

Minutes of the Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at Greenstead Green Village Hall at 7.15pm

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

Present.

Cllr. Paul Foster. Chairman.

Cllr. Derek Hambling

Cllr. Derek Mason. Vice-Chairman.

Cllr. Pat Wickes.

Amanda Degnan – Clerk to the Parish Council.

District Cllr. Peter Schwier

Six members of the public

83/21 Apologies for absence. Cllr. Dixey, Cllr Pleasance.

84/21 Declarations of interest. To declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct. There were no declarations of interest.

85/21 Item 1: To approve the minutes of the July ordinary meeting. There was an amendment to Item 70/21 Burtons End should have read Burtons Green. Proposed Cllr. Hambling, Seconded Cllr. Mason. All agreed. Therefore, the minutes were duly approved. **Item 2: Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings. Item 69/21** Done.. **Item 76/21** Braintree District Council (BDC) notified. **Item 77/21** Emails sent to County Cllr. Siddall. **Item 78/21** Letter had been sent but to date no reply. **Action:** To be added to November Agenda

86/21 Public comment. A resident raised concerns about the footpath between the church and Stansted Hall. The outflow from the septic tank at Church Path Cottages is leading to a bulge in the path and flooding with foul water. Cllr. Mason suggested reporting to BDC as the laws have changed and it is no longer legal to have outflow running into a ditch instead a sewage treatment plant is needed. **Action:** Clerk to contact Cllr. Butler about the issue.

A resident expressed support for Agenda Item 98/21 as speed is increasing in the village. They also asked about the Salt Bin and when it would be moved to a new location. **Action:** Cllr. Mason to organise.

A resident spoke about the purchase of a seat in memory of Ken Wisby. The Clerk confirmed that she had received an email on this matter, and it is to be placed on the November Agenda. **Action:** Clerk

Cllr. Hambling spoke about the Halstead lorry route. This is for lorries going to Sudbury. New signage is going in on the A12 directing lorries to come off at Junction 28. It will not be going through the village.

A question was asked about Essex County Council (ECC) Councillor funding and how access to it can be gained. **Action:** Clerk to investigate.

87/21 County Councillor's report. In the absence of County Cllr. Siddall there was no report.

88/21 District Councillor's report. The Chairman, Cllr. Foster welcomed District Cllr. Peter Schwier to the meeting. District Cllr. Schwier explained that the funding the resident was referring to is known as the Locality Grant and all County Councillors have £10,000 to spend on projects in their area. It needs to be spent by February. If interested they will need to contact County Cllr. Siddall.

District Cllr. Peter Schwier reported on the following:

- Horizon 120 site
- Electric charging points being added around the district
- Improvements to glass recycling
- Street markets restarting this month
- Litter campaign continuing
- Grass verges no cutting trial for a year has been a success but there have been problems in some areas.
- 20th September - Extraordinary meeting on Climate Change
- District Councillor Community Grant is now open, He has £1500 to spend by March. Please apply to him.

Cllr. Wickes raised the issue of grass verges and the bridge between Greenstead Green and Burtons Green. This has been reported three times but has still not been cut. **Action:** Clerk

Cllr. Hambling asked about weedkilling. District Cllr. Schwier confirmed that chemical methods are no longer to be used on the verges.

A resident asked about contractors and cutting footpath vegetation back has there is an issue with one of the footpaths being cut both ends but not in the middle. District Cllr. Schwier asked the clerk to raise it with BDC and copy him in. **Action:** Clerk.

It was noted that the Chairman had received a feedback questionnaire regarding the verge cutting trial.

There being no further questions the Chairman thanked District Cllr. Schwier for his time. District Cllr. Schwier then left the meeting at 19.57pm.

89/21 Chairman's update. Cllr. P. Foster. This had been deferred from the July meeting and Annual Parish Meeting in May. It looked at the year 1st April 2020-March 31st 2021. The following points were made.

- From May 2020 Parish Council meetings had taken place on ZOOM.
- During the year 11 planning applications had been considered.
- The Parish council were now fully digital with BACS payments being used instead of cheques.

- CIF grant and Locality funding was received to pay towards the new climber. Thanks were expressed to Cllr. Mason and the volunteers for their help.
- New payroll employed.
- Repainted the former BT phonebox at Penny Pots
- Involved with the Earls Colne to Halstead cycle route.

The Chairman, Cllr. Foster thanked the councillors and clerk for their help and support.

90/21 Finance: Item 1: To agree the accounts for payment. Proposed Cllr. Mason, Seconded Cllr. Wickes. All agreed. The motion was carried.

