

GREAT CANFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
 held in the Village Hall Monday 9th July 2018

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

District Cllr Keith Artus

2 members of the public (*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 Deputy Clerk from Dunmow Town Council addressed the meeting asking the Parish Council to consider joining with neighbouring Parish Councils in sending a joint letter in response to the Regulation 19 Local Plan consultation. Whilst the Town Council supports growth within the town itself it is of the view that the plans for the new settlement Easton Park on its western boundary, is neither sustainable or justifiable. Dunmow Town Council is concerned that the site as proposed has poor road and public transport links and would cause significant harm to the landscape, ancient woodland and wildlife and the setting of Easton Park Estate heritage. This could impact on all the surrounding villages which are inextricably linked with the history and identity of this unique area. As a result, Dunmow Town Council is of the view the plan is unsound as it fails to meet National Planning Policy Framework.

Dunmow Town Council is organising a public meeting on 18th July to assist residents in responding to the consultation; the Clerk was asked to notify residents of this meeting via the email distribution list.

Cllr Mackley thanked the Deputy Clerk for attending and updating the meeting on the views of Dunmow Town Council; the Council considered their response at agenda item 7.4.

1 member of the public leaves

A resident asked for an update on the ‘duck signs’ which the Parish Council had agreed to purchase and place on the approaches to the ponds opposite Peckers. At the conclusion of the discussion the Parish Council confirmed appropriate sized signs would be placed on the three approaches to the ponds between May and September. Cllr Knight agreed to check what signs had been purchased and to confirm to the Clerk if any additional signage would be required.

1 member of the public leaves

4. The MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11th June 2018, 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. PROGRESS UPDATE

Enquiries are ongoing to find a sign painter to repaint the village sign.

6. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

6.1. Kemi Badenoch MP responded to the Parish Councils letter re fly tipping. Mrs Badenoch used the example of fly tipping in Great Canfield as part of her speech at a rural crime debate in parliament on 6th June. In her letter to the Parish Council Mrs Badenoch goes on to say David Rutley MP mentioned in his summary that the Government “will set our further measures to tackle all elements of fly-tipping in our strategic approach to waste crime as part of the resource and waste strategy that DEFRA will publish in the autumn”. Uttlesford has placed signs and cameras in the layby at Hartwood and discussions are ongoing to do the same at Bacon End.

Signed
 Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)

- 6.2. Uttlesford has requested that additional information be supplied before a decision can be made on a planning application for development at Stansted Airport; this includes further information in relation to surface access, noise and air quality and it is likely this will lead to an additional consultation. As a result, the Uttlesford Planning Committee meeting on 15th July will not take place, a revised date is yet to be announced.
- 6.3. The Parish Council is delighted to hear that one of its younger residents has been awarded a ‘Blue Peter Badge’ for her efforts at the recent spring litter pick.
- 6.4. The Clerk and Cllrs have received correspondence from the residents at Ivory House detailing the proposed works to widen the access across Parish Council land which was previously agreed by this Council in 2013. After discussion the Clerk was asked to write to the residents with some amendments to the plans in line with the original agreement.

7. PLANNING

7.1. Applications

Application No	UTT/18/1308/HHF
Development	Installation of 16 no. ground mounted solar panels including 1.5m high enclosure
Location	Oakwood Cottage, Bullocks Lane

Cllr Mackley proposed no comment on this application, this was seconded by Cllr Hepburn with all in agreement.

7.2. Decisions

Application No	UTT/18/0987/HHF & UTT/18/0988/LB
Development	Single storey extension to existing garage to form gym area.
Location	Ashfields Farmhouse Cuckoo Lane
Decision	Conditional Approval

7.3 Enforcement files relating to Great Canfield

- 7.3.1 A response is pending from Uttlesford re action being taken on Hadyens End where the enforcement notice has expired.
- 7.3.2 Uttlesford has confirmed the file on Tandans, non-compliance of condition 5 relating to planting on application UTT/15/2526/FUL has been closed. The planting is not in accordance with the permission given, however the Councils Landscaping Officer is satisfied that the planting is appropriate for the location and as a result Uttlesford has concluded it is not expedient to take any further action.

