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Minutes of the **Little Easton Parish Council** meeting held in the **Memorial Hall** commencing 7:30pm on Wednesday **25 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Present: Cllr Rush Cllr Keefe Cllr Hindley

Members of the public

19/74	<b>NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies received from Cllrs Dodsley, Rodwell & Fowell and District Cllrs Foley and Tayler
19/75	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING</b> Cllr Hindley declared an interest in Item 19/82 – Cricket Club
19/76	<b>APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 28 AUGUST, TO BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN</b> <b>RESOLUTION</b> to Approve as a correct record: Proposed Cllr Rush, Seconded Cllr Keefe
	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</b> <i>Members of the public may raise questions about and comment on items on the Agenda OR of import. Session is limited to 15 minutes (3 minutes per person with no repetition of a previous question)</i>  Misuse of Memorial Hall car park continues although decreased, recent vehicle accident with damage to fencing (now repaired), Police attended scene but vehicle removed and occupants left the scene prior to their arrival. A group of regular Hall hirers were present at the time of the event.  Nox cannisters and packing boxes still being found strewn across the car park
19/77	<b>RECEIVE THE DISTRICT &amp; COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS</b> No District Councillor report available at this time County Councillor report <b>APPENDIX A</b>
19/78	<b>RECEIVE CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE</b> APPEAL MANOR VIEW - development allowed SSE - annual calendar now available Details of the NHS Essex Partnership University Foundation Trust annual meeting, with refreshments Wed 16 Oct, Chelmsford 2:30 til 4pm CPRE – Annual Membership renewal - £36 <b>CLERK to ACTION</b> BUS SERVICE REMOVAL – 313/313A Due to falling numbers ECC is proposing to remove the route July 2020, open consultation for any how use this route. ECC FOSTER CARER INITIATIVE -launch event this weekend in Harlow, a drive to encourage interest in becoming a Foster carer. SPEEDWATCH – Gun collected for calibration
19/79	<b>FINANCE – RECEIVE STATEMENT &amp; AGREE PAYMENTS – APPOINT AUTHORISER</b> <b>RESOLUTION</b> – Approve payments: Proposed Cllr Hindley, Seconded Cllr Keefe AUTHORISATION – Cllr Rush <b>APPENDIX B</b>
19/80	<b>PLANNING – REVIEW AND COMMENT ON CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b> None to review at date of meeting

19/81	<b>RECEIVE UPDATE ON RESPONSE FOR SPEEDWATCH GROUP COMMUNITY SUPPORT</b> No response to date, Cllr Keefe to liaise with residents who initiated request
19/82	<b>RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM CRICKET CLUB TO POSSIBLE PLAYINGFIELD PROTECTION OPTIONS</b> Cricket Club meeting 07 October, Cllr Hindley to report outcome at October PC meeting
19/83	<b>RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:</b> <b>WAR MEMORIAL</b> – Preserve applied to gate, bench at month end; plinth yet to be repaired <b>MEMORIAL HALL</b> – New gate fitted, Noticeboard due for delivery soon <b>FOOTPATHS</b> – No report <b>HIGHWOODS QUARRY</b> – Meeting now scheduled 01 October <b>PLAY AREA</b> – Litter bin installed, old bin and concrete base to be removed, CLERK to request contractor to remove. Cllr Hindley to liaise with Cllr Dodsley to complete application for recently re-available UDC Community Project Grant Scheme <b>EASTON PARK &amp; LOCAL PLAN</b> – CLERK shared update from UDC re current situation with Heritage List update, slow progress due to staffing matters <b>STANSTED AIRPORT</b> – No report
19/84	<b>AGREE ACTION TO COMMEMORATE VE DAY 75 YEAR CELEBRATION</b> As events will take place in early MAY 2020, defer to nearer the time or at least January 2020
19/85	<b>ITEMS OF REPORT, ENTRY IN 5P MAGAZINE OR FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT AGENDA</b> <b>Drug abuse/dealing, a continued request for residents to remain vigilant – 5P</b> <b>Speedwatch call for interest, Social Media and Nextdoor platform – 5P</b>
19/86	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S) – OCTOBER 30 – MEMORIAL HALL – CLOSE – 08:11pm</b>

Signed.....Date.....

