

GREAT YELDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on****Thursday 7th November 2019 at 7.30pm in The Reading Room, Great Yeldham**

Present: Cllr Marlene Broomfield (Chairman)
 Cllr Georgina Burr
 Cllr Anne Burrows
 Cllr Phil King
 Cllr John Marks
 Cllr Robin Weiland

In attendance: Tracy Wigmore (Parish Clerk)

3 members of the public present.

19/162 To receive and record apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Rawlinson, Sargeant and Mundy-Gill.

19/163 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Broomfield declared a non-percuniary interest at item 19/170 Planning Application 19/01673/DAC.

19/164 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 3rd October 2019.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2019 were a correct record. All in favour. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

19/165 Invitation to Cllr David Finch, Essex County Council (ECC) and Cllr Richard van Dulken, Braintree District Council (BDC) to address the meeting on matters of mutual interest.Cllr van Dulken

- BDC have declared a 'climate emergency' with an aim to make BDC activities, as far as practical, carbon neutral by 2030. Climate Change working group to be established to develop an action plan to ensure all Council functions/decision-making shifts to carbon neutral by 2030.
- Horizon 120: 65-acre site in Gt Notley will be the location for a brand-new business and innovation park; attracting several sectors including professional services, research, digital and development sectors and advanced manufacturing, potential to create up to 2,000 jobs.
- GRIDSERVE Sustainable Energy Ltd, plans to create the UK's first solar-powered electric vehicle charging forecourt. The forecourt will have 24 dedicated zones for private/fleet vehicles and will offer sub 30-minute charging times. It will also feature facilities including a coffee shop, convenience store and airport style lounge with high speed internet, which will also serve as an education.
- I-Construct Innovation Hub (Springwood Business Park); centre of excellence for construction innovation, supporting businesses and creating jobs across the Greater South East region.
- Directional signage to Recreation Ground (Access Rd off Toppesfield Road) – concerns regarding location of sign have been reported to ECC Highway's, awaiting response.
- Councillors' Community Grant scheme allows organisations/groups to apply for funding to support local projects and initiatives that will benefit the people of the District. Next round of applications can be submitted after 12th December 2019.
- Resident enquired whether any new properties/development would have charging points. No plans yet by BDC. General discussion on schemes for new housing developments i.e. solar panel, charging points, etc – incentive for homeowners.

Cllr Finch

Cllr Finch gave an update report on ECC activities (report to be forwarded for inclusion on PC website). Questions raised:

- Cllr Burrows enquired whether ECC had any plans to assist in implementing 'charging point' schemes in Towns/Parishes. Cllr Finch advised PC to write a letter to him/Cllr van Dulken asking whether ECC/BDC will be providing grants or help to organisations/parishes to implement schemes.

19/166 Public Participation Session

Resident raised concerns regarding planning application 19/01673/DAC, item 19/170 on the agenda. The resident felt that the applicant/owner was in breach of conditions.

- Condition 4: applicant states that work has been completed – but it's not started.
- Condition 9, 10, 11: Ecological Management Plan – Plan submitted 'annual work plan' only covers 5 years not 10 as stated in the conditions.
- The proposed 1.5m high embankment with car park – it is proposed that spoil from the lake is used underneath the car park raising the car park considerably higher than the 1.5m as a subbase would be required on top off the spoil. Proposal would be out of character and have a major impact on the site. Concerned that the 160m long embankment will cause a barrier on the flood plains - where is the flood water going to go; fears that excessive flood water could possible flood properties.

The resident raised concerns that the applicant/owner was intimidating/threatening to residents on Toppesfield Road with offensive comments being posted on social media sites. Resident asked whether names/addresses can be withheld from Planning Application comments as names/address can be viewed. Cllr Van Dulken responded stating that unfortunately this was not possible as comments must be made public to demonstrate that the process is transparent and open. Cllr van Dulken will raise with BDC Planners. The Chair thanked the resident and stated that any Anti-Social Behaviour should be reported to the Police.

19/167 Planning Application. None Received as at 31/10/19.

19/168 Planning Applications taken under Standing Order 15.b.xv.

19/01767/HH	Removal of existing garage and erection of replacement side extension 13 Butlers Way CO9 4QL. Consultation End date: 30/10/19
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RESOLVED: No comments.

19/169 Planning Decisions -To note any decisions received as at 31/10/19

18/00312/FUL	Nuns Walk. Erection of 33 dwellings and associated infrastructure, new access from Church Road, public open spaces and landscaping Nuns Walk	Pending
19/00194/TPOC ON	Removal of apple tree ion the centre of the back garden as it is too big for the size of the garden and drops apples all over the garden, making it too high maintenance for the residents. Also blocks a lot of light from the garden. 3 Oakdene Church Road	Granted
19/01571/HH	Erection of a replacement outbuilding 23 Ridgewell Road CO9 4RG	Granted
19/01767/HH	Removal of existing garage, erection of replacement side extension 13 Butlers Way CO94QL.	Pending

