

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th September 2016, at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

Present: Cllrs Chris Audritt (Chairman), Doug Wyatt (Vice-Chairman), Jess Rush and Janina Jones. Also present were Jackie Deane (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dodsley, Hindley, Simon Walsh (ECC) and Martin Foley(UDC). 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 – The Chairman was thanked for getting a property agent to cut back a laurel hedge in Park Road, which had been restricting visibility along the road.
4. Superfast broadband – This item was brought forward on the agenda and Adrian Hoodless, the village “broadband champion” explained that access to fibre services was dependent on which box serves properties in different parts of the village. Telephone numbers starting with 870 have been upgraded as they are served by Boxes 1 and 2 in Great Easton. Mill End will be served by box 12 in the Parsonage Downs area of Gt Dunmow and Duck Street is still being surveyed so that high speeds might be reached as part of the 3rd phase, by May 2017. Mr Hoodless was asked to relay contact details for the Countess of Warwick Show to the Superfast Broadband team, so that they can request a stall at the show next year.
5. Grounds maintenance (including Memorial Hall grounds and car park) – This item was brought forward on the agenda for discussion with Adrian Hoodless, a Hall trustee. The Clerk asked for feedback after the next hall meeting regarding the long-term maintenance of the car park and particularly an area behind the kitchen, where vegetation and rubble need to be removed.
6. Parish Boundary review (Community Governance) – The Clerk updated newer councillors on the planning history surrounding potential boundary changes, which the Parish Council will be consulted on in the near future.
7. Draft Local Plan public information events in September – Members were asked to attend and share feedback afterwards.
8. Highways defects in Duck Street – The curb in Butcher’s Pasture has been made safe and the County Council will allocate funds for a future repair. The Chairman reported that the County Council are in contact with a landowner in Duck Street regarding a ditch to be cleared, to prevent water running on the surface of the road.
9. Community events – J Rush reported on a successful family sports day which included a picnic followed by a quick game of cricket and numerous races for all the family. There was a bouncy castle for the younger children and face painting, cakes with tea, a treasure hunt and a 'Best Dressed Bear' competition. The family Xmas party is to be held on Sunday, 4th December
10. The calendar of meeting dates was agreed.
11. Representatives reports – D Wyatt reported on maintenance of the war memorial garden. C Audritt reported on the recent Highwood Quarry meeting as the first quarter of the works has been completed and is being returned to arable use. A request will be made via ECC to get water flow and analysis reports for the October parish council meeting. C Audritt reported on the Memorial Hall future projects on the hall floor and car park.
12. Clerk’s report – updates and reports were circulated prior to the meeting, including progress on paths to the Alms Houses and a potential speed limit change in Duck Street.

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The clerk will make enquiries the speed management group in Gt Dunmow, regarding working together with them on Community Speedwatch.

13. Planning

- a) Enforcement cases in Manor Road and Duck Street – consideration was given to the potential public interest in both cases. The Manor Road breaches are not currently being pursued by the District Council and the Clerk was asked to contact the Enforcement Officer for an explanation and discussion. Members agreed that there is an expectation for any breaches in either case should be pursued in the interest of fairness to all Little Easton residents. The current enforcement investigation on land to the rear of the Stag public house is of public concern if there would be any impact the way that future planning applications will be viewed on this site.
- b) Planning application for comment: **Application No:** ESS/35/15/UTT and ESS/35/16/UTT. Proposals: Continuation of the Importation of 70,000m³ per annum of inert waste and the installation and use of a soils washing plant for the recycling of waste, together with associated access onto the highway and a separate silt press as permitted by planning permission ref. ESS/45/14/UTT without compliance with condition 6 (Control of vehicle movements) to allow heavy goods vehicles to travel offsite between the hours 0600 and 0700 Monday to Saturday and amendment to Condition (Maximum heights) to regularise the plant height. Members agreed to submit an objection to changes in planning conditions to allow vehicle movements from 6am.
- c) Planning decisions: APP/C1570/A/14/2213025 Appeal by LS Easton Park Investments Limited on land west of Great Dunmow: UTT/13/1043/OP. The Inspector recommended that the appeal be dismissed, and outline planning permission refused and the Secretary of State agreed with his recommendation.

14. Finance: Current account balance on 1st September (including all reserves) £14,059.

Payments in August and September: D Wyatt (sports day) £56.05, J Deane £722.10 and £348.71, Broadmead Leisure £84, MD Landscapes £312, A&J Lighting £46.20 and £23.10, SNH Garden Services £438, J Rush (sports day) £249.28, E-On two payments of £30.40, Post Office (HMRC) £248.20.

15. Items for the next agenda - consideration of new assets of community value and the potential for affordable housing in the village.

16. Date of the next meeting of the Council – Wednesday, 19th October 2016 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

Meeting closed at 9.30pm