#### APPENDIX A

County Councillor's Report September 2019

I am pleased to announce that Great Bardfield bridge is open and all routes are back to normal. Highways are grateful for your patience whilst this work was carried out.

**Government Funding:** The Chancellor has announced a number of funding opportunities for Local Government for the forthcoming year. In Essex this means an extra £33million for Social Care, Education is to see significant investment, especially for special needs students. Public Health too, will see an increase. There will be inflation level increases for our proportion of Business rates.

Further details have yet to emerge, and of course in these somewhat unpredictable times, things may change!

Despite these increases the ECC Budget remains significantly challenged and will still be facing funding gaps over the next few years.

**Put your best foot forward**



Walking has lots of benefits, not just for our health, but also in reducing congestion on our county's roads. That's why we want you to help us encourage more people to get out walking, particularly for shorter journeys.

We've drafted a walking strategy which sets out how we'd like to make walking a more attractive option for more people. It explores what is needed – from footpaths and infrastructure – to achieve this, as well as how we can improve our streets for people using wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

Levels of walking across the county have dropped over the last 30 years and it's important we understand why so that we can ensure walking for short trips, or even as part of a longer journey, becomes a natural choice for people.

Our aim is to not only reduce congestion, but also help people to become more active and healthier, within a safer, cleaner environment.

Share your views on our [walking strategy](#) before 18 October. Responses will inform the final Essex walking strategy 2019 -2025.

### **Nominations open for the 2020 Essex Teaching Awards**



Nominations are now open for the 2020 Essex Teaching Awards. The aim of the annual awards is to shine a spotlight and celebrate the exceptional teaching, school and early years colleagues, who go above and beyond to support children and young people across the county.

Everyone spends time in the formal education system and it's the actions of individuals working in schools and early years settings that can influence some of the biggest decisions we'll ever make.

Anyone working or volunteering in an education or early years setting in Essex can be nominated, including teachers, teaching assistants, school support staff, governors, childminders and other early years professionals.

Visit the [Essex Teaching Awards web-page](#) for more details and to make a nomination before the deadline on 3 November 2019. You can also follow [@EssexTeachAward](#) on Twitter for the latest news.

### **New-look Essex Lottery promises more cash prizes**



Since the Essex Lottery launched in 2017 over £135,000 has been donated to good causes, thanks to the thousands of people who buy a weekly £1 ticket – 60p of which is donated.

Currently 180 charities and good causes are signed up to benefit, supporting diverse causes across Essex, from animal welfare, education and arts groups, to organisations supporting children, disadvantaged groups and the elderly.

There are also opportunities for players to win big and this summer we have introduced a new prize structure, with guaranteed weekly wins for people who match the winning number combination, no matter how many tickets are sold. The prizes on offer are £25, £250, £2,000 or £25,000, as well as free Essex Lottery tickets.

If you want to be in with a chance of winning and to support a local cause that's close to your heart, visit the [Essex Lottery website](#) now.

## APPENDIX B

SEPTEMBER statement 2019-2020										
Precept		23,540						Budget	Net Exp	Diff +/-
								23,540	6,400	-17,140
Date	Supplier	Description	Invoice	BACS	Min Ref	Rec	Credit	Debit	VAT	Net
<b>Opening Balance</b>							21,636.56	0.00		0.00
12-Sep	Activ	Web Services	2343	DD		Y		42.00	7.00	35.00
16-Sep	UDC	Precept Pt2	N/A			Y	11,770.00			
16-Sep	A&J Lighting	Lamp renewal	33239	DD		Y		23.40	3.90	19.50
16-Sep	A&J Lighting	Maintenance	33284	DD		Y		24.30	4.05	20.25
20-Sep	ICO	Subscription		DD				35.00	0.00	35.00
26-Sep	Employee	Expenses	N/A					4.50		4.50
26-Sep	MD Landscapes	Grass cutting	205					126.00	21.00	105.00
26-Sep	SNH Garden Serv	Maintenance	2159					120.00	0.00	120.00
28-Sep	Employee	Salary	PAYE					404.73		404.73
<b>August</b>							33,406.56	779.93	35.95	743.98
<b>Closing balance</b>							<b>32,626.63</b>			