

GREAT CANFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
 held in the Village Hall Monday 14th October 2019

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

District Cllr Geof Driscoll and District Cllr Neil Reeve

0 Members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Ginny Barlow and Cllr Keir Donald and accepted by the Parish Council.
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING – The Cllrs all declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 10.1 as organisers or contributors to the Great Canfield village firework event.
3. PUBLIC FORUM – Nothing to report.
4. The MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9th September 2019, were proposed by Cllr Mackley as a true and correct record, this was seconded by Cllr Easter with all in agreement; the Chairman signed the minutes.
5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLLRS REPORT

District Cllr Reeve confirmed the two big issue for the District, The Local Plan and Stansted Airport planning application are ongoing. A response is expected to the Local Plan by the end of this month, and in line with the new Council's strategy this will give the opportunity to 'tweak what needs to be tweaked'. The ideal is to get the Plan approved as soon as possible and reduce the risks of speculative developers submitting applications for large scale developments which are not in the Local Plan. It is possible the airport planning application will go to the November planning committee for the meeting to review the Section 106 agreement to ensure it is equable between the airport and the community and secondly for the Planning Committee to look at are any material factors which could now influence the original decision, e.g. possibly the government's 2050 zero carbon policy.

District Cllr Driscoll asked for the Parish Councils view on the two waste site locations being proposed. The Clerk was asked to forward the Parish Councils response to the applications and it was confirmed the Parish Council is in support of the site on the edge of Dunmow and in objection to the site in Little Canfield. The District Cllrs confirmed that is the position they will try to advocate on behalf of the parish.

Cllr Reeve added the full council meeting had agreed to strengthen its green agenda and had discussed an investment strategy which would help to manage the reduction in central funding. If this is done wisely it will give a more secure and broader base to the District finances.

Cllr Driscoll confirmed that three members for R4U had defected to the Green Party and whilst they remain Cllrs they are no longer portfolio holders. This includes District Cllr Anthony Gerard who held the District Cabinet Portfolio for Residents & Community Partnerships and Police and Emergency Services portfolios and was due to attend a forthcoming Parish Council meeting, this will not now happen.

Finally, the Cllrs confirmed they have an allocation of £4k as part of the 'New Homes Bonus' to grant to local groups or projects. Any suitable applicants are asked to contact them direct with requests.

6. PROGRESS UPDATE & CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

6.1. The village litter pick will take place on Saturday 19th October meeting at 10am at the village hall. If residents have any litter pickers they no longer use regularly, please could they return them to the Parish Council.

Signed
 Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)

7. PLANNING

7.1. Applications

Cllr Mackley retrospectively proposed that this application is called in to the Planning Committee for decision, if the officers recommend for approval. This was seconded by Cllr Jewell with all in agreement.

Application No	UTT/19/2149/OP
Development	Outline application with matters of appearance, landscaping and scale reserved, for 5 no. dwellings including demolition of existing buildings
Locations	Sandhurst Great Canfield Road

Cllr Jewell proposed that the Parish Council objects to this application due to the impact of the character of Hope End and Canfield Road and given this application is for backfill development on a green field site which is not a pattern that currently exists. This was seconded by Cllr Knight with all in agreement.

Application No	UTT/19/2405/HHF
Development	Alterations and extension to cartlodge
Location	The Rear Barn Bacon End Road

Cllr Jewell proposed no comment, this was seconded by Cllr Mackley with all in agreement.

Application No	UTT/19/2362/FUL
Development	Demolition of existing redundant agricultural storage/office building and erection of a 1 no. dwelling, provision of driveway, parking spaces, private open space, landscaping and boundary treatment (as approved under UTT/17/0301/FUL).
Location	Barbary Cottage Great Canfield

This appears to be a renewal application to extend the time period on a previously approved application, Cllr Hepburn proposed no comment this was seconded by Cllr Knight with all in agreement.

Application No	UTT/19/2219/DFO
Development	Details following outline approval UTT/18/3015/OP - details of layout, scale, landscaping and appearance.
Location	Land Adj Ashfields Farm Cottages Cuckoo Lane

Cllr Mackley proposed no comment, this was seconded by Cllr Knight with all in agreement.

7.2 Decision

Application No	UTT/19/1702/FUL
Development	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of one detached dwelling
Location	The Apple Store, Bacon End Road
Decision	Conditional Approval

Application No	UTT/19/1289/HHF
Development	Single storey front extension (to replace previously approved dormer window and porch enclosure under application UTT/17/1696/HHF)
Location	Stable Cottage Ashfields Farm Cuckoo Lane
Decision	Conditional Approval

7.3 The minutes of the SSE Town and Parish Council meeting held in September were circulated to the Parish Council; it was agreed there were no actions for the Parish Council.

7.4 The Clerk has asked Uttlesford to confirm the process for amending approved Village Design Statements, a response is pending.

8. GREAT CANFIELD FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Cllr Mackley proposed that Great Canfield Parish Council makes two minor amendments to the Financial Regulations in accordance with the update provided by the National Association of Local Councils. This was seconded by Cllr Hepburn with all in agreement.

9. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

9.1. Footpaths, Byways, Bridleways and Greens - Essex Highways have confirmed that byway 3 is on the list for possible works to improve the surface in the next financial year (2020/21). This is not the Parish Councils preferred solution, however Essex Highways also confirmed it is unlikely the byway would be downgraded to a bridleway based on historic data. Cllr Jewell and the Clerk continue to investigate.

9.2. Highways - The Clerk forwarded evidence from a recent incident of HGVs using Bacon End to County Cllr Barker with a request for help in identifying solutions to HGVs using the single track lanes as a short cut, a response is pending.

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

9.4. Tree Warden – Identifying ownership of trees along Green Street at the boundary with the cricket pitch is ongoing.

10. FINANCE

10.1. Cllr Mackley proposed that the Parish Council makes a grant of £100 to the village fire work event. This was seconded by Cllr Easter with all in agreement.

10.2. Cllr Mackley proposed the following payment be authorised, this was seconded by Cllr Jewell with all in agreement.

<i>PAYMENT TO</i>	<i>VALUE</i>
Allison Ward - Parish Clerk September 2019	£ 184.61
Great Canfield Community Trust – Grant	£ 100.00

10.3. The second instalment of the precept, £3,750 has been received

10.4. The Clerk presented the quarterly finances for the period April to September 2019 and these were accepted by the Parish Council. They confirm a cash balance at the end of September of £51,122

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

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 11th November 2019 at Great Canfield Village Hall at 8pm.

TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING 9.25pm

Signed
Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)