BACS		D M Payroll	£60.00	Payroll
BACS		Amazon (paid by Clerk)	£114.75	ink
BACS		Amanda Degnan	£10.80	Expenses
SO		Amanda Degnan	£316.67	August Salary
		Total payments for September 2021	£502.22	

Item 2. To approve the yearly payment of £59.99 for Office 365 due 1st November. Proposed Cllr. Mason, Seconded Cllr. Wickes. All agreed. The motion was carried.

91/21 Planning and Braintree District Council Planning applications.

Item 1 APPLICATION NO :21/02598/HH DESCRIPTION: Erection of 1st floor extension over existing ground floor extension LOCATION: Church Path Cottage, Stanstead Hall Road, Greenstead Green. The Councillors raised an 'Objection' to this application on the grounds that the veranda is overlooking the neighbouring property.

APPLICATION NO :21/02449/FUL DESCRIPTION: Demolish outbuildings, extend, and refurbish existing redundant building to form 25 bed dementia unit and erect bin and cycle stores, erect 30 bungalows and layout associated car parking, drainage, and landscaping LOCATION: Halstead Hall, Braintree Road, Greenstead Green. The Councillors raised 'No Objection' to this application.

Item 2 Update on Sparrows Ref 17/01551/FUL potential breach in planning notice regarding noise. This is a glamping site at Froyz Hall. The Clerk gave an update on this matter. Various residents had complained to Environmental Health at BDC and to the parish council about the noise. The Clerk had reported the issue to Environmental Health and had received a letter informing her that a letter had been sent to the owners asking them to reduce the noise. To be kept under review.

92/21 Playing Field: Item 1: Update on RoSPA report. Ongoing. **Item 2: Update on purchase of new gate for the Playing Field.** Cllr. Mason These had been purchased. Cllr. Mason to send out dates for help with installing them. **Action:** Cllr. Mason. **Item 3: To consider purchasing new goal posts.** Itsagoal the company the goalposts were purchased from has gone under. Cllr. Hambling to investigate costs for more robust goalposts. **Action:** Cllr. Hambling. **Item 4: To consider purchasing new information signs for the Playing Field.** Two signs with wording relating to children should be supervised and use at own risk. **Action:** Cllr. Mason.

93/21 To consider taking part in the Highways Devolution Scheme. It was decided not to take part in this due to the lack of funding for individual parish councils.

94/21 Council Documents. To approve the following:

- **Updated Emergency Plan**
- **Online banking policy.**

These had been circulated prior to the meeting. Proposed Cllr. Mason, Seconded Cllr. Hambling. All agreed. Approved. Clerk to send updated Emergency Plan to BDC.

95/21 Flooding: Crocklands. Update regarding flooding. Flooding Highway reference number 2675445 reported on 15 August 2020 and Item no:186/20 September 2020. The Clerk had received an email from ECC Highways confirming that they had relooked at this issue and were now in the process of scheduling works.

96/21 Open Spaces Plan: Cycleway- To consider adding the old railway line to the Open Spaces Plan for Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council. Cllr. Hambling provided an update on this. It was proposed to add the old railway line to the Open Spaces Action Plan to enable S106 money to be spent on it and for it to become part of the proposed Earl's Colne to Halstead Cycleway. Proposed: Cllr. Mason, Seconded: Cllr. Foster. All agreed. Approved. **Action:** Clerk to add old railway line to Open Spaces Action plan.

97/21 To consider taking part in the Queens Platinum Jubilee beacons. After a brief discussion it was decided not to purchase a beacon

98/21 Greenwatch: Item 1 To consider purchasing insurance for volunteers and a speed gun for use in the Parish of Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural. After a lengthy discussion involving both Councillors and members of Greenwatch. The Chairman, Cllr. Foster asked the Greenwatch members to come back to the Parish Council with a proposal and costs for a speed gun after their Greenwatch meeting being held on Monday 20th September. It was noted that in the event of money being given by the Parish Council to Greenwatch for the purchase of a speed gun said gun would have to be available to be used in all parts of the parish. **Action:** Greenwatch.

Item 2 To consider allowing the moving of the SID mounting post position to the northern end of the green from its original agreed position in the south of the green. Proposed Cllr. Mason, Seconded Cllr. Foster. All agreed. The SID can be sited in the northern end of the green

99/21 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, Village Representatives, Parish Council Committees and Advisory Groups. Cllr. Mason had planted the donated tree on the green at Plaistow.

100/21 To note any items of correspondence. Distributed.

101/21 Future agenda items. Dates for 2022-23 meetings. Memorial bench for Ken Wisby. Internet for the Village Hall.

There being no further items to be discussed the meeting ended at 21:30pm.

The next meeting will be at 19:15pm on Wednesday 10th November at the Village Hall.

Signed.....

Chairman – Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council.

Date.....

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