

Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural – Annual Parish Meeting.

Thursday 25th May 2017. Notes.

1. **Apologies for absence.** District Cllr. John O'Reilly Ciccone, Cllr Chris Butler, Cllr. Pat Wicks. All other Councillors were in attendance including County Councillor Jo Beavis, and 27 parishioners.
2. **Sign the Annual Parish Meeting notes.** These were agreed and signed.
3. **“Welcome and update from Paul Foster, Parish Council Chairman.”** The Chairman, Cllr. Foster, who had been elected the previous week once again expressed his thanks to the former Chairman, Cllr. Fossick. He also thanked the former Vice-Chair, Cllr. Butler and congratulated the new Vice-Chair, Cllr. Mason. He also expressed his thanks to the former Parish Clerk, Jo Beavis, and congratulated her on her election as County Councillor. He provided a brief update on what had been happening in the Parish including new developments at Oak Road and Sudbury Road, funding for new play equipment and new lights in the Village Hall. He encouraged parishioners to come to the meetings and tell the Parish Council about any issues they might have.
4. **Update from Derek Mason, Vice Chairman about the current work on the Parish Council website.** Cllr. Mason updated the meeting on the progress of the website, explaining that there was funding available to help set one up, and buy equipment for the Clerk to use.
5. **Update from Thelma Ardley and Ian Pleasance on White Ash Green and transport.** Ian Pleasance explained that he was trying to have the 30mph speed limit extended from Gosfield Corner through White Ash Green. A proposal has been sent to Highways.
6. **Update from Pat Wickes on Burton Green and Earls Colne Airfield.** None.
7. **Update from Jean Hastings about NHW.** Jean was encouraging people to sign up to Essex Community [messaging service](#). ~~forum~~.
8. **Updates from representatives of other organisations within the Parish.** Updates were provided by representatives from the Church, Village Hall, Petanque and Nursery School. The question of a Defibrillator was raised as the Nursery has one but feels the village could make better use of it. There was a discussion on where to place it. It was decided to put the defibrillator on the next Parish Council Agenda.
9. **Update from Cllr Jo Beavis, ECC Councillor.** County Councillor Beavis thanked Cllr. Fossick for his support. She provided a brief update on what her role will be in the County. She will be Vice-Chair of Health and Chair of the Local Highways panel and division.
10. **Update from Cllr John O'Reilly Cicconi, BDC Councillor.** None.
11. **Public Forum.** Questions were asked about the website, setting up a Speed Watch patrol, speeding, the Halstead Bypass and access to Oak Road. Volunteers were asked for the Speed Watch patrol and a meeting was arranged. It was noted that Lee in Greenstead Green and Thelma and Ros in White Ash Green had cleaned the road signs.

12. Address by Councillor Stephen Kirby – Chairman of Braintree District Council. Cllr. Kirby provided a brief background to his role as Chairman of Braintree District Council. This is a role held for one year, promoting Braintree District Council to the rest of the area and makes him first citizen of the District. His charities, as Chairman, will be for young families and First Stop. The Parish Council Chairman, Cllr. Foster thanked Chairman Cllr. Kirby for his address and invited him back to next years Annual Parish Meeting to provide an update on how his year went.

There being no further items to discuss the Chairman, Cllr. Foster thanked everyone for their attendance and invited them to stay for refreshments. The meeting then closed.

Signed 23/5/18

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