

GREAT CANFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
 held in the Village Hall Monday 12th October 2015

Present: Cllr Robert Mackley (Chairman)
 Cllrs Keir Donald, Chris Easter, Stuart Hepburn, Jenny Jewell, Michael Knight and the .
 Clerk Allison Ward

3 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Ginny Barlow and accepted by the Parish Council.
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING – None.
3. PUBLIC FORUM

A resident raised agenda item 7, Isaac Lodge Memorial and began by outlining the history that had led the Parish Council to erect the existing memorial to Mr Lodge in front of the church wall in 2007. The request at the time had been for a memorial inside the church but this had not been progressed by Great Canfield Parochial Church Council, (GCPCC) who instead had suggested the memorial be outside the church boundary and adjacent to the wall on the common land. The resident expressed disappointment at GCPCCs latest response following the request to re-consider a memorial inside the church and continued that whilst their support would be helpful his understanding is only the Chancellor of the Diocese has the power to refuse or grant the faculty (permission).

Cllr Donald declared a non disclosable pecuniary interest as his wife is a member of GCPCC.

Cllr Donald added that in his view the church has a number of memorials to gentry and the ordinary people are under-represented, however this was not a view supported by the majority of GCPCC who were understood to be concerned with whether Mr Lodge worshipped in the church or had an interest there. Cllr Mackley commented that he had spoken to the church patron who had also raised this issue with him and had suggested a compromise solution could be found, e.g. raising the existing memorial in order that it is more visible. Cllr Hepburn asked if there were any costs involved should the request for a plaque be pursued, it was assumed these would be minimal. The resident concluded by asking the Parish Council if they would continue to support the request for a memorial inside the church to Isaac Lodge.

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14th September 2015 were proposed by Cllr Hepburn after an addition to item 8.6 as follows,

'A report detailing the history and current status of the Crumps Farm site in terms of both mineral extraction and waste disposal was completed by the Advisory Committee and circulated to Cllrs, there were no further questions.'

This was seconded by Cllr Jewell with all in agreement; Cllr Mackley signed.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – None.
6. PROGRESS UPDATE
 - 6.1. Cllr Easter and Cllr Knight confirmed they would reinstate the notice board at Hope End as soon as time and conditions allowed.
 - 6.2. The Clerk confirmed she had received training from the village website administrator and was now in a position to maintain the Parish Council pages of the website, the necessary updates would be made.

Signed
 Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1. Great Canfield Parochial Church Council has written to the Parish Council confirming they will not support an additional memorial to Isaac Lodge inside the church. Further to the discussion in the public forum, Cllr Mackley asked members of the Parish Council to consider whether to accept the letter and make no further request, try to reach a compromise, e.g. elevating the existing plaque or whether to take the issue forward with the Diocese. Cllr Knight added that no one has come up with a reason for not doing it. Cllr Hepburn proposed that Henry Green pursues the request for a memorial to Isaac Lodge inside the church with the full support of the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Easter with all in favour. Cllr Mackley asked Mr Green to keep the Parish Council updated on progress.
- 7.2. Essex police are engaging with the community on major changes to policing in Essex which will include the closure of the front desk service in Dunmow, reduction in PCSO's, sale of redundant buildings, re location of headquarters and the introduction of a new community policing team for each district. The documents make no suggestion the building in Dunmow will be redundant and at this stage suggested closure of the building is speculation. The Parish Council had no comment to make on the proposals.

8. PLANNING

8.1. Applications – None

8.2. Decision

Application No	UTT/15/1812/FUL
Development	Proposed change of use of redundant agricultural store/office building to dwelling with the construction of a rear extension, provision of car parking spaces, private open space, landscaping and boundary treatment.
Location	Land Adjacent Barbury Cottage
Decision	Conditional Approval

8.3 The application for Tandans, Canfield Drive will go to the Planning Committee meeting on 21st October, Cllr Mackley confirmed that he is available to speak on behalf of the Parish Council and will cover the points submitted in the Parish Councils objection. Clerk to book Cllr Mackley to speak.

8.4 Gladman Appeal

8.4.1 – The Clerk had spoken with Takeley Parish Council to clarify the allocation of costs between the two Parish Councils as discussed at the August Joint Parish Council meeting. Whilst the minutes confirm Takeley Parish Council has ring fenced £15k, the recommendation on allocating costs in minute 3 refers to an agreement to a 70% TPC and 30% GCPC split. To date committed expenditure is budgeted at £18,350 which would require a £5,505 contribution from the Parish Council and residents. (Based on the £20k budget which includes contingency the share for Great Canfield Parish would be £6k).

8.4.2 Geoff Gardner has been in touch during the month to confirm he is now preparing the evidence for the inquiry. Takeley Parish Council suggest it is unlikely it will be necessary to call a joint Parish Council meeting to discuss and agree the content as each Parish Council should be able to confirm independently and any comments addressed via email. There is likely to be a tight turnaround as the deadline for submission to the Planning Inspector is the end of November.

8.4.3 Takeley Parish Council suggested the Parish Council considers any local expert witnesses who may be able to assist and put a personal slant on the issues. Cllrs suggested two individuals who might be able to assist and the Clerk was asked to contact them direct.

8.5 Canfield Nursery – It is understood the 106 agreement has now been signed by both parties and the Parish Council awaits confirmation from Uttlesford on the final status of the application, expected w/c 19.10.15. Once

Signed
Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)

approval has been confirmed the Parish Council will pursue the additional agreement for the applicant to ‘gift’ some land at the new access point adjacent to the Highway.

