

GREAT CANFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
 held via Zoom on Monday 9th November 2020

Present: Cllrs, Ginny Barlow, Kier Donald, Stuart Hepburn (part of meeting), Jenny Jewell, Michael Knight, Robert Mackley (chair) and the Clerk Allison Ward

District Cllr Neil Reeve

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None received.
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING –Cllr Mackley declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 as a member of the village hall committee.
3. PUBLIC FORUM - None
4. The MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 12th October 2020 were proposed by Cllr Mackley as a true and correct record, this was seconded by Cllr Jewell with all in agreement – as this was a virtual meeting the minutes will be signed by the chairman at a later date.
5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLLRS REPORT

District Cllr Geof Driscoll sent apologies to the meeting as he was attending another Parish Council meeting.

District Cllr Neil Reeve verbally updated the meeting on Uttlesford matters.

- 5.1 Covid19 - The Government is making monies available as a result of the latest lockdown. The use of this is being considered by Uttlesford including in conjunction with Essex County Council and the schemes will be announced as soon as possible. The latest lockdown is having a managed impact on Officers' time, and there has been some reshuffling of priorities. Uttlesford continues to operate business as usual with meetings online. We are seeing a steady increase in Covid cases in Uttlesford, a reminder to all to follow the rules
- 5.2 The Council has made an offer to purchase the Banana Ripening site at Little Canfield, with a view to use this primarily as a combined waste depot (to replace the current sites in Dunmow and Saffron Walden). It is intended current planning conditions for the site (e.g. road usage) will be continued.
Cllr Mackley stressed the importance of the conditions requiring vehicles to exit the site towards the B1256 and A120, and not via the narrow lanes through Little and Great Canfield. The meeting noted the change in use of the site could help with obtaining additional restrictions to reduce the use of the narrow lanes by large and inappropriate vehicles. Cllr Jewell asked what would happen to the other two sites that had been considered for the waste depot, Cllr Reeve confirmed the site at Little Canfield which had gone to appeal has now been withdrawn. The site at Dunmow includes specific space for a refuse lorry depot which is not now required, and so any use would require further planning considerations.
- 5.3 Economic Development Recovery Plan - Particularly driven by the consequences of the Covid19 pandemic, a new plan is shortly to be presented to the Council, with aims of helping businesses and residents to recover, and to encourage future inward investment. £1 million has been allocated to this over the coming three years
- 5.4 Climate and Ecological Emergency. The strategy for this is shortly to be presented to the Council.

County Cllr Susan Barker was attending a District meeting and sent a written report.

Essex County Council Contractors are half-way through resurfacing the High Street in Great Dunmow and are doing an excellent job. They are also starting work on the 50 member-led pothole scheme where I nominated rather more than 50 holes to be repaired. I am hoping the scheme will be repeated in the New Year. Although roads are regularly inspected, for rural routes this is only annually, and so Essex really needs residents to help and report issues in their area. This can easily be done online at <https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us/report-all-issues.aspx>. You can also register to be updated about any issue you have reported.

Signed
 Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)

Lockdown has closed down Libraries once again but please do register (free) to join the Library to access e library and there will be a click and collect service in place. The e library has books, e audio, e comics, e newspapers and magazines all for free. We will still be open in Dunmow for Registrations and some essential computer access.

Essex County Council is using grants from Central Government to support families most in need at this time, directing money towards foodbanks, additional money to the CAB where families are turning for help and supporting small businesses who are facing another 4 weeks compulsory shutdown.

6. CLERK'S PROGRESS UPDATE and CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1. Update on New Local Plan, an extensive community engagement programme is due to run until Spring 2021 and will include an open public consultation as well as an innovative Community Stakeholder Forum that includes a number of representatives from local groups and organisations. The Forum will start a conversation on a wide range of topics (such as climate change, healthy lifestyles and homes) and its meetings will be available to watch online. It is intended that this conversation will be taken up by as many people within the district as possible with everyone invited to send in their views after each Forum meeting. Residents are encouraged to view further information at this link, https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/new-local-plan?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
- 6.2. Gigaclear has issued a draft contract asking if it can lay cabling under land owned by the Parish Council. Cllrs were in agreement to support this and the Clerk was asked to check if there were any financial compensation payments for using the land, in a similar way to the agreement for domestic properties. Once a response is received Cllr Mackley proposed the Parish Council signs the contract which will help with the delivery of fibre to the parish, this was seconded by Cllr Hepburn with all in agreement.
- 6.3. The public inquiry into the appeal against Uttlesford's decision to refuse planning permission for the additional passenger numbers at Stansted Airport, is due to start in mid-January. A discussion took place on whether it was appropriate for the Parish Council to speak, general local concerns are noise, air quality, emissions and need. District Cllr Reeve noted that Parish Councils can provide a more emotional, local viewpoint. Parish Cllrs to consider and notify the Clerk if they are able to participate in order that they can be registered ahead of the deadline.

7. PLANNING

7.1. Applications for decision

The Parish Council as a statutory consultee on the majority of applications, has a responsibility to consider any applications from a local perspective. Uttlesford District Council are the decision-making authority on all applications.

Application No	UTT/20/2601/HHF & UTT/20/2559/LB
Location	Haydens End, Green Street
Development	Creation of storage barn for equestrian equipment and horse driving carriages - horse box storage

Cllr Mackley proposed that this application is called in for the Planning Committee to consider and decide should the officers recommend approval for the following reasons,

- a. The impact of the proposal on the listed building and the street scene.
- b. The history of unauthorised development at the site.
- c. The incorrect plans provided by the applicant and on which the consultees are commenting.

