

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

Present: Cllrs Chris Easter, Stuart Hepburn, Jenny Jewell, Michael Knight, Robert Mackley (chair) and the Clerk Allison Ward

1 resident leaving after agenda item 3.

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

The session began with a lengthy discussion on the 'patching' repairs along Green Street which took place between 16th and 27th October, managed by Essex Highways.

The Chairman proposed that agenda item 11.2 be brought forward in order that the debate could continue and decisions taken on any action; there were no objections.

11.2 The Parish Council agreed with the concerns raised in the public forum. Cllr Mackley proposed that the Parish Council writes to Highways with a summary of its issues. This was seconded by Cllr Easter with all in agreement. The key points being,

- a. Poor standard of work with road surface already opening up where there are joins between the 'patching' and existing highway.
- b. A number of 'obvious' repairs have been ignored.
- c. A number of complaints from residents about the short hours worked on some days. Whilst it is accepted the road needs to be open for school transport, there was evidence of work not starting until 9.30am on some days and finishing at 1.30pm. This was frustrating for residents who took long detours only to get back and find the road open.
- d. There were occasions when the vehicles were parked up on the highway and no work was taking place. One of these occasions included a two-hour period with the highway vehicles parked on the highway which was open. As a result, vehicles had to use the verge to pass and this has damaged the verge and edge of the highway, creating holes that were not there before.
- e. There were two days of overrun to the works. A number of residents are of the view the crew worked at a very slow pace and the working days were far shorter than they needed to be, they are therefore frustrated that what is seen as tax payer's money is being poorly managed leading to unnecessary and costly overruns.

4. The MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9th October 2017, were proposed by Cllr Mackley as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Easter with all in agreement.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – None

6. PROGRESS UPDATE

6.1. Further to item 11 of the October meeting and following information received, Cllr Mackley has submitted an application for a grant from the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) towards the set up costs of installing a superfast broadband service at the village hall. Once the Parish Council is updated on whether this application is successful, it may be necessary to reconsider the decision made to purchase the equipment

7. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

7.1. Cllr Barlow has registered as s Superfast Broadband Champion to understand what is happening with broadband and where Great Canfield are in any rollout plans. The Clerk was asked to circulate to residents a request asking them to register on the Gigaclear website, if they have an issue with broadband speeds. Clerk to update District Cllrs on the issues for the parish.

Signed
 Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)

- 7.2. The Parish Council received a circular from the new CEO of Stansted Airport confirming the planning application submission to increase passenger numbers will be delayed until early 2018 and this will be an application to raise the cap to 43 million passengers a year. MAG is due to hold public information sessions during November and details will be circulated to residents.
- 7.3. Essex Highways have notified of additional road closures for patching, including Church End, Fitzjohns, Cuckoo Lane; the closure order is valid for an 18-month period.
- 7.4. The Clerk was asked to contact the church asking if the Great Canfield poppy wreath placed at the Six Parish service in High Easter can be moved to the Peace Oak, Hellmans Cross.

8. PLANNING

8.1 Applications

Application No	UTT/17/2915/FUL
Development	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling with cart lodge
Location	Newcroft, Great Canfield Road

Cllr Mackley proposed that the Parish Council makes no comment on this application, this was seconded by Cllr Knight with all in agreement.

Application	UTT/17/2903/FUL
Development	Use of land for one additional pitch at existing gypsy caravan site
Location	Tandans, Great Canfield Road

Cllr Barlow proposed that the Parish Council objects to this application for the reasons listed below. This was seconded by Cllr Knight with all in agreement.

1. The Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options Consultation identifies this site as suitable for a total of 5 pitches and through three separate planning applications, UTT/0808/11/FUL, UTT/1617/12/FUL and UTT/15/2526/FUL permission has now been given for all 5 pitches. (A further application UTT/17/0462/FUL approved an additional four day rooms for the latter two applications.). The Parish Council considers that a 6th pitch on this site is over development and contrary to the decisions made in the Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options Consultation.
2. The Parish Council considers that applications for gypsy pitches should be considered in the same way as applications from the settled community. Uttlesford Local Plan policy S7 states planning permission 'will only be given for development that needs to take place there, or is appropriate to a rural area.' The Design and Access Statement submitted by the applicant suggests the additional pitch is required for a family member. This same reason was given in previous applications for which permission was granted, however the applicant subsequently sold four of the pitches to a third party; the Parish council is unclear why the applicant chose to sell the sites if he had a personal need for pitches.
3. The Parish Council continues to be concerned with access to the site. This is via a single track, private lane and the Parish Council is of the view it is not suitable for any further additional traffic, there are no passing places and access is for several properties in additional to the site in this application.

Cllr Mackley went on to propose that this application is called in for the reasons above for decision by the Planning Committee, if Officers are mindful to approve the application. This was seconded by Cllr Jewell with all in agreement.

Application	UTT/17/2909/CLP
Development	Proposed single storey rear extension
Location	White Gables, Great Canfield Road

This application is for a certificate of lawful development and is not open to general comment.

8.2 Decisions

Application No	UTT/17/2062/FUL
Development	Proposed erection of 2 no. agricultural buildings
Location	Lake View Farm
Decision	Conditional Approval

8.3 Uttlesford confirmed the legislation relating to planning permission for flag poles and flags, the Parish Council confirmed that no action would be taken at this stage.

9. WASTE LOCAL PLAN

In the absence of Cllr Tiernan, discussions on any actions for the Parish Council following the adoption of the Revised Waste Local Plan were carried forward to the next meeting.

10. HERITAGE LIST NOMINATIONS

Uttlesford is compiling the Local Heritage List to recognise and celebrate important buildings and structures that make a contribution to the District, which will include those within and outside of the Conservation Areas. This list will inform future planning applications and ensure such assets are given due regard in the planning process. All listed buildings are currently included as are a number of features including village pumps and the stocks; Cllrs had no further assets to list.

11. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

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

11.2. Highways/Road Safety

11.2.1. The metal post at Bacon End has been reported to Highways who have added this to the low priority works to be scheduled alongside other maintenance.

11.2.2. A discussion took place on overhanging vegetation. The Parish Council asks that as the winter season approaches, residents cut back any hedges and trees which border the highway and public rights of way.

11.3. Crime Prevention/Neighbourhood Watch – Fly tipping took place along Green Street in early November. One of the Parish Cllrs went passed the incident as it was happening and was able to follow the vehicle involved and obtain its license plate; this information has been given to Uttlesford Enforcement and the local police.

11.4. Tree Warden – Nothing to report.

12. FINANCE

12.1. Cheques for Approval

PAYMENT TO	VALUE
Allison Ward - Parish Clerk October	£ 170.51
The Great Canfield Community Trust – Hall hire July/Sept/Oct 17	£ 81.00
Aldburs Farm Contracting – 2nd cut inc vat	£ 594.00

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 11th December 2017 at Great Canfield Village Hall at 8pm.

15. TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING 9.15pm

Signed
Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)