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Minutes of the meeting of the **Little Easton Parish Council** held in the **Memorial Hall** commencing 8:00pm on Wednesday **25th APRIL 2018**

Present: Cllr Jones Cllr Fowell Cllr Dodsley Cllr Hindley Cllr Rush

18/01	NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Wyatt
18/02	DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING Cllr Rush – Item 18/07 Finance
18/03	APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 MARCH 2018 RESOLUTION – Approved, Proposed Cllr Jones, Seconded Cllr Hindley
	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION This provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions about and comment on items on the Agenda OR of import. Time for this session is limited to 15 minutes (3 minutes per person with no repetition of a previous question) NONE
18/04	RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT APPENDIX A APPENDIX C – County Councillors Report for April
18/05	CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE STOP STANSTED EXPANSION – Subscription due - £20. 2018-19 Community Grant Scheme now open for applications TSB online banking remains unavailable.
18/06	PLANNING – REVIEW AND COMMENT ON CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS None
18/07	FINANCE – RECEIVE STATEMENT & AGREE PAYMENTS – APPOINT AUTHORISER RESOLUTION – Approve, Proposed Cllr Dodsley, Seconded Cllr Rush. Authoriser – Cllr Jones. Finance statement at APPENDIX B 18/07.1 – REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS FROM INTERNAL AUDITOR Improve and update parish Risk Assessment document, CLERK to provide members with templates as an aid to commencing the task. 18/07.2 – REVIEW AND SIGN ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT Following the Clerk’s review with members the Chairman and Clerk duly signed 18/07.3 – REVIEW AND SIGN ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENT Following the Clerk’s review with members the Chairman and Clerk duly signed

18/08	AGREE MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR VILLAGE “PLANTERS” Request contractor to produce condition report and costed maintenance schedule – CLERK to ACTION.
18/09	REVIEW PLANNING FOR 2018 SOCIAL/FUND RAISING EVENTS INCLUDING DECISION FOR QUIZ NIGHT DATE – 08 OR 15 SEPTEMBER Suggested move date to 12 October and consider food provision for the event – CLERK to liaise with Cllr Wyatt re Quiz Master availability.
18/10	AGREE OUTLINE RESERVE TYPES AND FUTURE RESERVES POLICY RESOLUTION – Unanimous to Approve a Policy to include General Reserves equal to six months operating costs, Legal Reserves of £1,000, and realise a potential need to meet Election Costs and include this in the parish risk assessment document; to earmark specific Project Reserves as and when the need arises, they are fully costed with appropriate grant or other funding in place and thus it is guaranteed the project will progress through to fulfilment.
18/11	RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS: WAR MEMORIAL - None MEMORIAL HALL – The funeral of Roy Blackwell raised £700 which is to be donated to the Memorial Hall, part of which will be spent on installing a CCTV system to help monitor and deter the alleged drug abuse taking place in the car park. FOOTPATHS – Continued dog fouling nuisance HIGHWOODS QUARRY - None PLAY AREA – Safety inspection due in May, some pieces in need of maintenance, mainly painting, suggested this could be a community event.
18/12	CONSIDER LOCAL PLAN Agreed to defer to next meeting due to Cllr Wyatt’s absence
18/13	ITEMS OF NOTE FOR NEXT MEETING & 5 PARISHES MAGAZINE Family Sports Day set for 04 August, advise Five Parishes magazine
18/14	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 30 MAY ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – CLOSE – 9pm

Signed.....Dated.....

APPENDIX A

District Councillors Report

Stansted Airport Expansion.

There is concern from residents and some Councillors that the application to expand Stansted Airport is being rushed through.

Stansted Airport/Manchester Airports Group, are seeking to build extra taxiways and aircraft stands and to increase the passenger throughput at Stansted to **43 million** passengers per annum (mppa). By comparison, Stansted handled **25.9** mppa last year. They have already authority to go to 35million.

If the application were approved, it would mean a 66% increase in passengers and bigger planes - more noise, more pollution for our area.

There is a call that the Stansted Airport Expansion plans should be determined nationally rather than locally.