At the Planning Committee meeting in February 2018 when the latest application for an additional pitch at the Tandans site was approved, District Cllr Hicks asked that a condition be applied to confirm no further sub-division of pitches should be permitted on this site; this was in accordance with the Officers recommendation in the report. The Planning department responded that such a condition could not be included, however the committee and planning officer expressed their agreement to Cllr Hicks proposal. The Clerk was asked to put in writing to Uttlesford that Great Canfield Parish Council fully supports the comments made at the meeting that any further sub-division of pitches would be seen as over development of the site and should not be permitted.

- 7.4 Uttlesford is consulting on its Regulation 19 Pre-Submission Local Plan from 25th June until 13th August. The purpose of the consultation is to consider whether the Plan complies with the legal requirement, the duty to cooperate and is sound. The meeting considered the discussion in the Public Forum and concluded that whilst it was sympathetic to the views of Dunmow Town Council, Great Canfield Parish Council has not previously objected to the inclusion of Easton Park in the local plan, although it has responded with concerns about the impact of developments on the local highway infrastructure. It was agreed to wait and see the content of the draft response before committing to signing the letter.

- 7.5 Uttlesford has sent notification of additional information relating to the Gladman application for 135 new homes on a site to the west of Canfield Road. The Parish Council agreed, subject to a decision by Takeley, that the Highways

consultant is engaged to review the documentation and the costs split as before with Takeley Parish Council. This decision is subject to agreement by Takeley Parish Council.

7.6 The applicant for the site to the west of Bonningtons Farm for up to 275 new homes has submitted a revised Environmental Statement. The Parish Council will consider any further input or response if approached by either Takeley or Hatfield Broad Oak Parish Councils.

8. MEMORIAL CLOCK

Cllr Mackley proposed that the Parish Council purchases a clock for the village hall to mark the 100 years since The Great War and in memory of those from Great Canfield who lost their lives. This was seconded by Cllr Easter with all in agreement. A discussion took place on funding and whether District Cllr Artus would be in a position to contribute a grant from his Cllrs fund. District Cllr Artus confirmed this may be possible, however any application would have to come from the village hall committee and not the Parish Council. Clerk to research possible options.

9. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

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

9.2. Highways/Road Safety

9.2.1. Essex Highways have sent notification of road closures for phase 2 of Micro surfacing works. The closures scheduled include Bacons Farm Road/Water Hall Lane, Church End, Marsh Farm Lane and Cuckoo Lane; works are scheduled for end July and early August. The Clerk was asked to contact highways to ask why Fitzjohns is not on this schedule and to point out that the works are scheduled during harvest when large vehicles will be using the roads and could damage the new surfaces.

9.2.2. Due to a drop in demand, Uttlesford has offered parishes a ‘Parish Visit’ to identify works that could be carried out by the Highway Rangers and the Clerk responded requesting this service for Great Canfield.

9.2.3. Despite numerous requests, the Parish Council is unable to get any confirmed information on when the verges in Great Canfield will be cut, efforts continue.

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

9.4. Tree Warden – The Clerk was again asked to write to the residents at Poplars with a request to cut back the hedge at the front of the property to behind the white line.

10. FINANCE

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

PAYMENT TO	VALUE
Allison Ward - Parish Clerk June 2018	£180.19
Aldburys Farm Contracting – Grounds Maintenance inc VAT	£ 480.00
Information Commissioner – Annual Data Protection Fee	£40.00
Rural Community Council of Essex – Subscription inc VAT	£52.80
Canfield Community Trust – Hall hire April to June 2018	£84.00

10.2 The Clerk presented the quarterly finances for the period April to June 2018 and these were accepted by the Parish Council. They confirm a cash balance at the end of June of £54,807.

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

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 10th September 2018 at Great Canfield Village Hall at 8pm.

TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING 9.50pm

Signed
Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)