

**Minutes of Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Greenstead Green Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**These are draft minutes and yet to be approved by the Parish Council.**

**Present.**

Cllr. Thelma Ardley.

Cllr. Bill Dixey.

Cllr. William Fossick – Chairman.

Cllr. Paul Foster.

Cllr. Derek Mason.

Cllr. Pat Wickes.

Joanne Beavis, Clerk to the Parish Council along with 7 members of the public.

19/17 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Butler and Councillor John O'Reilly-Cicconi.

20/17 There were no declarations of interest declared.

21/17 (a) The minutes of the meeting were unanimously approved.

(b) The following matters arising from the minutes were discussed:

Councillor Fossick agreed to look into repairing the village sign located at the Village Green.

It was noted that Essex County Council was to visit the public footpath at Grange Hill to talk to the land owner about the options for a new style or kissing gate. It was noted that this would possibly be at the land-owner's expence.

It was noted that the pot-holes at Ravens Hall (bridge) had been inspected and filled by Essex County Council.

It was noted that a resident had visited James Cleverly MP to discuss flooding issues in the village. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that Councillor John O'Reilly-Cicconi had also reported the issue of flooding in the village to the Local Highways Panel. It was noted that although the Local Highways Panel had considered the issue of flooding in Greenstead Green it was unable to move it further up the list of supported priority schemes by the Local Highways Panel until further funding was available.

The Oak posts on the village green were still waiting to be put in by Councillor Chris Butler.

It was noted that the goal posts at the village Playing Field were still in need of removal in order to stop disturbances to neighbouring properties when footballs were kicked over fences.

Councillor Foster reported that the planning proposals for Sudbury Road had been refused and that the recommendations made by the Parish Council were taken into consideration when the planning application was discussed at Braintree District Council.

22/17 There were no public comments due to all the comments being discussed under matters arising from the previous minutes.

23/17 There was no report received from Councillor John O'Reilly-Cicconi.

24/17 The Accounts for payment were unanimously approved.

25/17 There were no planning applications that required comments by the Parish Council. The Clerk reported that the land owners of the Oak Road Development Site have requested that the Parish Council consider road names for the new development. It was agreed that the Parish Councillors would think about the names and feed them back to the Clerk.

26/17 It was reported that Ian Pleasance (a resident from White Ash Green), Councillor Derek Mason and another resident had met to consider speed issues in the district ward of Greenstead Green. It was noted that the Traffic Survey for White Ash Green had been completed and this would help to provide information to the Local Highways Panel when the issue of speeding at White Ash Green was discussed. It was noted that volunteers were required to run a Speedwatch scheme in Greenstead Green. It was reported that Jean Hastings might have access to a speed-gun which was currently available from the local Police.

27/17 It was agreed that the Clerk would bring forward the new cost for children's play equipment at the Playing Field after the Essex County Elections. It was noted that Braintree District Council and Essex County Council funding scheme has been put on hold due to purdah.

28/17 It was noted that the Parish Council would proceed with purchasing new goal posts for the Playing Field after the period of purdah had finished following the Essex County Council elections.

29/17 There was no update from the Earls Colne Airfield Liaison Committee.

30/17 It was noted that there was no footpaths report.

31/17 There was no report from the Playing Field Management Committee.

32/17 There was no report from the Village Hall Management Committee.

33/17 There was no feedback from external meetings.

34/17 There were no items of correspondence for noting.

35/17 Pat Wickes reported that the green-lanes located at Burtons Green Road and Claverings had been vandalised. She said that the lanes were due to open in April and that not much could be done until the autumn when the green-lanes closed again. It was noted that the issue would require to be monitored to see if Essex County Council displayed further signs about closures.

Signed .....

Councillor William Fossick – Chairman of the Parish Council.

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