Some Councillors who do not live near the airport see potential gain for their own local agenda from the application, even though this would be at the expense of places like The Eastons and Thaxted which it is meant to serve. There would be both an increase aircraft noise and air pollution, also pressures on the road and rail networks.

If you would like to comment on this Stansted Airport Planning Application make your voice known by writing to UDC. If you wish to object or agree please say in your own words why you object or agree. This will carry far more weight than the electronically-generated standard emails which the owners of Stansted Airport are using to persuade people from outside this area, staff, customers and suppliers to flood UDC with posts supporting the application often from London, Manchester and beyond.

You just have to 30th of April to comment.

Council Tax

The overall tax increase this year will be 5%. The UDC element will be plus 3%

As you know I am against Easton Park Development...

I have in the last few months taken the opportunity at Uttlesford Full Council to bring up the latest CPRE report on 1 million homes in brownfield sites. The changing face of retail in our larger towns and cities will bring more ex retail sites available for homes development. These sites will be effectively brownfield sites and affordable homes could be built where they are actually needed instead of using good farmland and creating urban sprawl like Easton Park. There is some time related issues still with Carver Barracks . This huge brownfield site will come on stream by 2030.

Martin Foley

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APPENDIX B

LEPC Cash Book 2018/19 April statement								Budget	Net Expen	Diff +/-
								20,506	6,682	-13,824
Date	Supplier	Description	Invoice	Payment	Minute Re	Rec	Credit	Debit	VAT	Net
Opening balance 1/4/18							17,379.00	0.00		0.00
	GDC	Reg18 & 19	GEN/1034	BACS				6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
	Y Morton	Audit	2018Audit	BACS				50.00	0.00	50.00
	Activ	SSL Cert	2114	BACS				60.00	10.00	50.00
	EALC	Subs	9342	BACS				137.77	0.00	137.77
	A&J Lighting	Annualised Maintain	31598	BACS				23.10	3.85	19.25
	Eon	Street Lighting	H15A1E4DA7	BACS				38.61	1.84	36.77
	Employee	Expenses	N/A	BACS				6.75	0.00	6.75
	Employee	Salary	PAYE	BACS				328.20	0.00	328.20
	HMRC	PAYE	N/A	BACS				37.20	0.00	37.20
	N Holden	Groundworks	31/03/2018	BACS				306.00	0.00	306.00
	SSE	Subscription	N/A	BACS				20.00	0.00	20.00
Apr							17,379.00	7,007.63	15.69	6,991.94
Opening Balance							10,371.37	0.00		0.00

APPENDIX C

County Councillor's Report April 2018

Latest road resurfacing locations available online

If you want to see where Essex Highways will be resurfacing roads this year, all the information is now available online.

More engineers will be out working on the county's roads now the Spring is here and daylight hours are increasing, as the 2018/19 capital surfacing programme gets under way.

This year Essex County Council will invest £50 million in a variety of works designed to improve the condition of selected roads, pavements and bridges, which will extend their life, make journeys safer and inspire economic growth.

Residents can find out what work is happening near them by using an [interactive map on the Essex Highways website](#).

The major investment is a key part of Essex County Council's strategic ambition to improve roads to ensure journeys are safe and reliable for everyone.

The capital programme covers identified stretches of road and will eradicate existing potholes along the treated lengths.

The surfacing will include a mix of treatments, including full resurfacing or surface dressing, according to the needs of the particular location and type of road.

Mobile library changes and support for community libraries

Changes to the mobile library service across Essex and help for communities that want to set up their own libraries are going ahead after a public consultation.

The [new timetable changes](#) will take effect on April 3.

More than 1,400 people and organisations had their say in the consultation last autumn and broadly supported plans to remove unused stops, merge stops serving the same community and increase the minimum stop time to 30 minutes.

The changes are being made because use of the current mobile library service has nearly halved since 2011, and seven of the nine mobile library vehicles are at the end of their working lives, making them unreliable as well as expensive to replace.

The new service will be provided by two newer vehicles, which are larger and better equipped.

Three quarters of the people who responded to the consultation were regular mobile library users and they favoured visits every three weeks, instead of every four weeks.

Respondents did not agree with removing stops less than two miles from a library building, so Essex County Council Cabinet reduced the distance limit to 1.5 miles.

