

**GREAT YELDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom**

**Present:** Cllr Philip Rawlinson (Chairman)  
 Cllr John Marks (Deputy Chairman)  
 Cllr Georgina Burr  
 Cllr Burrows  
 Cllr Phil King  
 Cllr Gary Theobald  
 Cllr Glenda Wood

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

No members of the public present

**21/017 Welcome and apologies for absence**  
 Apologies received from Cllr Barry Sargeant.

**21/018 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.**

**21/019 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council**  
**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were a correct record. All in favour.** Chairman signed the minutes outside the meeting due to COVID 19 restrictions.

**21/020 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters of mutual interest.** No members of the public present.

**21/021 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.**  
**David**

Apologies received from Cllr Finch. Cllr Rawlinson reported that Cllr Finch would be standing down at the next election; it was a great shame as Cllr Finch had provided a enormous amount of advice and assistance to the Parish Council over the years. Cllrs were informed that Peter Swear from BDC will be standing as the Conservative Party candidate on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> Elections

Cllr Van Dulken

Echo words of Chairman, the position was a huge responsibility with a £200b turnover, Cllr Finch will be very much missed at Chelmsford and local area.

- BDC adopted part one of the Local Plan, part 2 will be looked at by Planning Inspector in July. A Local Plan is a strategic blueprint for development, and the new one being adopted by Braintree District Council runs until 2033.
- Councillor Community Gant – applications up to £500 for community projects. £500 was approved for the new Parish Council website. Due to the impact of Covid any underspends will be carried over into the next year, £1,500 has been allocated for 21/22. £100 has been set aside for Sports & Recreation equipment, possibility of increasing the amount. Contact Cllr Dulken for an application.

- BDC have approved the budget for 21/22, there will be no increase in CT for Braintree. Car Park charges have also been frozen. £5m has been set aside for climate change projects, including the installation of more electric car power points and planting of trees. This has been a difficult year for any council; there has been little income generated through parking and leisure centre fees which are 2 of the main income providers for BDC. Has received support from government but still doesn't cover the negative impact. Over the next couple of years, BDC will be using reserves which have been set aside for harder times. 51 parishes will be receiving a proportion of the Council Tax Collection Fund surplus
- ECC Local Highways Panel, Braintree district have been allocated £400k a year to spend on cross walks and small parking projects.
- Elections on May 6<sup>th</sup> will be using village halls, residents are able to use postal vote if not able to attend physically
- The Slipe - no news, will contact Planning for an update.
- Falling trees in Colne River, information sent to Cllr Finch. Further enquiries to be made.

Q from Cllr Rawlinson. Could the Councillor Community Grant be used towards the costs of a memorial for the late Chairman. Cllr van Dulken to find out if the Cllr Community Grant can be used to contribute toward this.

#### 21/022 Planning Applications: Received as at 25/02/21

21/00453/PIP | Permission in principle for the erection of 2 No. dwellings. Land South Of Toppesfield Road Great Yeldham Essex. Response made through delegated powers. RESOLVED that the Parish Council objects to the application whilst the reduction from 6 to 2 new houses will have less impact on the area, the Parish Council still feels that the proposal would introduce a development at odds with the character of the immediate locality and the reasons listed within the Parish Council's original letter as still relevant 20/02109/FUL Retention of Fishery Manager's Temporary Dwelling and fish hatchery. | Fishing Lakes Great Yeldham Hall Toppesfield Road Great Yeldham Essex

**RESOLVED: that an objection to the application was made through delegated powers, a response was sent on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The application would not protect and enhance the landscape character and amenity of the countryside nor have regard to the character of the landscape and is therefore contrary to policies CS5 (Countryside) and CS8 of BDC Local Development Framework Core Strategy and 170 and 83 of the National planning policy framework. .**

#### 21/023 Planning Decisions -To note any decisions received as at 25/02/21

20/01603/HH	Creation of off street parking and the provision of two dropped kerbs.   St Crispins Leather Lane	Pending
20/02081/HH	Replace missing roof and one missing wall and repair the existing three walls to create space for a gym.   Spaynes Hall Cherry Lane Great Yeldham Essex CO9 4HH	Granted
20/02109/FUL	Retention of Fishery Manager's Temporary Dwelling and fish hatchery.   Fishing Lakes Great Yeldham Hall Toppesfield Road Great Yeldham Essex	Pending
20/02226/HH and 21/00010/LBC	Proposed open air swimming pool for the sole use of the residents of Spaynes Hall.   Spaynes Hall Cherry Lane Great Yeldham Essex CO9 4HH	Granted
20/01976/FUL	Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection	Pending

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of single storey detached outbuilding |  
Weybridge Bungalow Stambourne Road Great  
Yeldham Essex CO9 4RB.