8.6 Crumps Farm

8.6.1 A revised Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting, Cllr Mackley proposed these were accepted, this was seconded by Cllr Donald with all in agreement

8.6.2 The Minerals; Waste and Crumps Farm Advisory Committee had circulated a report following the Liaison Meeting held on 30th September to the Parish Council. John Creecy expanded on the points noted and shared the committees frustrations. Cllr Mackley thanked John and all the committee for their continual efforts to ensure the interests and concerns of the community are heard. There were no further questions from the Parish Council.

3 residents leave

9. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

As part of the process of developing a Local Plan, Uttlesford has asked Parish Councils to notify them of their intention to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan, by the end of 2015.

The Clerk confirmed a conversation with Takeley Parish Council who at this stage have not committed either way to producing a Neighbourhood Plan and therefore there is no decision on whether their proposed designated area would consider areas outside of Takeley parish.

The Parish Council discussed the advantages and disadvantages of producing the plan and whilst Great Canfield is still being considered as a Type B Village (villages without primary school but which may have some local services e.g. village hall/pub/shop – suitable for a scale of development that would reinforce role as a provider of services mainly to its own community), it was felt the Parish Council should not be complacent. There were some concerns with the previous ‘unofficial’ approach from Uttlesford not to develop south of the Flich Way especially as this appears to be coming more of a cycle route for housing estates. One suggestion was for Cllrs to talk to the Local Plan team to understand their current commitment to development south of the Flich Way. The considerable time and cost involved in completing a Neighbourhood Plan, the process for which is set out in the Localism Act was also noted, although it was appreciated a Neighbourhood Plan carries significant weight in considering planning applications compared to for example a Village Design Statement.

Cllr Mackley proposed that on balance and given the current information, Great Canfield Parish Council will not produce a Neighbourhood Plan, however the Council reserves the right to revisit this decision as information becomes available. This was seconded by Cllr Donald with all in agreement.

10. STANSTED AIRPORT DEPARTURE ROUTES TRIAL CONSULTATION

Stansted Airport are consulting on departure route trials from Stansted including the Dover 04 route which flies directly over Great Canfield. This latest consultation proposes using GPS to direct aircraft onto a very specific line within the noise preferential route (currently 3km wide), this allows them to avoid flying over centres of village below 4,000ft such as Hatfield Heath, Great Easton, thereby reducing the number of people overflow directly. It does not change the noise or volumes and by default some people will experience increases in aircraft and associated noise. It should be noted that the current trial excludes Ryan Air who carry 90% of passengers from Stansted making it difficult to make a decision based on the trial results as such a large proportion of aircraft are not part of it.

For Great Canfield the majority of aircraft are above 4,000ft, this is still within the height parameters where the focus should be on minimising the impact of aviation noise on communities overflown. Based on the trial data, aircraft would continue to fly over Great Canfield although this would be in a narrower band and therefore adversely affect a small number of residents. It is noted the number of aircraft vectoring before Great Canfield also has an impact as does the low background noise levels. Also noted were the comments from District Cllr

Signed
Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)

Artus who had confirmed that whilst the effect on Great Canfield at the moment is minimal, the route and techniques employed will allow departing aircraft to be more carefully directed in the future.

In conclusion Cllr Mackley proposed that the Parish Council does not support the consultation as the impact for Great Canfield, although minimal, would see some residents adversely affected by increased noise levels. The Parish Council accepts that as a community close to the airport some noise disruption is likely, however as a village with no specific centre and residents dispersed over a wide area, the Parish Council would prefer to see the noise impact spread across the 3km width of the noise preferential route. This was seconded by Cllr Jewell with all in favour.

11. LOCAL BUS SERVICE NETWORK REVIEW CONSULTATION

Essex County Council (ECC) is reviewing its financial support for local bus services across the County. The current consultation includes the Thursday service through Great Canfield. For this service the report states 'Variation up to an hour in the timetable allowed but must maintain Two to Two and a half hours within Bishops Stortford. Variation to a different day of the week considered.'

The Parish Council was grateful that the proposal was not to cut the service through Great Canfield and the Clerk was asked to respond to the consultation positively and to contact Philippa Green who coordinates the bus users and encourage them to respond to the consultation. Cllr Mackley asked the Clerk to pass on their thanks to Philippa for her work to co-ordinate the users.

12. TREES BULLOCKS LANE

Different views were expressed on the proposal to consider planting trees along Bullocks Lane, these included loss of light, maintenance of the green, unbalance of the street scene with trees along one side, act as a deterrent to parking. Cllr Mackley proposed that residents were asked for their views in the proposed letter re parking on the verge, this was seconded by Cllr Knight with 5 in favour and 1 against.

13. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:-

13.1. Footpaths, Byways, Bridleways and Greens – Nothing to report.

13.2. Highways/Road Safety

13.2.1. The Clerk has reported the fencing at Hellmans Cottage after concerns from the Parish Council and residents that it is encroaching on the Highway, a response is pending.

13.2.2. The resident who has positioned white posts along the roadside at Bacon End Triangle confirmed they are in position to protect the verge whilst it is being re-established following recent building works.

13.2.3. The Clerk was asked to notify Essex Highways of the obstructions in front of Meadow Lodge.

13.3. Crime Prevention/Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.

13.4. Tree Warden – No progress on who is responsible for the dead tree at Hellmans Cross.

10 FINANCE

11.1 Cheques for Approval

PAYMENT TO	VALUE
Allison Ward - Parish Clerk September 2015	166.91
Great Canfield Community Trust – Hall Hire	81.00

Signed
Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)

11.2 The Clerk presented the quarterly financial report and the bank reconciliation which shows a cash balance of £9,851.98. There were no questions or concerns.

12 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Nothing in addition

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 9th November 2015 at 8pm in the village hall.

TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING 10.15pm

Allison Ward

Parish Clerk 01245 231798

Signed
Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)