Residents were also concerned about the impact on elderly and disabled users. Therefore, before the new timetable is introduced, libraries staff are talking to care homes, and residents in locations the larger vehicles cannot reach, about alternative options.

Anyone unable to access a library or mobile library can sign up for the Home Library Service, which is delivered by volunteers, or a Friends and Family card, so that others can collect books on their behalf. You can sign up at your library, online at libraries.essex.gov/home-library-service or by phone on 0345 603 7628.

Details of the new timetable will be displayed at each mobile library stop before 3 April and sent to town and parish councils. You will be able to search for stops near you on the Essex Libraries website at libraries.essex.gov.uk/mobile-library-service.

If you are interested in setting up a community library please e-mail libraries@essex.gov.uk

Government backs Essex housing and infrastructure

Three major transport projects could be backed to the tune of £415 million after being shortlisted in the Government's Housing and Infrastructure Fund (HIF).

Essex County Council bid for money to help pay for a range of road and transport infrastructure improvements that will unlock key sites for housing and employment growth, including two of the proposed North Essex Garden Communities.

The three shortlisted bids, which were supported by district and borough councils, MPs, SELEP and the University of Essex, include:

- £250 million for Beaulieu and Chelmsford North East bypass, which includes plans for a new railway station and an initial phase of the long awaited bypass
- £65 million to build a new road linking the A120 and A133 and undertake preparatory work for a Rapid Transit system linking the university, garden community and central Colchester
- £100 million to ensure the proposed A12 improvements can accommodate and allow access to the proposed Garden Communities settlement at Marks Tey, subject to further public consultation

The milestone funding announcement was made today by Minister of State for Housing, Dominic Raab MP, as part of the Government's £5 billion Housing and Infrastructure fund, which offers funding to local councils on a competitive basis to support new infrastructure to enable housing growth.

Hertfordshire County Council was also shortlisted with a £175m bid to support the Harlow Gilston Garden Town development, in collaboration with Essex County Council. It means there are four Essex projects of the 44 shortlisted nationwide.

Essex County Council's community learning and skills provision judged 'Good' by Ofsted

Essex County Council's community learning and skills provision has been awarded an overall rating of Good in its recent OFSTED inspection.

Ofsted inspectors visited ACL (Adult Community Learning, Essex) in February 2018 and found that leaders, managers and staff have worked hard to improve its adult learning provision. The service was particularly praised for its welcoming, enabling, supportive and inclusive culture, highlighting that leaders, managers and staff are impressive role models in this regard.

ACL was judged to be good in all aspects of the service, including the effectiveness of leadership and management; apprenticeships; quality of teaching, learning and assessment; Adult Learning Programmes; personal development, behaviour and welfare and outcomes for learners.

Highlights of the report include:

- The quality of teaching, learning and assessment has improved markedly since the previous inspection. As a result, the large majority of learners and apprentices rapidly develop their skills and knowledge.
- Staff successfully promote safeguarding, teach learners about the 'Prevent' agenda and support the development of British values. As a result, learners are confident, knowledgeable, secure and respectful.
- Leaders and managers ensure that a greater proportion of apprentices achieve within planned timescales than previously.
- Learners studying creative courses and apprentices develop particularly high-quality practical skills.
- Very strong partnership working and engagement with employers bring real benefits to learners from all communities.

ACL runs courses across Essex. These include recognised qualifications as a route to employment, as well as creative courses to develop new interests and improve health and wellbeing. For more information visit www.aclessex.com

The Children's Society announced as provider of new approach to children's care in Essex

National charity, The Children's Society, has been announced as the lead provider of a new children's social care innovation programme – Inside Out - being piloted in the East of England.

The local authorities of Essex, Hertfordshire and Norfolk were awarded £3million by the Department for Education last year to trial a new approach to delivering children's social care across each of the three areas.

As part of the pilot, The Children's Society has been awarded grant funding to recruit a team of coaches. The coaches will provide support for young people in residential placements, helping to improve their stability and successfully 'step down' to less intensive care wherever appropriate and possible.

A coach will work intensively one-on-one with a young person and their family, giving tailored support based on their individual needs and working alongside the young person's social worker, current residential provider and other agencies involved in their life.

Simon Walsh

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