This was seconded by Cllr Barlow, with all in agreement.

Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Barlow proposed that the Parish Council objects to this application, policy S7 and ENV 2; at over 6m high the new building will add to the mass of outbuildings on the site, impacting the setting of the listed building and street scene. This is consistent with Uttlesford's previous comments and reasons for refusals of additional outbuildings on this site. This was seconded by Cllr Jewell, with all in agreement.

The following application is a certificate of lawful development and is not open to general comment. Cllrs noted the use of this property as a dwelling for a considerable period of time, and in line with the application statement.

Application No	UTT/20/2563/CLE
Location	Hartwood Bungalow, Green Street
Development	Certificate of Lawfulness for the continued use of the bungalow and garden

7.2. Decisions for information

Application No	UTT/20/2097/FUL
Location	Black Hall, Green Street
Development	Change of use of agricultural land to garden, and construction of tennis court with associated fencing and native hedge
Decision	Withdrawn

Application No	UTT/20/0704/FUL
Location	Lake View Farm,
Development	Erection of 1 no. agriculturally tied dwelling
Decision	Withdrawn

Application No	UTT/19/2670/DFO
Development	Details following outline application UTT/18/0507/OP (approved under appeal reference APP/C1570/W/18/3210211), details of appearance, layout, landscaping and scale.
Location	Land South of Canfield Park Cottage Great Canfield Road
Decision	Conditional Approval

Application No	UTT/20/2435/CLLB
Location	2 The Cottage, Church End
Development	Replacement of stable door
Decision	Refused

8. PLANNING APPEAL APP/C1570/W/20/3257122

Village Developments Takeley Ltd has appealed the decision by Uttlesford to refuse planning permission for outline planning with all matters reserved except access, for up to 80 homes on land north of Canfield Drive. Additional comments to the planning inspector can be submitted up to 23 November. The appeal will be a hearing scheduled for 2 days and commencing on 3 February 2021.

The Clerk confirmed contact had been made with Takeley Parish Council, Hatfield Broad Oak Parish Council, Friends of the Flitch Way and Hatfield Forest National Trust, seeking their support in objecting to the development and asking if they can submit additional comments. Uttlesford District Council has confirmed the team who will defend the application and the Clerk is waiting for that engagement to occur before making contact and offering additional local support.

Given 18 months has passed since the initial objections, Cllr Mackley proposed that the Parish Council submits additional information to the Planning Inspector to reflect the appeal decisions since this date and other relevant information that is now available. This was seconded by Cllr Barlow with all in agreement. The Clerk will prepare a draft for Cllr Barlow and Cllr Jewell to review before submission. The Clerk was asked to notify residents and ask them to consider submitting additional comments to the Planning Inspector in support of the Parish Council.

9. HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS, TREES, CRIME

Cllrs shared their frustrations with the destruction caused to the byways by off road users and by delivery drivers and large vehicles who follow sat nav directions, become stuck and then rely on the goodwill of the landowners to pull them out of the mud. The Clerk will speak to County Cllr Susan Barker for assistance.

District Cllr Reeve commented that Uttlesford is actively debating rural crime and whether additional funding from the district is needed. Cllr Reeve stressed the importance of reporting all rural crime in order to build up the evidence base. It was noted there is good co-operations between landowners and the police.

Signed
Robert Mackley (Chairman Parish Council)

10. VILLAGE HALL REPORT

Cllr Mackley updated the meeting and began by confirming the lease had been signed by all parties with the Parish Council assuming the tenancy from 1 November 2020; a report will be included in the winter village newsletter updating residents on the changes. Latest restrictions prevent the hall being used with the exception of the Alzheimer's support group who are using the hall once a week.

It was reported in the October meeting, item 9.3 that the Parish Council would set up a new bank account to manage the village hall transactions, however current restrictions make this very difficult to achieve. The Clerk suggested all transactions are managed through the single Barclays account; however separate accounting records will be maintained. Cllr Mackley proposed this suggestion was accepted, this was seconded by Cllr Jewell with all in agreement.

The grant requests to the Community Trust are outstanding, Clerk to action.

11. FLOODING AND DITCHES

This item will be carried forward as no report was available. Cllrs Donald, Easter and Knight to meet to discuss possible improvements that could be made to alleviate the flooding at Church End. Cllr Mackley to look at other issues.

Cllr Donald to obtain the pipe needed to repair the issues at the ponds opposite Peckers.

12. LITTER PICK

The litter pick scheduled for 7/8 November has been postponed due to the national lockdown and the need to reassess what can be achieved within the guidance and in order to keep the community safe.

Having reviewed the guidance with the Clerk, Cllr Mackley proposed that the litter pick takes place on 21/22 November and that residents are asked to notify the Clerk in advance if they can help. This will enable a plan to be drawn up so that each family group covers a different area over the weekend and so that equipment can be delivered to avoid any need to 'gather'. This was seconded by Cllr Knight with all in agreement.

Cllr Mackley will take responsibility for the event and the Clerk was asked to produce an updated risk assessment for circulation and agreement, and to notify Uttlesford of the plans.

13. FINANCE

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

PAYMENT TO	VALUE
Allison Ward - Parish Clerk salary October 2020	£ 190.96

14. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Tree planting in the parish, Cllr Hepburn confirmed new trees had been planted on the cricket ground.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING is Monday 14th November at 8pm, the meeting will be held on Zoom.

TIME AND CLOSE OF MEETING 9.35pm