



HATFIELD HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held remotely via Zoom link

7:30pm on Wednesday 7th October 2020

Present: Chairman Cllr M Bissell (MB), Cllr M Lemon (ML), P Brown (PB) Cllr K Fox (KF), Cllr Mrs S Saban (SS) Cllr R Breavington (RB), Cllr Nigel Robley (NR), Cllr Keith Fox (KF), C Cllr S Barker (SB). Absent: Cllr C Overton (CO), Cllr T Copeman (TC)

4 members of the public

2768 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Parish Clerk ; Mrs Julie Davies

2769 Declaration of Interests

Councillor M Lemon declared a non-pecuniary interest as a District Councillor, Cllr M Bissell declared that he is Chairman of the Village Hall Committee

2770 Public Participation

Speeding through the village

A member of the History Society mentioned again that the new Website still did not display the latest Minutes and Meeting agenda.. Investigate with Clerk and fix for next meeting. **MB**

A resident has organised a very successful petition that has to date received 640 signatures demanding a speed camera in the village. It has been established that responsibility for speed cameras lies with ECC.

SB reported that although this may be so, no new cameras had been installed in Essex for a considerable time, mainly because of cost which was quoted at £150,000 and lack of budget. Also that static cameras were deemed to be of limited use compared to average speed cameras. **SB** agreed however to set up a discussion with the local Highways Panel to discuss this and other traffic slowing measures such as the previously proposed mini roundabout at the Dunmow Road junction and Pedestrian Crossing from the Coop to the Bus stop on the Cricket Ground side of the A1080 at which reasons for previous rejection could be challenged by the Parish Council. (e.g. gas pipe has to be moved to do roundabout although heavy traffic presently runs over the said gas pipe). SB also recommended talking to Mike Steele of Great Waltham PC about his experiences on this subject. **SB**

Mr S Foster asked the PC to organise some means of recognising the outstanding service provided to the village by Dr Katherine Orton and the PC agreed to pursue this in the Village Magazine and Facebook. **MB**

The PC would like to formally thank Dr Orton for her long and outstanding contribution to the village and wish her an equally long and happy retirement.

A resident queried the replacement of broken wooden posts at the entrance to Broomfields. It was agreed that these would be replaced by composite posts, that she would be fully consulted on their placement and that she may plant 'red robins' to break up the silhouette so long as they did not exceed the height of the posts.

Mr D Parish asked when the wildlife area was being cut, since it was not cut last year and needed to be cut by the end of October. The cut should be on the top half of the area this year (closest to the A1080), minimum length left should be 6 inches and all cuttings removed and disposed of off site. Arrange with Peter May. **NR**

2771 Minutes of the meeting of 2nd September 2020

The minutes were approved.

2772 Report from the District and County Councillor

SB report covered in agenda item 2770.

ML thanked Chris Radford for her work on the speeding petition. ML's letter to the Chief Constable had established that the issue should be dealt with by the UDC Highways Panel and that the PC should confirm exactly what we want to SB. **NR**

He mentioned increasing concern about heavy lorries using the Matching Road possibly to escape hold ups along Gilden Way.

The local plan consultations are proceeding and he is championing preservation of the Metropolitan Green Belt.

With regard to the entrance to the left of Little Eden, The Lom is advised and his agent will be talking to Mr Reynolds. Diversion of the footpath should be reported to Highways. **NR**

We need a neighbourhood plan to prevent an increasing and disproportionate number of indiscriminate planning applications. Meeting has been arranged with UDC to discuss appropriate format.

Tarpaulin has been provided to Michael Hockley to cover the road salt. Contact Peter Graves to attend salt bins and ensure they are full. **PB**

2773 Financial Report

a) Budget Report

The budget report was circulated by the Clerk to all Cllrs via email prior to the meeting. Agreed OK but we do not seem to have received any VAT back from the Revenue or income from ECC Highways (for rural verges?). Also Allotment revenue has been given to clerk but not reported in status. Check above points with Clerk. **MB.**

b) Approval of Expenditure

The following items of expenditure were approved;

Hatfield Heath Parish Council Payments up to 7th October 2020

Cash payments

Date	Paid to	Description	Gross	VAT	Net
29/09/2020	J Davies	Salary September	£775.00		£775.00
29/09/2020	J Foster	Salary September	£78.98		£78.98
29/09/2020	S Foster	Salary Septembet	£79.18		£79.18
29/09/2020	J Sykes	Salary September	£170.59		£170.59
29/09/2020	HMRC	HMRC August	£95.57		£95.57
29/09/2020	J Davies	Mileage - September	£72.00		£72.00
29/09/2020	J Davies	Expenses - zoom	£22.39	£2.87	£19.52
29/09/2020	Duncan Noel	Tree Surgeon	£400.00		£400.00
29/09/2020	Heath Computers	Website/ laptop	£120.00	£20.00	£100.00
30/09/2020	Unity	Service Charge	£18.00		£18.00

