

GREAT CANFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
 held in the Village Hall Monday 9th March 2020

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

District Cllr Geof Driscoll

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Keir Donald 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 10th February 2020, 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 Neil Reeve sent apologies to the meeting.

District Cllr Driscoll confirmed that Uttlesford approved the budget in late February, there will be a £5 increase (+2%) for the average band D property on the District Cllr element of resident's council tax invoice. Meetings on the way forward with the Local Plan and future investments are scheduled for the end of this month.

Cllr Driscoll commented on the high number of highway issues outstanding in Great Canfield on the highway logs, (many of these are below the criteria for immediate repair and are added to future scheduled works programmes). Cllr Mackley commented that there are also a number of localised flooding issues in Great Canfield, many of which are long standing issues; it was suggested District Cllr Reeve may be able to assist given his liaison role with Essex Flood Partnership Board, Clerk to liaise.

6. PROGRESS UPDATE & CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Essex Rural Strategy Public Consultation is open to 30th March 2020. People who live in, work in, own businesses or regularly visit Essex's rural areas are asked to consider responding. This can be done via an on line response, see this link <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/rci/essex-rural-strategy-2020-consultation/> which contains questions on a broad range of issues relevant to life in rural Essex today, as well as a specific section for businesses.

With reference to minute 8.4 of the February 2020 meeting, Great Canfield Parochial Church Council has confirmed they will remove the A board sign from in front of the church gates; please could residents be considerate and avoid parking directly in front of the church gates which are required for access for grounds maintenance.

7. PLANNING

7.1 Applications - None

7.2 Decisions

Application No	UTT/19/3045/HHF & UTT/19/3046/LB
Development	Revisions to two bay garage outbuilding and brick and flint garden wall approved under UTT/17/1771/HHF.
Location	Green Easter, Cuckoo Lane
Decision	Conditional Approval

Signed
 Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)

Application No	UTT/19/3086/HHF
Development	Section 73A retrospective application for retention of detached single garage
Location	Lupins, 3 Nursery Grove
Decision	Conditional Approval

7.3 London Stansted Airport (MAGS) have notified Parish Councils that they are starting work as part of the governments national programme to modernise the way UK airspace is managed. The first stage of this process is to work with stakeholders to determine a set of design principles – or rules – that will be used to govern the review of airspace. Design principles are high level considerations that are general in nature. These could cover things like whether it is better to concentrate flight paths over one area or spread flights out more widely, and whether there are specific areas that flight paths shouldn't go over. Stakeholders (and others) are asked to share their views at stanstedairport.com/design-questions.

7.4 Essex County Council (ECC) has sent notification of a decision on ESS/46/08/UTT/NMA4, a 'non-material amendment to allow the installation of additional temporary fencing as part of planning permission ref: ESS/46/08/UTT (Mineral extraction and development of waste recycling and composting facility)'. The Parish Council discussed the comment in the officer's report "The fencing proposed would seek to provide a physical boundary to the site whilst operations are occurring within phase 1 which is considered beneficial from a safety and amenity perspective". The Parish Council is unclear what phase 1 refers to and the Clerk was asked to contact ECC for clarity.

7.5 Takeley Parish Council has circulated a letter asking for the support of neighbouring Parish Councils and residents in gaining local support for the protection of the Countryside Protection Zone (CPZ) which surrounds Stansted Airport. Recent decisions have seen this breached and the intention is to highlight both to Uttlesford and our MP the importance of the CPZ to local communities. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of support on behalf of the Parish Council and to ask if there is an electronic format for collecting signatures that could be shared with residents.

8. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

8.1. Footpaths, Byways, Bridleways and Greens

Byway 3, there has been correspondence during the month with the Green Lane Association (GLASS) and Byway Action Group, following concerns that residents were suggesting the Parish Council 'have imposed an order preventing vehicles from using the byways'. This is incorrect, the Parish Council has not issued this message neither does it have the powers to so. A meeting will be arranged with the user groups in order to determine if there is a way in which the byway can remain safely accessible for all users, Clerk to arrange.

8.2. Highways

8.2.1. Information on flooding between Bacon End and Church End has been passed to County Cllr Susan Barker pending her meeting with Essex Highways on local flooding issues. A resident from Bacon End has also written to the Parish Council re local flooding which occurred in December and effected a property, the Parish Council discussed the possible causes based on their local knowledge and the Clerk was asked to forward the information.

8.2.2. The Clerk was asked to contact Uttlesford Highway Rangers with a request for the village signs to be cleaned.

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

8.4. Tree Warden

A resident had asked for some advice on property/highway boundary lines before planting a tree. There were mixed views amongst the Parish Council and in conclusion it was agreed Cllr Easter and Cllr Mackley would visit and discuss with the resident.

9. FINANCE

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

<i>PAYMENT TO</i>	<i>VALUE</i>
Allison Ward - Parish Clerk February 2020	£ 177.82
Allison Ward – 2 year domain name for website	£ 23.98
Canfield Community Trust – Village Hall hire for PC Meetings Jan-March 2020	£ 90.00

9.2 There was a suggestion that a grant application was expected re the VE Day celebrations, however this had not been received by the Clerk who will chase the organisers.

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

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING was rearranged for Tuesday 14th April 2020 (Monday is a bank holiday) at Great Canfield Village Hall at 8pm.

TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING 9.20pm

Signed
Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)