agreed a grant of £2,200 for the planned work for the wall and railings around the war memorial, providing the Parish Council contributes at least £1,100. S Gilbert reported that the play area safety surfaces have been washed and treated and a bench has been repaired. A branch has fallen from a tree in the hall car park and she would ask the tree surgeon

to quote for possible additions to the planned tree works. J Willson attended the quarterly SSE meeting where the focus was on the various ways different parishes would be affected by proposed flight path changes. On the gravel pits, work has been scheduled to divert surface water to the south.

10. Clerk's report and correspondence – S Gilbert and E McKendry Gray attended training at EALC. The consultants' appointment agreements, for a planning consultant and an ecologist, have been signed by all parties and included an update that UDC is reviewing the application for a conservation area near the church. The next Community Forum will be held at Helena Romanes School on 14th October, with education as the main topic.
11. Planning – UTT/14/1655/FUL - Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and part outbuilding, erection of replacement dwelling and cartlodge, alterations to existing outbuilding – Wisbeach, Manor Road – No objection.
UTT/ 14/1389/FUL – Demolition of a vacant store and erection of a new dwelling adjacent to the Stag Inn, Duck Street – no objection.
Decisions - UTT/14/1732/FUL Erection of extension to grainstore - Land at Easton Lodge Farm Park Road - Approve with Conditions
12. Finance – balance on 1st September was £18,271.25.
Payments made prior to the meeting: C Audritt £324 (posters), Activ Web Design £473.80 (set-up fee), Eileen McKendry-Gray £140.29 (sports day and legal fees) and CA Beattie £100 (catering). Only the Activ Web cheque was cleared prior to the meeting.
Cheques agreed: EALC £134 (councilor training), E-ON £45.10 (electricity), MD Landscapes £312 (grass cutting), A&J Lighting Solutions £46.20 (street lights), J Deane (Clerk) £1,287.92, Post Office £536.55 (quarterly tax).
13. Items for the next agenda – adoption of updated standing orders
14. Next meeting – 15th October, 8pm in the Memorial Hall

Meeting closed at 9.50pm