07/10/2020	Heath Computers		£66.00	£11.00	£55.00
		Website maintenance and Office 365			
07/10/2020	Capital and Counties Electrical Ltd	Car park Lighting	£1,672.80	£278.80	£1,394.00
07/10/2020	Kings of Essex	Pathway at playground	£2,064.00	£344.00	£1,720.00
07/10/2020	PW May Contracting	Heath -£374.81, Allotment £60.00	£521.77	£86.96	£434.81
07/10/2020	PW May Contracting	Flail rough areas of the Heath	£240.00	£40.00	£200.00
Total			£6,396.28	£5,612.65	

2774 Clerks Report and Correspondence Report

The Clerks report was circulated before the meeting. Major points arising are covered in the minutes..

2775 Community Police Officer

It was agreed to establish if Hatfield Broad Oak PC are willing to help fund a CPO. **MB/CLERK**
Based on the answer, we need to calculate the cost per household for Hatfield Heath and survey the community via the Village Magazine and Facebook as well as putting onto the website to ascertain the level of support by the village.

The Parish Clerk is to organise the survey with the Village Magazine **MB/CLERK**

2776 Key Task Monitor

Circulated. Needs updating and publishing on Website **NR**

2777 Planning Matters

a) Applications determined by the Planning Authority;

UTT/20/1629/HHF - 2 Little Lancasters Blocks Corner Sparrows Lane Hatfield Heath Bishops Stortford CM22 7AY Proposed 2 bay cart lodge.

UTT/20/1346/DOC - Foxglove Farm Dunmow Road Hatfield Heath CM22 7BL Application to discharge condition 5 (Biodiversity Method Statement) and 6 (Ecological Design Strategy) attached to UTT/19/1314/FUL (allowed under Appeal APP/C1570/W/19/3243843) |

b) Planning applications to consider:

UTT/20/2442/HHF | Proposed part single storey, part two storey rear extension, new side roof windows and internal alterations. - St Davids Chelmsford Road Hatfield Heath CM22 7BD
No Objections

UTT/20/2416/FUL - Barn At Peggerells Farm Sheering Road Hatfield Heath CM22 7LJ Change of use and alterations for form 3 no. dwellings further to application No: UTT/19/0729/PAP3
The PC Strongly object to this proposal as they did to the PAP version. It requires change of use from agricultural to residential use, is in the Metropolitan Green Belt,

outside the Village Envelope and debouches onto a busy road with no speed limit. The PC can also find no evidence of permission for the existing 'modern barn' which it believes is inappropriate for 'conversion'.

UTT/20/2339/HHF - 4 Browns Cottages The Heath Hatfield Heath CM22 7DZ Proposed single storey and first floor rear extensions.

No objections

UTT/20/2170/HHF - Holmby Chelmsford Road Hatfield Heath CM22 7AX

Replacement of existing gate with 2m high gates and oak posts of solid oak construction with pedestrian side access to match, erection of 1.2m high estate railing to replace existing wooden fence with hedgerow planting in front of estate railing.

The PC are concerned about the placement of these gates on a very high speed section of road and fully endorse Highways comments that they must be placed 6 metres from the Highway.

Cllr Lemon left the meeting for the next three items

UTT/20/2314/FUL - Heritage Cottage Friars Lane Hatfield Heath Bishops Stortford Hertfordshire CM22 7BG

Formation of new access and erection of 1 no. dwelling.

The PC strongly object to this application that is essentially the same as that submitted and refused under UTT/19/1244/OP. The applicant has failed to demonstrate that the application overcomes the reasons for refusal and the attempt to compare a decision made on A1060 Chelmsford Road with this application should be dismissed as irrelevant. We also object as before to the destruction of mature trees and siting of a major driveway on an unsound boundary that is already collapsing into the adjacent property.

UTT/20/2317/FUL- Land East Of Friars Lane Hatfield Heath Hertfordshire

Formation of hardened access to allow all year round planting and maintenance.

The PC strongly object to this application. The land is in the green belt, outside the village envelope and classed as 'garden with nil use' and this application is for a major estate road however disguised. It is a clear attempt to circumnavigate the appeal decision given in July 2020 against UTT/19/2173/CLP which proposed such an orchard and such hardened access.