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- 21/024 Casual Vacancy – Co-option to Parish Council**  
One application was received to fill the casual vacancy. A general discussion was held on candidate's application. No ballot required.  
**RESOLVED that candidate Glenda Wood be co-opted to the Parish Council.**
- 21/025 Memorial for the late Marlene Broomfield**  
Cllr Rawlinson reported that in addition to the memorial trees a memorial lectern could be purchased at a cost of £250 excl VAT. It was proposed that a financial contribution could be made from the Burial Grounds budget; with a contribution request to the Reading Room Management Committee. Cllr Van Dulken to confirm whether the Councillor Community Grant could be used to contribute towards the memorial.  
**RESOLVED: that a memorial lectern display is purchased. All in favour.**
- 21/026 Braintree Association of Local Councils (BALC)**  
Cllr Marks provided an update. Proposed re-formation of BALC, 27 representatives attended from local Parish Councils under Braintree district. Re-formation would give parishes a stronger voice with BDC and ECC; influence various issues on spending, planning and environment. There would be a small membership charge £20-£40 depending on the size of the parish with 3-4 meetings per year. A formation working party was organised tasked with setting up an inaugural meeting to adopt a constitution and to arrange administration, bank and subscriptions with the first meeting being held in April 2021. General consensus was that collaboration with parishes would give more strength under BALC umbrella. There are 58 parishes in the Braintree district of which 50% of the population live in parishes. Agenda item next meeting  
**For note.**
- 21/027 Clerks Report**  
Councillors to review actions list, update and report progress to date (rpt circa).  
  - **BT Kiosk. General discussion on future use of the kiosk, ideas included Information Exchange/Notice Board, library. Leaflet to be placed in the next edition of the 4 Villages Magazine asking residents views on what the kiosk could be used for. There would be a cost of approx. £75 for the leaflet.**
  - **For note.**
- 21/028 Approval of Invoices/Accounts for Payment (rpt circa).**  
To approve the invoices and accounts due for payment.  
**RESOLVED that payments of £4063.69 be approved. All in favour.** The Accounts for Payment were approved by Cllrs Rawlinson and Marks outside of the meeting due to COVID 19 restrictions.
- 21/029 Receipts and Payments ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (rpt circa).**  
The Clerk presented the Receipts and Payments report which represented the accounts as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021. No comments.  
**RESOLVED that the report be approved. All in favour.**
- 21/030 Information Exchange/Communication Received/Next Agenda Items Only**  
  - **Casual Vacancy – Co-option to Parish Council** - A notice of casual vacancy has been prepared by BDC. Closing date 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021. If no requests received to call an election the Parish Council will be able to co-opt at the April meeting.

- **Essex Fire & Rescue** visit on 24th & 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. Tea and Coffee to be provided in the morning. Poster to be uploaded to website. Cllr Rawlinson asked for volunteers to help with knocking on doors to promote services available i.e. home fire safety, social isolation, crime prevention/home security, local housing and support services.
- **Free EALC Learning Disability Awareness Training to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.**
- **Mind**– Cllr King thanked those who had recently sponsored him and colleagues at Environtec. Staff collectively ran/walked between their 2 furthest offices on 20th February 2021, 384 miles from head office located in Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford to the Scotland office based in Hamilton. Cllr King raised £140, in total £3,000 was raised for MIND. Well done all.
- **Next Agenda Items**
  - BT Kiosk
  - BALC Update
  - Working Groups – Quarterly Update Reports

**21/031 Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom.

***The meeting closed at 20.30 pm***