

**GREAT CANFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
 held in the Village Hall Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Present: Cllr Jon Sams (Chairman)  
 Cllrs Virgina Barlow, Keir Donald, Chris Easter, Catriona Kellerman, Robert Mackley and  
 the Clerk Allison Ward

1 Member of the Public (8.05pm to 9.10pm)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None at meeting, retrospective apologies from Cllr Henry Green.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

Cllr Barlow declared a discloseable pecuniary interest in agenda item 14.1 as joint owner of Bacons.

Cllr Kellerman declared a discloseable pecuniary interest in agenda item 14.1 as joint owner of Silverthorn.

Cllr Sams declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 as a trustee of Great Canfield Community Trust.

Cllrs Easter and Mackley declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 as members of the management committee of Great Canfield Community Trust.

3. PUBLIC FORUM - None

4. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and the EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 were approved and signed by Cllr Sams as a true record.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – None

*Resident arrives*

6. LAND WEST OF CANFIELD ROAD

Gladman Developments has approached the Parish Council as part of their pre-application process for an outline planning application to build approximately 211 homes in the village. They are asking the Parish Council to advise them if there is anything the Parish requires to be considered as part of any formal application. Further to the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting, a discussion took place on whether to respond to Gladman Developments and the possible content. Cllr Mackley proposed that the Parish Council makes a brief response confirming there is nothing the Parish Council requires as they strongly object to any proposal for residential development on this site, with reference being made to the Uttlesford Local Plan and the Village Design Statement. This was unanimously agreed and the Clerk was asked to draft a response for approval. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would not meet with Gladman Developments.

It was further agreed the Clerk would circulate the information available to residents with the recommendation that should they wish to respond to Gladman Developments the Parish Council suggests comments do not go into any detail.

Signed  
 Robert Mackley (Vice Chairman Parish Council)

A question was raised by residents asking if the Parish Council wish to engage a Planning Consultant. After discussion it was agreed that at this stage (no formal application), the Parish Council would not engage a consultant, however it would review this decision should the application progress.

The Parish Council noted the request for a screening opinion made by Gladman Developments to Uttlesford.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

7.1. It was suggested the damage to the triangle and verge at Hope End Green earlier in the year has partly self-repaired. It was proposed to add soil and grass seed, Cllr Donald to arrange.

7.2. Cllr Donald updated the meeting on progress with Essex County Council (ECC) to obtain land owned by them for allotments/community orchard. A response from ECC confirms that they have no obligation to provide allotment land and this liability is on the Parish Council and/or Uttlesford District Council. The Clerk had also spoken to the National Allotment Society who confirmed this and suggested that the Parish Council would need to demonstrate there is no other source of land available in the village, including farmland before progressing to compulsory lease or purchase. The Parish Council agreed there appears to be nothing further they can do re allotments on this piece of land; the Clerk to contact District Cllrs for any help on 'securing' land owned in the parish by ECC from the risk of development.

7.3. Outstanding is letter to residents at Bullocks Lane asking if they would like the Parish Council to plant trees on the south side of the village green, Clerk to action. It was proposed by the Parish Council that the trees would be planted c.15-20 metres apart, through the centre of the village green and be of a flowering type similar to those along Green Street.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

8.1. The One Hundred Parish Society is launching their website which includes a 'page' on the history of each of the parishes. Cllrs confirmed they were happy with the content for Great Canfield and suggested should the Society require any further information they refer to the Village Design Statement, Clerk to respond.

8.2. Uttlesford has confirmed the Great Canfield Conservation Appraisal was approved by the Council Cabinet on 25 June. The next stage will see a Notice of Designation for the revised boundary published which should be issued in approximately two months.

8.3. Cllr Kellerman will attend the next meeting of Stop Stansted Expansion Parish Council Liaison on 17<sup>th</sup> July.

## 9. NATS CONSULTATION ON ROUTES DEPARTING STANSTED AIRPORT

National Air Traffic Services (NATS) is consulting on a proposal to formalise the use of existing alternative routes for Stansted departures heading to the southeast and east. Currently some flights departing Stansted fly on a southerly route, 'Runway 04 Dover' directly over the village. If these proposals were to go ahead the result would see the majority, if not all of this traffic re-routed to the east on 'Runway 04 Clacton'; the village would no longer be overflow by departing Stansted air traffic. A discussion took place and it was noted that SSE's initial advice to this consultation is neutral and advises caution, 'insisting there should be clear and compelling benefits for local residents before any changes are implemented'.

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The Parish Council is unanimous in its support of this proposal as there is a direct benefit to the community of Great Canfield; Clerk to draft a response. It was further agreed this should include reference to the point raised by SSE in their guidance that ‘a major noise reduction initiative, not included in this proposal, is the implementation of Continuous Descent Approach for all easterly arrivals. This has the potential to reduce noise from about 10 to 25 miles from the airport over a large area under the arrival flight paths by up to 5 decibels. It would also result in fuel savings and reduced CO2 emissions.’

Clerk to include information in Parish News and issue a residents e-mail informing them of the consultation and the benefit to the village, strongly encouraging them to make their own responses by the deadline of 8<sup>th</sup> September.

#### 10. UTTLESFORD COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

Cllr Barlow proposed, Cllr Donald seconded with all in agreement that the Parish Council retrospectively supports the grant application made by Great Canfield Community Trust to Uttlesford District Council Community Grants Scheme for £3,500 towards the costs of a new kitchen, work to the floor, blinds and re-painting in the village hall.