UTT/20/2299/FUL - Land East Of Friars Lane Hatfield Heath Hertfordshire Erection of a fence.

The PC strongly object to this application. The land is in the green belt, outside the village envelope and classed as 'garden with nil use' and this application is for a boundary fence to enclose green belt land. It is a clear attempt to circumnavigate the appeal decision given in July 2020 against UTT/19/2173/CLP which proposed such an orchard and such a fence.

Cllr Lemon returned to the meeting and was asked to call these last three items in to allow them to be fully debated in Committee since the PC believes they are all linked despite the protestations made in UTT/20/2314/FUL.

MB to work with clerk to have these positions officially registered with UDC

MB/CLERK

C) Planning enforcement issues (to note only)

There are a number of outstanding enforcement issues that need to be discussed and a Zoom meeting has been arranged with UDC Planning to get these progressed as soon as possible. They include Invictus Motors in Mill Lane erecting structures without permission.

The PC understand that a member of the public has objected to erection of a temporary structure outside The White Horse. The PC understand the possible need for its erection in these times and offered no comment

2778 Highways Matters

It was noted again by Cllrs that they would like a blanket 30mph speed limit throughout the village.

As outlined in items 2770 and 2772 it was agreed we should pursue all measures to reduce speed throughout the village but concentrate on speed camera(s). Other measures may include roundabout(s) at either end of the village and pedestrian crossing(s) as well as other calming measures. A formal letter will be sent to SB requesting review at the UDC Highways Panel asap as previously minuted.

The Sheering Road footpath is again overgrown although cleared last year by Highways. Write to Highways asking them for a routine maintenance schedule to keep this clear on an annual basis. **NR**

Although the Bridleway at the end of Mill Lane has been diverted, the diversion does not meet bridleway criteria of 3 m. width. Write to Highways requesting an enforcement order. **NR**

2779 Parking Management and maintenance of the Council carparks

Lighting has now been installed in the Village Car Park to allow safe passage of pedestrians.

Need to finalise payment arrangements with Fish Inn for the electricity used. **NR**

The main car park drain remains semi blocked. Help identify contractor to unblock. **ML**

Discuss car park management options with North Essex Parking Partnership **NR**

The Church Lane car park situation to be discussed for resolution at Zoom meeting with UDC Planning. . **NR**

2780 Allotment Report

RB advised that the Allotment committee are still awaiting quotations for repairs and rabbit proofing. Parish Clerk to chase relevant contractors. **NR**

2781 Major flooding in Stortford Road

Despite lengthy conversations with 'Flooding' representatives there has been no action on any of the three elements along the Stortford Road requiring their attention. Letter to SB requesting a timed response. **NR**

2782 War Memorial

Two quotations were presented. Agreed we should have SS review and recommend. **SS**

2783 Pond Lane Signage

MB agreed to host a meeting with the Shop Owners to talk through advertising and agree a new Estate Sign. Also to reinforce policy on 'A' boards. **MB**

Village Sign. MB to investigate and report findings/proposed action **MB**

2784 Playground Update

Peter Graves to be asked to repair soft landing areas. **PB**

Other open issues to be summarised and re reviewed with potential contractors. **NR**

2785 Village Green

- a) Grass cutting schedule finalised and agreed at the meeting. Put out for tender **NR.**
- b) Pond maintenance schedule was agreed at the meeting. Put out for tender. **NR**
- c) Agreed that we must go with composite posts. Advise Peter May and request survey and quote. Also that Michael Hockley may have spare posts and a source. **NR**
- d) Repair to the footpath alongside the play area has been completed but shuttering left is a trip hazard. Request removal. **NR**
- e) Proposed planting of oak trees in Broomfields open space. Write to UDC asking for a formal maintenance schedule of these and the existing trees which have not been properly maintained. **NR**
- f) Write to LoM requesting proper inspection and maintenance of trees on Village green which are now out of control. **ML**
- g) Write to UDC requesting clarification of ownership of large trees alongside the Surgery which are also out of control. **NR**

2786 Stansted Airport;

Parish Council registered their position against the proposal in time for the appeal.
The PC wish to thank Bob Jones for all of his hard work and input towards the response

2787 Emergency Response Plan

Parish Clerk to circulate the 'final' plan to all for approval asap.

2788 Possible crowning of Parish owned trees

The Trees at the end of Cox Ley have been crowned and the go ahead given for similar work at the rear of Clipped Hedge.

2789 Reports from Members on meetings attended

None

2790 Agenda items for the next meeting

As this meeting.

2791 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th November 2020

The meeting closed at 10.10pm