

GREAT YELDHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 7.30pm, Reading Room, Gt Yeldham

Present: Cllr Philip Rawlinson (Chairman)
 Cllr John Marks (Vice-Chairman)
 Cllr Anne Burrows
 Cllr Phil King
 Cllr Mark Lovell
 Cllr Bikaramjit Singh
 Cllr Gary Theobald

In attendance: Tracy Wigmore (Parish Clerk)

No members of the public present.

- 22/163 Welcome and apologies for absence**
 Apologies received from Cllr Burr.
- 22/164 Declarations of Interest.** None declared.
- 22/165 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2022 were a correct record. All in favour. Chairman signed the minutes.
- 22/166 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters of mutual interest.** None.
- 22/167 Invitation to Cllr Peter Schwier, Essex County Council and Cllr Richard van Dulken, Braintree District Council to address the meeting on matters of mutual interest.**

Cllr Van Dulken

- 2 Independent Councillors have resigned, Coggleshall and south Braintree, bi election next week. Elections for the whole council held in 2023.
- Councillor Community Grant: Balance left of £166.66 to be allocated, £400 has been committed to Gt Yeldham Men's Shed towards their operating costs.
- Layby near Peel Court (the old Police Station): received email from resident living in Peel Court outlining extreme difficulties in exiting from the court due to cars parked on the layby pavement obscuring road from oncoming traffic. The North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) are unable to issue tickets as currently no restrictions (lines/signs). Meeting with Chairman and NEPP to hopefully put a plan together in conjunction with ECC to see if parking restrictions can be implemented.
- Strawberry Fields walk through to the recreation ground: planning department aware that the walk though has not been implemented, land belongs to ECC – progress pending.
- No news on the fishing lakes or the slipe
- ECC Pothole scheme, ECC Councillors can nominate 18 potholes for repairs, any potholes that need urgent repair to forward to the clerk for co-ordinating.
- Cost of living portal on BDC website, ideas and details of where help can be found.
- New Hedingham Medical Centre – still moving ahead
- Recycling/waste: member of the Essex Waste Partnership Forum. The September recycling rate 54%, Essex target is 60%. Motion passed to agree an ambition to reach a 75% recycling target.

- Research undertaken by Essex and BDC operations highlighted that 25% of food waste continues to be placed in black bins. Need big education push to encourage residents to reuse or recycle in food caddy, this would have a significant impact on recycling rates.

Cllr Peter Schwier

Oct circulated 13 updates including:

- Public consultation on ECC Budget Proposal for 23/24 budget, ends 28 November
- Building Digital UK (BDUK) is responsible for building digital infrastructure programmes for the government, public consultation ends 3 November 2022
- Retrofit providing new opportunities for Essex residents and businesses. Two pilot schemes running in Essex thanks to £703k funding from UK Community Renewal Fund. Residents and businesses are given the opportunity to train in Retrofit via fully funded courses. Courses are open to residents across Essex, with priority for those in Harlow and Tendring, two of ECC's Levelling Up priority areas.
- Grants made available by Essex County Council to create safe spaces which are free to the Essex public this winter. Community groups and Parish and Town Councils across Essex are urged to apply for grants of up to £1,000 to help them provide warm and welcoming spaces
- Free school meal vouchers were available for 50,000 eligible pupils across Essex at October half-term, renewed funding from the Department for Work and Pensions.
- Homes for Ukraine Scheme Update as at 06/10/22, there are 1253 sponsors in the Essex CC area (13 new sponsors since 29/09/22). There are 2,810 Ukrainian guests, 16 new guests since 29/09/22.
- Essex Explorer magazine brings together all the latest news and community initiatives conducted by the Culture, Heritage and Green Spaces team within the Environment and Climate directorate
- Avian Flu Influenza cases Suffolk Essex border and Earls Colne boarder.
- Councillors Locality funding, £2,000 still to be allocated, Gt Yeldham Men's Shed allocated £800, funding likely to be reduce in the future

22/168 Planning Applications – Received as at 21/10/22

22/02520/HH Erection of two storey side extension. 25 Market Grove Great Yeldham Essex CO9 4EF

RESOLVED: No comments.

No: 22/02587/VAR Variation of Condition 3 (External Materials) of approved application 20/01258/HH granted 23.09.2020 for: Rebuilding of existing single storey structure with adaptations to the roof profile. Replacement windows. New, lean-to roof covering at front entrance. Variation would allow for: - Change in cladding to be vertically fitted. - Change in roof finish to become slate tiles.

2 Duncan Rise Great Yeldham Essex CO9 4QE

RESOLVED: No comments.

22/169 Planning Decisions as at 21/10/22

22/00552/HH Retention of 1.8m boundary fence adjacent to highway. Canie Hall, Toppesfield Road, Great Yeldham. **PENDING**

22/01781/HH | Retention of single storey rear extension to outbuilding | Canie Hall Toppesfield Road Great Yeldham. **PENDING**

22/02161/TPOCON The Old Rectory, Church Road, Great Yeldham, Essex, CO9 4PT. Application to carry out work on trees affected by the Conservation Area. **PENDING**

22/02196/HH & 22/02197/LBC | Erection of annexe and installation of in-ground swimming pool, with associated landscaping and paving. Installation of EV charging point.

