

**GREAT YELDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom**

**Present:** Cllr Philip Rawlinson (Chairman)  
 Cllr John Marks (Deputy Chairman)  
 Cllr Georgina Burr  
 Cllr Anne Burrows  
 Cllr Lewis Mundy-Gill  
 Cllr Phil King

**In attendance:** Tracy Wigmore (Parish Clerk)

- 20/085 Welcome and to receive and record apologies for absence**  
 Apologies received from Cllr Weiland and accepted.
- 20/086 Declarations of Interest.**  
 To declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, other Pecuniary Interest or Non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda. **None declared.**
- 20/087 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020. RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting were a correct record. All in favour. Chairman signed the minutes outside the meeting due to COVID 19 restrictions.**
- 20/088 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters of mutual interest.** No members of the public present.
- 20/089 Invitation to Cllr David Finch, Essex County Council and Cllr Richard van Dulken, Braintree District Council to address the meeting on matters of mutual interest.**  
Cllr van Dulken
- The Slipe update – no follow up response. Apologies.
  - Covid19 cases increasing in Essex and UK. May need volunteers to step in again if there is a further lockdown but still waiting for government announcement. Cllr Rawlinson reported that Cllr Buckland had stated that Covid 19 cases could potentially rise from 14 cases per 100,000 up to 30, advice is not to be complacent, follow government guidance 'HANDS - FACE – SPACE'.
  - The Horizon 120 Business & Innovation Park and Straits Mill developments have both been shortlisted by The Royal Town Planning Institute for an East of England Awards for Planning Excellence. CareCo has become the first employer to move to the business park. Braintree District Council is set to receive £7 million to create an enterprise centre on the Business Park.
  - Volunteer Voices - Community360, Active Braintree Foundation and BDC have come together to acknowledge the work of volunteers who helped in their local community during lockdown. Their efforts ensured that vulnerable people had someone to turn to when they were in need. The tasks carried out by the volunteers were many and varied. Partners want to capture this either in audio, video or text to share the good news stories. This is an opportunity to make a record for posterity about how the people of Braintree were supported during this challenging time. The aim is to publish stories on Facebook for 14th December.
- Cllr David Finch
- Covid 19 general situ increase in number of cases in the north. Signs of increasing numbers higher than we hope and true for Essex, 2 weeks behind national trend. Hotspots Basildon, Epping forest, Uttleford and Brentwood. 3 level tier implemented

Very High, High and Medium - may follow Scotland, Government monitoring. If no's escalate there will be an intervention by Secretary of State who will decide whether Essex will go to level 2 (as of 17<sup>th</sup> October Essex placed in Tier 2).

- Local Government reform unitary status White Paper will now be considered middle of next year due to Brexit and Planning White Paper. Has received lots of lobbying by MP and councils.
- Budget 20/21 - 7/8M overspent due to Covid 19, Government are to refund expenses. 21/22 budget dependent upon on companies accessing furlough scheme and how many people out of jobs and accessing universal credits. This will have an impact on council tax collection - potential 40/50m loss of income to ECC.
- Essex Climate Action Commission are identifying ways to mitigate the effects of climate change, improve air quality, reduce waste across Essex and increase the amount of green infrastructure and biodiversity in the county. The impact of such climate change in Essex would lead to water shortages, more flooding and the degradation of agricultural land. Commission have agreed a range of recommendations to put forward to ECC for consideration and include measures for rebuilding public transport, increased cycling and walk ways, energy, waste, land use, green infrastructure and the built environment.

20/090

**Planning Applications: Received as at 10/09/20**

20/00603/OUT      **REVISED PLANS:** Application for Outline      End date 22/10/20  
 Planning Permission with all matters reserved -  
 Proposed 2 No. dwellings and associated  
 access and landscaping work. | Chapel House  
 Leather Lane Great Yeldham Essex CO9 4HX

**RESOLVED: No further comments other than to reiterate the Parish Councils concerns that the development would be significant harm to the settings of the listed buildings, the character and appearance of the conservation area, the use of the highway and the amenity of occupants of the listed buildings and the houses opposite**

20/091

**Planning Decisions -To note any decisions received as at 10/09/20**

20/01131/COUP      Prior approval for the change of use of      Planning permission  
 A      agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Class      required  
 C3), and for associated operational  
 development - Change of use to 5 residential  
 dwellings. Open for comment icon Spaynes Hall  
 Cherry Lane Great Yeldham Essex CO9 4HH.

