

GREAT CANFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
 held in the Village Hall Monday 13th February 2017

Present: Cllrs Ginny Barlow, Chris Easter, Stuart Hepburn (Vice Chairman), Jenny Jewell, Michael Knight and the Clerk Allison Ward

Henry Green member of the Minerals and Waster Committee (leaving after item 8)

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

Henry updated the meeting on the status of the Revised Waste Local Plan (RWLP) consultation. It was noted that whilst the Minerals Plan had included conditions which went some way to protect the local community, the RWLP appears to have overridden these. Whilst it was hoped that during this final consultation on the soundness and legality of the plan the Inspector would consider this point and be supportive of Great Canfield's view, it is clear that the Inspector had limited options. The view of the local Parish Councils is that it is likely the RWLP will be approved including the sites in and close to Great Canfield, however it is understood there will be a requirement for a planning application and this will be a final opportunity for local residents and Parish Councils to put their case to the Officers.

It was noted there are new gates and a stile at the footpath close to Black Hall Farm, which could be restricting access for some users. Cllr Knight agreed to investigate and if necessary pass any details to the Clerk for reporting.

The Chairman proposed that item 8 is brought forward, all were in agreement.

8. REVISED WASTE LOCAL PLAN (RWLP)

In responding to the consultation on the Revised Waste Local Plan (RWLP) soundness and legality, it was confirmed the points raised by the Great Canfield representatives at the Inquiry have not been included in any of the modifications. Cllr Hepburn proposed that the Parish Council responds to the consultation as follows,

- a. Objecting to the removal of the statement 'waste shall be restricted to stable non-reactive hazardous waste. No liquids, slurries, clinical wastes, or oils shall be deposited on site'. This statement was included to protect the community and should be reinstated.
- b. Objecting to the change in life of this site to 15 years with availability 'upon adoption of the RWLP'. The Minerals and Waste Committee has previously submitted evidence that there are insufficient minerals at this site, 2ft of minerals at a depth of 9m, which makes it financially unviable to extract. Digging a hole to fill with waste is not legal. There is no evidence that the site is available upon adoption and viable for 15 years and it should be removed from the RWLP.

This was seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in agreement. The Clerk was asked to submit,

Information and views have been exchanged with Takeley Parish Council (TPC) who confirmed a planning application will be necessary to bring the sites into operation. TPC suggests the Parish Councils join together to employ a consultant who can put together a case against any planning application for the site, the suggestion is that this should start once the RWLP has been signed off and in advance of any planning application in order that the Parish Councils are prepared. Cllr Hepburn proposed that the Parish Council supports in principle the suggestion that the Parish Councils engage a consultant, this was seconded by Cllr Knight with all in agreement. Clerk to liaise with TPC.

Previously Uttlesford District Council withdrew their objections to the inclusion of sites at Little Bullocks Farm and Crumps Farm in the RWLP. The Minerals and Waste Committee challenged the evidence on which the Planning Policy Working Group (PPWG) made this decision and Uttlesford confirmed in a statement that the advice given to the PPWG 'didn't totally reflect the correct position in relation to self-sufficiency, however the Plan is based on the principle of net self-sufficiency, where practicable'. This information has been forwarded to County Cllr Susan Barker with concerns that decisions are being made by elected members without complete or accurate information. The Parish

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Council confirmed its full support for the actions of the Minerals and Waste committee and look forward to the response.

Cllr Hepburn proposed a vote of thanks to the Minerals and Waste committee, this was seconded by Cllr Jewell with all in agreement.

