

LITTLE EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th July 2014 at 8.40pm in the Memorial Hall

Present: Sue Gilbert (Chairman), Chris Audritt, John Willson, Eileen McKendry-Gray, Doug Wyatt and Jackie Deane (Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

Sue Gilbert welcomed members of the public and spoke about the new Parish Council website www.littleeastonpc.co.uk

1. Apologies for absence were received from Rob Boulton, Lawrence Smith (UDC) and Simon Walsh (ECC). 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** – a resident explained that proposed changes to the Stansted Airport flight paths would be mostly beneficial to the majority of the parish because the Clacton route is the one being considered for change and so there would be less direct overflying of the village.

The Chairman closed the meeting for 20 minutes to discuss contractual arrangements with Alan Storah, as planning consultant for the public inquiry in September.

4. **Planning Appeal APP/C1570/A/14/2213025 by LS Easton Park Investments Ltd**
The Council voted on approval of joint “rule 6 status” with the Town and Parish Councils of Gt Dunmow, Gt Easton & Tilty and Broxted. The Clerk will be the main contact with the Planning Inspectorate. This was agreed, with one abstention.
5. **Appointment of planning consultant** – It was agreed that Alan Storah should represent the Councils in joint Rule 6 status, and his terms and conditions were agreed, with Lt Easton and Gt Dunmow each paying half the agreed fee. It was agreed in principle to employ an ecology consultant, with the fee to be agreed by the Clerk in line with the budget allocation and in discussion with councillors.
6. **Public Inquiry on Planning Appeal APP/C1570/A/14/2213025** -
7. **Public Inquiry** - approval was given on the Statement of Case, subject to the inclusion of additional comments, to be formulated by the planning consultant with the town and parish clerks. The clerk will submit the final version to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the 4 councils.
8. **Village Sports Day** – a budget is in place for catering and other expenses. E Mckendry-Gray and S Gilbert will with others on the publicity and organisation of the event.
9. **Stansted Airport** – J Willson confirmed that he wished to continue as the representative for quarterly meetings with Stop Stansted Expansion and to report on all airport related information. E McKendry-Gray is keen to assist and attend meetings.

10. **Stansted Airport NATS Consultation** – there was no objection to the proposals to move flights currently on the Dover route onto the Clacton route, to take away the conflict between a Heathrow flightpath. It was thought that there would be less noise disturbance to residents whose properties are currently overflowed.
11. **Website** – the website is initially to be devoted to the planning application. J Willson will check to see if it is possible for him to directly update the website.
12. **Request for speed limit reduction** – D Wyatt agreed to prepare an application form and the Clerk agreed to send him the forms.
13. **Representatives' reports** – D Wyatt is continuing with the grant application for the War Memorial garden. S Gilbert reported on cleaning of play surfaces, following a complaint from a member of the public. She is noting any repairs and inspections in a note book for the risk assessment and has noted damage to one of the seats on the picnic bench, which N Holden will repair. Part of the play area will be needed to be sectioned off in the autumn so that repairs can be carried out.
14. Clerk's report and correspondence – a report was circulated prior to the meeting.
15. **Planning** – No new applications for consideration. Comment was sent prior to the meeting on UTT/14/1732/FUL for Erection of an extension to a grain store – Kings Farm – no objection.
16. **Finance** – balance on 1st July was £21,093.95
Cheques agreed were: RCCE £48, G Blackshaw £12, MD Landscapes £312, SNH Garden Services £342, J Deane £1091.92.
Clerk's overtime for planning administration was approved for June and July. A cheque was prepared for £15,000 to opening the new bank account.
17. **Items for the next agenda** – adoption of updated standing orders is pending
18. **Next meeting** – Wednesday, 10th September, 8pm in the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 10.30

Signed by the Chairman on 10th September 2014