Replacement of existing vehicular entrance gates with new larger gates, and addition of new gate to walled garden. | Brook Farm House, Tilbury Road. **PENDING**

22/02226/VAR | Removal of Condition (Sale of animal feeds) of Application Reference Number: P/BTE/005089/FI/H - allowed at appeal ref: T/APP/Z1510/A/89/123554/P8 on 04/01/1990 for Change Of Use Of Building Into Farm Shop To Sell Horse And Animal Feed. **PENDING**

22/02414/HH | Erection of outbuilding. | 15 Stambourne Road. **PENDING**

22/02451/HH | Part single part two storey rear extension and first floor side extension | 10 Butlers Way. **PENDING**

22/170

Great Yeldham Men's Shed

Update by Cllr Lovell. The containers are now joined and cut out inside to create one unit; painting, insulation and cladding to the interior to be completed by members. Most materials donated by various individuals/businesses. Kids have already been climbing on top of the containers; anti climb paint, pigeon spikes and warning signs to be installed, hopefully to discourage further incidences. Article to be published in the magazine to highlight and make residents aware of the deterrents put in place. The Parish Council had received a request from project members to clear the site (request circa.) from weeds and moss from the area around the containers and 'Access Road' for parking and potential site for third container. Cllr Theobald proposed that the area highlighted in the plan should be cleared of vegetation from the bund area and to increase the width of the 'access road' to the shed.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council gives permission to Gt Yeldham Men's Shed to clear the vegetation from the areas highlighted in the plan to increase the width of the 'access road' to the shed and improve the general tidiness of the site.

Proposed: Cllr Theobald. Seconded: Cllr Burrows. All in favour.

22/171

Bowtells' Meadow

Update by Cllr Theobald. Public meeting was held on the 26th October, attended by 18 residents. The meeting outlined the various responses/ideas received from residents on the use of the meadow, ownership and restrictions. The key message from residents was that the meadow grass should be maintained and fit for purpose with gravel path around the meadow with benches. Concerns raised regarding the existing/potential anti-social behaviour of young people and the increase in use by more residents/users of the meadow (increase of residents from new housing developments). Attendees informed that there would be a need for more 'self-policing' by residents/users, reporting any anti-social behaviour to the Police by dialling 101, but reassure that concerns would be reported back to the Parish Council. 10 Volunteers identified, keen to work with the Parish Council to take ideas forward i.e. funding, mapping, working with school. A further meeting to be arranged to identify next steps.

For note.

22/172

Warm Places

Update by Cllr Rawlinson. The Reading Room Management Committee (RRMC) had applied to the Essex Community Foundation for funding to help set up a Warm Bank, running from November to March. Still waiting to hear whether the application has been successful, will report back to Councillors once decision received.

For note.

22/173

Draft Budget/Precept 2023/24

Report prepared by the Finance Working Group (Rpt circa). General discussion held on the proposed budget/precept for next year. Additional commitments for 23/24 included hiring the RR for the continuation of Post Office Services in the village, maintenance of Bowtells Meadow when transferred to the Parish Council, increased costs for grass

cutting/footpaths/tree works, NALC Local Government pay offer updated to 4.04%. The Clerk reported that Braintree District Council will advise Council Tax Base figures early December, therefore it would be prudent to hold a PC meeting in early January to approve the Budget/Precept for 2023/24, the figure will determine the Parish Council's Tax Base for Band D Tax Rate for Gt Yeldham.

For note

22/174 Clerks Report

Councillors reviewed report, no actions to report. (Rpt circa).

For note.

22/175 To approve the monthly invoices and accounts due for payment (Rpt circa).

The Clerk presented the list of payments. **RESOLVED: that payments be approved of £6617.55. All in favour.** Cllrs Rawlinson and Burrows signed the Accounts for Payment.

22/176 Receipts and Payments for the period ending 31st October 2022 (Rpt circa.).

The Clerk presented the Receipts and Payments report. There were no queries or comments **RESOLVED: That the report be approved. All in favour.**

22/177 Information Exchange/Communication Received/Next Agenda Items Only

- The Parish Council had received a request from a resident from Duncan Rise regarding the Ash Tree located on the footpath which runs along the school field. The size and volume of branches overhang into the garden and obstruct sunlight. The issue has been reported to ECC but they will not take any action, is there anything the Parish Council can do to assist. The Chairman reported that the Clerk had investigated, the tree is in a conservation area and is protected by a Tree Preservation Order, permission will need to be obtained from BDC to undertake works, if approved. Estimated costs to remove branches was £300+. General discussion held on whether the Parish Council could assist, any works undertaken by the PC would be setting a future precedent and in the current financial climate and restrictions on budgets it was felt that the Parish Council, regrettably, could not support the request.
- **Cllr Burrows asked whether it was possible for the Parish Council to purchase and install a stainless-steel vertical flagpole outside the Reading Room. The Chairman asked the Clerk to investigate costs, an official request will need to be submitted to the Reading Room Management Committee.**

22/178 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 1st December 2022 at 7.30 pm, Reading Room.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Future Meeting Dates:

- January meeting to be confirmed
- Thursday 2nd February 2023
- Thursday 2nd March 2023