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9th January 2017, were proposed by Cllr Knight as a true and correct record, this was seconded by Cllr Jewell with all in agreement; the Vice Chairman signed the minutes.
5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT -County Cllr Susan Barker sent her apologies.
6. PROGRESS UPDATE
 - 6.1. The Clerk confirmed the Parish Council submitted a response to the planning application for Bonningtons Farm, information was exchanged with Takeley Parish Council and their response was circulated to the Parish Council.
 - 6.2. A date is pending on when Cllr Rolfe, leader of Uttlesford District Council will be available to attend a Parish Council meeting.
 - 6.3. The April Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 4th April at 8pm in the village hall.
7. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE
 - 7.1. District Cllr Alan Mills is holding an Essex County Council highway briefing for Parish Councils on Monday 13th March 2017 from 5pm -7pm; there are currently no Cllrs available to attend.
 - 7.2. Keep Britain Tidy are organising a national litter pick on the weekend of 4th/5th March. The Parish Council agreed to organise a litter pick for Saturday 4th March starting at 10am at the village hall; Clerk to ask Cllr Mackley to coordinate. The Clerk was asked to write to Ashfields to thank them for their efforts and support on ensuring litter is regularly cleared from Green Street.
 - 7.3. Uttlesford has responded to the District Cllrs following a request for information on the status of development at Haydens End. Cllr Hepburn proposed that the Clerk responds to the letter on behalf of the Parish Council stating their frustration at the lack of action. This was seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in agreement.
 - 7.4. Ashfields have responded to the Parish Councils previous discussions on defibrillators, suggesting they would be willing for a defibrillator to be placed at Ashfields. The Parish Council agreed to wait for feedback from residents before making a final decision.
9. PLANNING
 - 9.1. Applications for decision

Application No	UTT/16/3356/FUL
Development	Change of use of agricultural barn to private equestrian activities and construction of all-weather menage.
Location	Black Hall Barn, Green Street

Uttlesford have notified of minor amendments to the above application. Cllr Barlow proposed that the Parish Council has no concerns with the amendments, this was seconded by Cllr Easter with all in agreement.
 - 9.2 Decisions – None
10. STANSTED AIRPORT

The Government has published a consultation on night flight restrictions at designated airports which includes Stansted. The proposals would see all aircraft being subject to the noise quota including those ‘quieter aircraft’ which are currently exempt from the quota, which would be increased accordingly to accommodate this number. The consultation does not propose changing the definition of ‘night’ at Stansted which is currently from 11.30pm until

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6.00am. The Parish Council considered the consultation in relation to the impact on Great Canfield and agreed that unless there were relevant concerns raised by Stop Stansted Expansion that no response would be sent. The Clerk was asked to monitor.

11. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- 11.1 Footpaths, Byways, Bridleways and Greens – Nothing to report.
- 11.2 Highways/Road Safety – The Clerk was asked to chase Highways for an update on two outstanding queries; bollards on the verge at Canfield Road, Hope End, and damage to the pond railings at Green Street.
- 11.3 Crime Prevention/Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report.
- 11.4 Tree Warden – Nothing to report.

12. FINANCE

- 12.1 Cheques for Approval

<i>PAYMENT TO</i>	<i>VALUE</i>
Allison Ward - Parish Clerk January 2017	£ 168.49

12.2. At the July 2016 meeting, item 10 Gladman Appeal Funds, the Parish Council agreed to refund 50% of all monies received or pledged from residents and to increase its own contribution to £2,346 in order to make up the small shortfall. An update was reported in September 12.6, minute 12.3.

The following confirms the final position. Total net receipts from residents after refunding 50% of funds to those requesting them was £2,492; this was £50 short of the expected balance as one pledge was not received. A number of residents asked that their monies were not refunded and that they were retained by the Parish Council for future planning consultant fees, this amounted to £494 which is reduced by the £50 pledge not received as planned in the original calculations.

Total from residents after refunding excess funds.	£ 2,492
Total from the Parish Council	£ 2,356
Less funds for future planning net of pledge not received	- £ 444
TOTAL COSTS	£ 4,404

Cllr Barlow proposed that the Parish Council accepts the reconciliation as detailed, this was seconded by Cllr Jewell with all in agreement.

12.3. The Clerk presented the bank reconciliation to end of January 2017 which confirms a cash balance of £55,647.28. This was agreed by the Parish Council.

12.4. The Parish Council has been asked to consider a donation to Uttlesford Community Travel. The Clerk was requested to ask residents via Parish News, email and the Great Canfield newsletter whether they use the services, before the Parish Council considers this request further.

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Nothing in addition.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 13th March 2017 at 8pm in the village hall.

TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING 9.10pm

Allison Ward
Parish Clerk 01245 231798

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Stuart Hepburn (Vice Chairman Parish Council)