

**GREAT CANFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**  
 held in the Village Hall Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Present: Cllrs, Stuart Hepburn (chair), Jenny Jewell, Michael Knight 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, Keir Donald, Chris Easter and Robert Mackley and accepted by the Parish Council.
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING – None
3. PUBLIC FORUM – Nothing to report
4. The MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019, were proposed by Cllr Hepburn as a true and correct record, this was seconded by Cllr Jewell with all in agreement; the Chairman of the meeting signed the minutes.
5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLLRS REPORT

County Cllr Susan Barker sent apologies to the meeting.

District Cllr Reeve began by commenting that due to the elections there isn't a great deal happening at the moment. He confirmed that Uttlesford has launched the next phase of its eco-programme. A climate and environmental working group will be established to deepen the district agenda and Uttlesford will be looking at new initiatives and engaging the communities during 2020; it is the start of a long journey.

Cllr Reeve went on to confirm that Stansted Airport has put on hold the new arrivals terminal due to a number of reasons, economic and political uncertainty, fresh demands from airlines, and delays by Uttlesford in approving the recent planning application for increased passenger numbers.

6. PROGRESS UPDATE & CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

6.1. More fly tipping has been reported along Green Street between Peckers and Gilmans.

7. PLANNING

7.1 Applications – None

7.2 Decisions

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
Decision	Withdrawn

7.3 Cllr Knight proposed that the Parish Council agrees to a request from the residents at Champneys, allowing them to temporarily reduce the level of the verge where it meets the road next to the existing driveway and then create two temporary narrow tracks to enable one car to be driven into the garden to park alongside the garage. This is to prevent any further damage to the verge whilst plans for the development of the property continue. The resident confirmed once a permanent solution is agreed with the District Council (and Parish Council re access), the verge would be reinstated to its previous condition. This was seconded by Cllr Hepburn with all in agreement.

7.4 Notification has been received of two appeals, both of which have been dismissed by the Planning Inspector.

- a. Land North of Lavenhams, Canfield Road – 4 dwellings

Signed  
 Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)

b. Land to the South of Smith's Green, Dunmow Road, Takeley. This application was for 37 homes in Takeley parish, on the land on the opposite side of the Flitch Way to the Gladman site.

7.5 Essex County Council has sent notification of a decision, reference ESS/46/08/UTT/NMA3. The application was for a 'Non-material amendment to reposition and centrally locate the roof ridge of the waste reception and sorting building approved as part of planning permission ref: ESS/46/08/UTT (Mineral extraction and development of waste recycling and composting facility)' at Crumps Farm, permission has been granted.

## 8. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

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

8.1.1. A lengthy discussion took place in relation to byway 3. The Clerk and Cllr Mackley had met with County Cllr Susan Barker and walked part of byway 3 in order for Cllr Barker to see the damage being caused. As a result, it was suggested the Parish Council meets with the Cabinet Member for Highways to discuss further, this meeting has been arranged for 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 12.50pm, Cllr Mackley, Cllr Jewell and the Clerk to attend. The Clerk was asked to write to Kemi Badenoch, MP, expressing the Parish Councils frustrations with motorised vehicles abusing byways and making them dangerous and unusable for other users. The Parish Councils frustrations extend to the lack of legislation or powers available to prevent or restrict this inconsiderate use.

### 8.2. Highways

8.2.1. County Cllr Barker forwarded notification to confirm Green Street is currently on the programme for micro surfacing in 2020/21, this is subject to final approval by the Highways cabinet.

8.2.2. Further to the request to County Cllr Barker at the November meeting, Highways have confirmed there are additional repairs required to High Cross Lane following recent works, where one bend which is prone to water logging will need to be resurfaced with a stronger patch. There are currently no timescales for the work.

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

### 8.4. Tree Warden

8.4.1. Essex Highways have confirmed trees along Green Street are in private ownership. Clerk to respond to resident.

8.4.2. The Parish Council noted overgrown hedges around the village which are encroaching across the white lines of the highway and forcing drivers off the road and onto the verges which are now eroding in places. Particular issues are the corner at Hope End and Poplars. The Clerk was asked to log these issues with Essex Highways.

## 9. FINANCE

9.1. Cllr Hepburn proposed the following payments be authorised, this was seconded by Cllr Jewell with all in agreement.

<b>PAYMENT TO</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
Allison Ward - Parish Clerk November 2019	£184.61
Aldburys Farm Contracting – Grounds Maintenance (inc VAT)	£636.00
The Great Canfield Community Trust – Hall hire for Parish Council meetings	£ 90.00
Fibrewifi Limited – Village Hall wifi annual subscription (inc VAT)	£180.00

9.2 Cllr Jewell proposed that the Parish Council funds the cost of wifi in the village hall, following a grant request from the village hall committee. This was seconded by Cllr Knight, there was one objection.

## 10. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA - Budget 2020/21

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Great Canfield Village Hall at 8pm.

TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING 9.15pm

Signed  
Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)