

## LITTLE EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 9th September at 8pm in the Garden Room, Easton Farm, Duck Street CM6 2JQ

PRESENT: Cllrs Chris Audritt (Chairman), Doug Wyatt (Vice-Chairman), Jess Rush, Sue Gilbert and Chris Hindley. Also present: Jackie Deane (Clerk) and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Eileen McKendry Gray, Simon Walsh, John Freeman and Martin Foley. There were no declarations of interest on agenda items
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
3. **Public Forum** – no comments
4. **Theft from properties and outbuildings** – There was a discussion about resident concerns and the police response to recent thefts from outbuildings. The Clerk was asked to invite a representative from Essex Police and neighbourhood watch to the next meeting. It was also suggested that some advice to residents should feature in the parish magazine and on the website.
5. **Defibrillator signs** – It was agreed that N Holden should help Jayne Paul in fixing the two metal signs advising the existence and location of the defibrillator – one at the village hall and the other underneath the notice board at Mill End.
6. **Neighbourhood Plan** – It was agreed that S Gilbert, C Hindley and C Audritt will find out as much information as they can before the next meeting, so that the Council can consider wording for a questionnaire to gather residents' views about forming a neighbourhood plan for Little Easton.
7. **Stansted Airport Performance Based Navigation Consultation, 1<sup>st</sup> September – 27<sup>th</sup> November** - The Airport wishes to adopt the new GPS technology (details on [www.stanstedairport.com/consultation](http://www.stanstedairport.com/consultation)). Councillors were asked to send their comments to the Clerk by 21<sup>st</sup> September.
8. **Strategic Housing Land Assessment** -The Draft Methodology for Consultation can be viewed at [www.uttlesford.gov.uk/lpconsult](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/lpconsult). Councillors were asked to send their comments to the Clerk by 21<sup>st</sup> September.
9. **Recreation ground** - D Wyatt has requested new quotes for the hard-standing under the basketball net and will advise the Clerk when they are ready to be put on the agenda.
10. **Donations and subscriptions** – It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to Essex Air Ambulance. It was agreed not to renew membership of the Uttlesford Association of Local Councils.
11. **Village Sports Day** – S Gilbert reported on final arrangements and a £25 donation was agreed to Great Easton Primary School, for loan of sports equipment.
12. **Representatives' reports** – C Audritt is unable to attend the next Alexia Wilson Trust. S Gilbert reported that a cricket net and astro turf mat have been donated by a resident. Vandalism and littering have been reported on the recreation ground and in the pavilion. The lime tree in the play area is exuding sap onto the safety surface. N Holden agreed to clean the surface and the Clerk was asked to get a quote for pollarding the tree.  
Jess Rush reported that she and Nigel Holden have become trustees of the Alms Houses.
13. **Clerk's report and correspondence** – At the UDC Cabinet meeting on 28.6.15 the Cabinet considered a report concerning the proposed designation of a conservation area for Little Easton. This study had been requested by the parish council. Members considered the document, the results of the consultation exercise and the proposed designated CAA areas. RESOLVED that 1. The Conservation Area Appraisal be

approved and used to assist in the process of determining planning applications and for implementing management proposals. 2. The Little Easton Conservation Areas be formally designated.

The Chairman attended a training day run by the Essex Association of Local Councils. The next parish forum will be held in Saffron Walden UDC offices on 28<sup>th</sup> September, at 5pm and in Foakes Hall Gt Dunmow on 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

14. **Planning** - Applications for consideration: **UTT/15/2463/HHF & LB** - Hill Cottage Duck Street - Proposed demolition of existing garage/store and erection of new carport and wall adjoining carport to main dwelling – no comment  
UTT/15/ Annexe at the Old Clubhouse, Park Road – no objection.  
The Clerk has submitted an objection letter for **UTT/15/2069/OP** for 65 new dwellings on land to the east of the Stag PH and the application decision is pending.  
Decisions:  
**ESS/52/13/UTT** - Highwood Quarry, permission **granted** for Construction for the winning and working of sand and gravel without compliance with Condition 2 (Application details) to regularise changes in operations and the amendment of Condition 67 (to allow the crushing of inert waste) attached planning permission ESS/65/06/UTT  
Permission **granted** with conditions for: **UTT/15/1958/FUL** Sector 4 Woodlands Park - Proposed removal of condition 3 (No development shall commence until a foul water strategy has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. No dwellings shall be occupied until the works have been carried out in accordance with the foul water strategy so approved unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority) of planning permission UTT/14/3664/FUL. - **UTT/15/1368/HHF** Tower House Easton Lodge Park Road - Proposed demolition of existing garage/store building and replacement with new building comprising of garage, storage and ancillary leisure facilities. (Revision of scheme approved under planning permission UTT/15/0189/HHF) **Refused**
15. **Finance** – current account balance on 1<sup>st</sup> September £11,207.85. A VAT refund of £2,232 was received.  
Payments due: J Deane £390.15, Post Office £221.40, C Fuller £65.58, MD Landscapes £234.00, A&J Lighting £46.20, Community Heartbeat Trust (defibrillator fund) £100, E-On £30.40, St. George's Pest Control Ltd £60, Great Easton Primary School £25.
16. **Items for the next agenda** – Finance and budget update, ideas for a fundraising event, consider re-wording or possibly removing the sign indicating no access to the gravel pit off the B184, information on forming a neighbourhood plan.
17. **Date of next meeting** – Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 8pm in the Memorial Hall or the Garden Room, if the works to the hall are still ongoing.
18. **Meeting closed at 10.20pm**