#### 11. ESSEX WINTER SALT SCHEME

Cllr Mackley proposed, Cllr Easter seconded with all in favour that the Parish Council participates in Essex County Council winter salt scheme. It was noted that no additional salt is required as stocks remain from last year. Clerk to respond.

#### 12. NEW NOTICEBOARD

Carried forward to next meeting. Clerk to measure the space available at the current location at Hope End.

#### 13. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:-

##### 13.1. Footpaths, Byways, Bridleways and Greens

Cllr Easter updated the meeting to confirm the bridge has been repaired on footpath 20, some repair has been carried out by local landowners to improve Byway 11 Boxley Lane, and work has been completed on footpath 7 close to its junction with Cuckoo’s Lane.

##### 13.2. Highways/Road Safety

13.2.1. Essex County Council (ECC) has confirmed that Ringway Jacobs has a 10 year contract to carry out the verge cutting in Uttlesford. At the time this contract was awarded ECC made the decision not to remove any existing parish arrangements for verge cutting and not to extend the option for other parish councils to take local responsibility. The work in the parish of Great Canfield is sub-contracted to G E Matthews. Clerk to contact Ringway Jacobs with a proposal that the Parish Council tenders for this work.

13.2.2. A repair has been carried out to the unstable telephone pole along Canfield Road in front of Badgers.

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

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- 13.4. Tree Warden – Essex County Council has visited the site of the falling tree on Canfield Road between its junction with Green Street and Jock’s Hut. They have responded to the Parish Council suggesting this tree is growing from the ditch and therefore is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner. The Parish Council considered the photograph and is of the view that the tree inspected by Essex County Council is not the tree of concern. Clerk to identify the exact GPS location and discuss with Essex County Council.

#### 14. PLANNING

##### 14.1. Applications

APPL No	UTT/14/1604/LB
DEVELOPMENT	Demolition and rebuilding of defective and structurally unsound chimney on the south gable end of the original timber framed section of the property
LOCATION	Stomps, Bacon End

Cllr Barlow proposed, Cllr Donald seconded with all in favour that the Parish Council supports this application. Clerk to submit.

*Cllr Barlow leaves the meeting*

APPL No	UTT/14/1803/HHF
DEVELOPMENT	Erection of single storey rear extension to replace and extend existing extension
LOCATION	Bacons, BaconEnd

Cllr Donald proposed, Cllr Easter seconded with all in favour that the Parish Council supports this application. Clerk to submit.

*Cllr Barlow rejoins the meeting, Cllr Kellerman leaves the meeting*

APPL No	UTT/14/1954/HHF
DEVELOPMENT	Erection of single storey extension
LOCATION	Silverthorn, Canfield Road

Cllr Donald proposed, Cllr Sams seconded with all in favour that the Parish Council supports this application. An additional comment to be submitted requesting that Uttlesford re-affirms the condition that the development to the annexe must not result in the two properties being sub-divided at this or some point in the future. Clerk to submit.

##### 14.2 Decisions

APPL No	UTT/14/1538/CLP
DEVELOPMENT	Single storey side and rear extensions
LOCATION	Taw, Great Canfield Road
DECISION	Approve Certificate of Lawfulness

- 14.3. The Parish Council has received a response from Nigel Brown to their letter objecting to Uttlesfords position not to take enforcement action against Ashfields Equestrian Centre, this follows the development of six apartments when permission was given for four. The Parish Council

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discussed the response which states that without refutable evidence from either the Parish Council or residents it is not possible to challenge the claims of the developer that the work was completed more than four years ago. The Parish Council being unable to provide this evidence agreed to respond accepting the statements and requesting the previously proposed meeting between the Director of Public Services and the Parish Council should now go ahead.

A resident challenged the Parish Council and asked what the point of this meeting is. The Parish Council confirmed the meeting was specifically to raise their concerns re the Ashfield enforcement issue and to 'clear the air' between the parties.

*Resident leaves.*

The Clerk was asked to forward the letter from Nigel Brown to the resident who had raised the initial concerns commenting that the Parish Council is unable to provide the evidence to support the enforcement, the letter states evidence can be submitted by residents.

- 14.4. It is noted that The Planning Inspectorate has confirmed the Essex Replacement Local Minerals Plan provides an appropriate basis for the planning of the County up to the year 2029, providing a number of modifications are made to the Plan. Essex County Council will make these modifications and the plan will be presented to the full cabinet on 8<sup>th</sup> July for approval.

## 15. FINANCE

### 15.1 Cheques for Approval

<b><i>PAYMENT TO</i></b>	<b><i>VALUE</i></b>
Allison Ward - Parish Clerk June 2014	£170.33
Rural Community Council of Essex – Annual Sub	£48.00
The Great Canfield Community Trust – Hall Hire	£81.00

A cheque for Aldbury's Farm Contracting for the cutting of Parish Council owned land for £450 incVAT which is in line with the contract was authorised between meetings.

- 15.2 The quarterly accounts for April to June 2014 were presented by the Clerk and accepted by the Parish Council.

The Bank Reconciliation showing a cash book balance of £8,169.03 was presented by the Clerk, signed by Cllr Sams and accepted by the Parish Council

## 16 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- 16.1 Affordable Housing in the village – reference to project at Hatfield Broad Oak and Aythorpe Roding

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 8pm in the village hall.

18 TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING 9.25pm

**Allison Ward**  
**Parish Clerk 01245 231798**

Signed  
Robert Mackley (Vice Chairman Parish Council)