

**Notes of the Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council  
Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at  
Greenstead Green Village Hall at 7.30pm. These are draft notes and  
yet to be agreed by the Parish Council.**

**Present.**

Cllr. Chris Butler

Cllr. Bill Dixey.

Cllr. Paul Foster. Chairman.

Cllr. Derek Hambling

Cllr. Ian Pleasance

Cllr. Derek Mason. Vice-Chairman.

Amanda Degnan – Clerk to the Parish Council.

County Cllr. Jo Beavis

District Cllr. Peter Schwier

PC Wheeler and colleague

5 members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence.** Cllr. Pat Wickes.

**2. Sign the Annual Parish Meeting 2018 notes.** These were duly approved.

**3. “Welcome and update from Paul Foster, Parish Council Chairman.”** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting (APM). He introduced himself. The councillors then introduced themselves. The Chairman welcomed Cllr. Ian Pleasance to the parish council.

The Chairman updated the meeting on the previous year's activities. They had six meetings over the year. Had dealt with 29 planning applications of various sizes. Those parts of the parish being developed at Oak Road and Sudbury Road had now been transferred to Halstead from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. The old BT box at Penny Pots had been bought for £1.00. The parish council had been successful in obtaining grants from various sources for the upkeep of the playing field. Cllr. Mason was thanked for his work on this.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to former Cllr. Thelma Ardley for all her hard work in White Ash Green and representation on the parish council. This was unanimously approved by the Councillors. A small gift of garden vouchers had been presented to her as a token of the Parish Councils appreciation of all her hard work.

**4. Update from Derek Mason, Vice Chairman, regarding Playing Field and Defibrillator** A grant had been applied for from the Big Lotto fund for the purchase of a defibrillator for the village. Money from the Community Initiative Fund had been received for the resurfacing of the Playing Field. Will also be applying for lottery funding. The Councillors Grant had been used to replace the picnic table. The Speed gun is proving a success.

**5. Updates from Parish Councillors.** Updates were provided by:  
Cllr. Butler- Village Hall

**6. Updates from representatives of other organisations within the Parish. Including Greenwatch and NHW.** Cllr. Hambling provided an update on Greenwatch. The fete had been very successful. Quizzes had been held which had proved popular and raised a lot of money. More events planned for the year. They had two locations for the Speed gun and are looking at further sites and a Speed Indicator Device.  
The Chairman read out a report from Jean Hastings the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

**7. Update from Cllr Jo Beavis, ECC Councillor.** County Cllr. Beavis paid tribute to former District Cllr. John O'Reilly-Ciccone who had stood down at the recent District elections. She welcomed new District Cllr. Peter Schwier. She provided an update on her role with Essex County Council. She thanked PC. Craig Wheeler and his team for all their work in the area. Retained her District Councillor position in the recent elections where she is now an Independent councillor. Also, spoke about the Local Plan.

**8. Update from District Councillor Peter Schwier** District Cllr. Peter Schwier introduced himself. He also spoke about the Local Plan, Brexit, the District strategy. He will try to attend meetings and will send out information to Clerks. Will be Vice-Chair of the Performance Management Board. George Courtauld will be taking over the chair of the Earls Colne Airfield Committee.

**9. Public Forum.** None

**10. Address by PC. Craig Wheeler, Community Policing Team.** PC. Wheeler was leader of the local community team. He provided an interesting update on the role and work of the police in the community. He answered questions from both the Councillors and public. He works with Neighbourhood Watch and Speed watch groups. He is happy to attend any Greenwatch speed watch patrols.

The Chairman, Cllr. Foster thanked PC Wheeler and the public for their attendance. The meeting closed at 8.50pm and was followed by refreshments.

**Signed**.....

**Chairman – Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council.**

**Date**.....

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