20/092

**Planning for the Future: Government White Paper August 2020**

Consultation seeks views on each part of a package of proposals for reform of the planning system in England to streamline and modernise the planning process. A general discussion was held:

- BDC debated the White Paper on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Council/Officers view are some changes in proposals are of concerns. Paper suggests that Section 106 (developers are usually asked to pay a contribution towards the funding of associated infrastructure negotiated between local authorities and developers towards affordable housing provision, infrastructure facilities and open spaces) is replaced by a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) that it is levied on a much wider range of developments and according to a published tariff schedule. This spreads the cost of funding infrastructure over more developers and provides certainty as to how much developers will have to pay. Concerns that Parish Councils do not have the capacity or experience to deal with technical issues under the CIL.

- Paper proposes that Local Plans should identify three types of land – Growth areas suitable for substantial development, Renewal areas suitable for development, and areas that are Protected. This will have an impact on village envelopes and developments outside of the village envelopes.
- Important that Parish/Town Councils are aware of the changes and its implications. Those councils with a Village Design Statement or Neighbourhood Plan which outlines the character of village, values to protect and what developments are prepared to accept in the area; will not deter plans but will slow the process down but will not stop it happening. Too late to submit a NP, if not done so already, as proposals are imminent.

**ACTION: All Cllrs to go through and make comments. Clerk to pull together and distribute for comments. Might help to look at BDC web video (Full Council 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020) for its debate to help facilitate comments.**

**20/093 Memorial for the late Marlene Broomfield**

Cllr Rawlinson reported that he had visited Kings Trees to explore tree options for the memorial. Large scale trees are difficult to transport and plant. 3 Maple trees (10-12ft) £156.00 per tree (incl VAT) with an additional £139 each for planting and £50 delivery charge (a total of £920). General discussion held. Contact Kings to enquire whether they will consider a discount. If not look for a local professional contractor to plant them, quotes to be obtained.

**RESOLVED: that the 3 Maples trees are purchased and reserved pending outcome of quotes obtained for planting.**

**20/094 Grounds Maintenance Contract 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 (rpt circa)**

The current grounds maintenance contract for grass cutting in the village ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The Parish Council will need to retender the contract for the period 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2024. The PC had received a request from Rev Tomkins for the whole of St Andrews Churchyard to be strimmed, the additional area is a similar size to what is currently being cut. General discussion held concluded that the tender to include two quotes for cutting options; the current churchyard area and the proposed additional area this will help identify the extra costs involved and enable the PC to make a decision on the request.

**RESOLVED that the advert and invitation to tender be posted to website/ and placed in the 4VM (November edition) by the end of October with a closing date of 19<sup>th</sup> November for the PC to consider tenders and select a preferred contractor at the December PC Meeting.**

**20/095 Draft Budget/Precept 2021/22 (rpt circa).**

General discussion held. Precept/budget agreed in principle subject to grass cutting tenders, resolution to be made at the December meeting.

**For note and comment.**

**20/096 Clerks Report (rpt circa).**

Councillors to review actions list, update and report progress to date.

- Telephone Box – deteriorating. Clerk reported was waiting for BT to confirm telephone has been removed. Clerk to make enquiries.
- High Street Bollards not lighting up. Clerk to report to Essex Highways.
- VAS would be better placed opposite Meddlers and Popular Close.
- The Parish Office telephone number is currently diverted to the office mobile phone. Clerk to forward mobile number to Cllrs.

**For note and comment.**

- 20/097 To approve the monthly invoices and accounts due for payment.**  
The list of payments was presented. **RESOLVED that payments of £9089.00 be approved. All in favour.** The Accounts for Payment were signed by Cllrs Burrows and Mundy-Gill outside of the meeting due to COVID 19 restrictions.
- 20/098 Receipts and Payments ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
The Clerk presented the Receipts and Payments report which represented the end of year accounts. 2<sup>nd</sup> Precept payment received from BDC. No comments received.  
**RESOLVED: That the report be approved. All in favour.**
- 20/099 Information Exchange/Communication Received/Next Agenda Items Only**
- Christmas – general discussion on this year’s event in light of Covid 19 restrictions. Cllrs agreed to a village Christmas Tree but there would be no carol service or event. Clerk to inform Rev Tomkins that he is not required this year.
  - Cllr Burr reported that damage had been caused to the shed roof at the Sports Ground. Quotes are being received for testing and roof replacement. Once information received, Clerk will contact insurance company to see if a claim can be made.
  - Tree planters, local company T M Tree Solutions.
  - Network 5 reboot – no response to date.
  - Cllr Burr reported that St Andrews School had raised concerns that the salt bin located next on the footpath by the school fence was a security risk. Request to re-site the bin. School should contact Clerk for future enquiries
- 20/100 Date and time of next meeting**  
The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 at 7.30 pm.

***The meeting closed at 21.15 pm***