Cllr Broomfield asked for nominations for Chair for the following item 19/170. Cllr Burrows stood as Chair for item 19/170. Cllr Broomfield left the meeting for item 19/170

19/170 19/01673/DAC Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 14 of approval 18/02165/FUL Enlargement of two existing fishing lakes to create one larger fishing lake, creation of a parking area and laying of hardstanding, and change of use of the land for siting of two mobile units to provide anglers' toilets and tools shed. Correspondence received from resident outlining concerns. A general discussion was held with regards to resident's concerns and the discharge of conditions to the planning application.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Sam Trafford, BDC Planning Department outing the PC's concerns with regards to the following points: -

1. **Condition 4: discharge of conditions summary states that work has been completed – no work has commenced with regards to this condition.**
2. **Condition 9, 10, 11: Ecological Management Plan – Plan submitted 'annual work plan' is only valid for 5 years, under condition 10 para f). it states that the plan should be rolled over 10-year period. Discharge states that the applicant/owner will be responsible for implementing and monitoring the plan. The development site contains protected species, water voles, otters, several bat species and rare plant species - does the applicant/owner have the necessary expertise and qualifications in ecology for such an undertaking. Monitoring of the Plan should be undertaken by professional.**
3. **The proposed 1.5m high, 160 m long embankment with car park – it is proposed that spoil from the lake is used underneath the car park raising the car park considerably higher than the 1.5m, as a subbase would be required on top off the spoil. Proposal would be out of character and have a major impact on the site. Environment Agency stated, 'ensure that the features are not impacted by any excavated soil from the lake enlargement'.**
4. **Concerned that the 160m embankment will cause a barrier on the flood plains - where is the flood water going to go; fears that excessive flood water could possibly flood properties.**

Cllr Broomfield re-joined the meeting as Chair.

19/171 Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Correspondence received from resident enquiring whether there are plans to install any electric vehicle charging points in the village. General discussion held.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Cllr Finch, Essex County Council with copy to Cllr Van Dulken to enquire whether any grants would be available to organisations to implement any such schemes in parishes/towns.

19/172 Playground Inspection - Update

Cllr Mundy-Gill unable to attend meeting, defer to next meeting of the PC

19/173 Welcome Pack – Update

Cllr Burrows had circulated the amendments to the Welcome Pack. A general discussion was held on the revisions.

RESOLVED: Clerk to make amendments and circulate the Welcome Pack to Councillors for final comments. Clerk to contact Linden Homes for move in dates for new residents.

19/174 Draft Budget/Precept 2020/21

The draft Budget/Precept for 2019/20 prepared by the Finance and General Purposes Working Group was circulated for comments. Some savings across the budget headings had been identified, best practice recommends that 50% of the precept is held in general reserves. It was recommended that the PC invest in a storage shed as there was nowhere to store PC equipment (no more storage available in the Reading Room) permission to be sort from the RR Management Committee. No other new projects should be started until the existing projects for the Cemetery Car-Park and Post Office Lay-by had been completed. The Play Park was in need of resurfacing but was dependent on the outcome of the pending application for Nuns Walk. The proposed budget/precept outlined options for a 2.5% increase from 2019/20. The Council Tax Base figure used to determine the Council Tax Band D Rate would not be available from Braintree District Council until early December.

RESOLVED That the budget/precept for 2020/21 be approved at the December meeting. All in favour.

19/175 Clerks Report

Councillors to review actions list, update and report progress to date. (Report circ.):

- Vehicle Activated Signs. ECC Highways request for PC's comments on the re-relocation of VAS on Poole St as location not viable. Clerk to submit request for VAS to be in a more central position either on Church Road before Bridge House or the High St near Grove House/Hairdresser's
- 'We're Watching You' – Dog Fouling Campaign – locations required for new posters.
- New Parish Council Website – in progress, new domain names have been registered.
- Bank Mandate. Signatures updated.
- Christmas Tree and Carol Service. Request to be made to Cllr Sargeant or Christmas Tree to be delivered by the 30th November.

Noted.

19/176 Approval of accounts for payment.

The list of payments was presented. **RESOLVED that payments of £7811.40 be approved. All in favour.** The Accounts for Payment were signed by Cllrs Broomfield and Burrows.

19/177 Receipts and Payments to the month ending 31st October 2019

The Clerk presented the Receipts and Payments report which represented the end of year accounts. There were no queries or comments

RESOLVED: That the report be approved. All in favour.

19/178 Information Exchange/Communication Received/Next Agenda Items Only

- A successful Afternoon Tea for the Over 60's was held on Saturday 5th October 2019, over 40 residents enjoyed a cream tea with music entertainment.
- Halloween Party for 40 parish children was held on Thursday 31st October.
- Remembrance Sunday 10th November 2019, service at 10.50 am at St Andrews Church.
- Christmas Tree and Carol Service. Saturday 7th December. Service to start at 4.30 pm. Carol performance by St Andrews School Choir, Christmas stalls, performance by students from the Sophia Allen Movement & Exercise, Santa's Grotto and inflatables. Volunteers required.

19/179 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 5th December 2019.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm