

Minutes of the Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at Greenstead Green Village Hall held after the AGM. These are draft minutes and yet to be agreed by the Parish Council.

Present.

Cllr. Paul Foster. Chairman.

Cllr. Derek Hambling

Cllr. Ian Pleasance

Cllr. Derek Mason. Vice-Chairman.

Cllr. Gemma Todd.

Amanda Degnan – Clerk to the Parish Council.

County Cllr. Chris Siddall (arrived 8pm)

Together with 2 members of the public.

Apologies see AGM minutes.

50/23 Declarations of interest. To declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct. None

51/23 Item 1: To approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The following amendment was made to Agenda Item 28/23: Item 1: Update on Playing Field including new seats for swings as the following action was omitted 'The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should purchase one (1) chain and 1 swing seat for test purposes. Cllr. Mason to fit.' The minutes were then duly approved. Proposed Cllr. Foster, Seconded Cllr. Mason. All agreed.

Item 2: Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting. Agenda Item 26/23 Planning: Item 1: Planning Enforcement: Cllr Mason would be meeting with Braintree District Council (BDC) Planning Enforcement at the site of the new entrance to Greenstead Hall. Although an entrance on Halstead Road had been approved the one that had been built is not the type that was approved in the plans. It is not in keeping with the area and so after some reluctance from BDC Planning Enforcement to investigate further it is now under review by them.

52/23 Public comment. A resident asked Cllr. Todd for some background information about her. Cllr. Todd explained that she had lived in Burtons Green since 1992. She had been encouraged to stand for Councillor by former Cllr. Pat Wickes and Derek Wickes. She works in Human Resources and is also a Life coach. Since 2021 she had been a Lay member representing employers at the Employment Tribunal. She is also among other things a Trustee for All Saints Academy, and a volunteer for the Blue Cross Bereavement Service.

53/23 County Councillor's report. County Cllr. Chris Siddall reported on the following:

- Been invited to join the Transformation Board.
- 3 million pounds have been added to the road repair fund.
- Devolution
- 22nd May 2023 Climate Change Action Application to be launched.
- Foster Care Fortnight.

Cllr. Mason asked about the Weathersfield migrant centre court case. County Cllr. Siddall reported that this was now out of the local authority's hands, and they were waiting on a court ruling on the case.

County Cllr. Siddall noted that the Burtons Green bridge had now had the undergrowth cut back and the rails had been pushed back into place. For the potholes on Ravens Hall Road, County Cllr. Siddall asked for them to be reported to Highways with photos and What3Words location. Then send him an email with the details so he can follow it up. A resident explained that they had reported deep cuts in the verges on the side of the road in Greenstead Green sometime ago and nothing had been done. County Cllr. Siddall suggested reporting again to Highways and letting him know.

There being no further questions for County Cllr. Siddall he was thanked for his report by the Chairman, Cllr. Foster.

54/23 District Councillor's report. In the absence of the District Councillor there was no report.

55/23 Finance: Item 1. To agree the accounts for payment. Proposed Cllr. Foster, Seconded Cllr. Hambling. All agreed. The accounts for payment were duly approved.

BACS/Cheque no	Payee	Amount	Reason
SO	Amanda Degnan	£347.20	April salary pd 15/4/23
BACS	Village hall	£20.00	April APM meeting
SO	Amanda Degnan	£352.80	May salary pd 15/5/23
BACS	Amanda Degnan	£39.70	expenses mileage, phone,
BACS	Marks and Spencers wine for B. Dixey	£22.00	reimburse A.Degnan
BACS	Sainsburys APM refreshments	£55.58	reimburse A.Degnan
BACS	Sainsburys flowers for P. Wickes	£25.00	reimburse A.Degnan
BACS	Clintons gift bags for wine	£4.50	reimburse A.Degnan
BACS	Amazon Office expenses	£66.95	reimburse A.Degnan ink
BACS	BHIB	£619.17	Insurance
BACS	EALC and NALC	£204.18	membership

BACS		Richard Edwards	£390.00	Audit
BACS		Village hall	£20.00	May meeting
		Total payments for May 2023	£2,167.08	

Item 2. To agree to the Clerk reclaiming VAT of just over £656.61. Proposed Cllr. Hambling, Seconded Cllr. Mason. All agreed.

Item 3. Village Hall Valuation – Cllr. Butler. Deferred to July meeting.

56/23 To receive and approve the Annual Governance Return. (AGAR) Item 1: The Annual Internal Audit Report is received and noted. Proposed Cllr. Foster, Seconded Cllr. Mason. Received and noted. **Item 2: The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) is approved.** Proposed Cllr. Foster, Seconded Cllr. Mason. All agreed. Approved. **Item 3: The Accounting Statements (Section 2) are approved.** Proposed Cllr. Foster, Seconded Cllr. Mason. All agreed. Approved, **Item 4: The Certificate of Exemption is approved.** Proposed Cllr. Foster, Seconded Cllr. Mason. All agreed. Approved,

57/22 Planning and Braintree District Council Planning applications.

Item 1: APPLICATION NO :23/00929/FUL DESCRIPTION: Full planning permission for the construction of 2no. cycle and pedestrian links LOCATION: Land Off, Bournebridge Hill, Greenstead Green. Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council made the following response 'No Objection.' Proposed Cllr. Foster, Seconded Cllr. Pleasance. All agreed.

APPLICATION NO: 23/00946/VAR DESCRIPTION: Variation of condition 2 'Approved Plans' of permission 21/01253/FUL granted on 30/09/2021 for: Replacement of existing bungalow with detached two storey dwelling. Variation would allow for the installation of solar PV panels to garage roof. LOCATION: Cypress Lodge Church Road, Greenstead Green Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council made the following response 'No Objection.' Proposed Cllr. Foster, Seconded Cllr. Mason. All agreed.

23/00630/FUL Burtons Green Nursery Erection of replacement workshop building (part retrospective). This had been objected to by the Parish Council as evidence had become known that the previous barn on the site that the application referred to had not existed. BDC Planning Committee had yet to decide on the application. The Clerk was asked to contact Jason Street, BDC Case Officer for the planning application to find out if any additional information regarding the original barn had been received by the Planning Department. **Action: Clerk.**

58/23 Playing Field: Item 1: Update on Playing Field including new seats for the swings. See Agenda Item 51/23 Item 1 for swings. The Chestnut tree in the playing field had a dead bit in the middle. Cllr. Mason will look at the problem when he is next in the playing field. The new tree is still at his house as he is waiting for Cllr. Butler to remove the dead tree in the playing field. Cllr. Mason suggested purchasing a ring seat to go round the new tree once it is planted to protect it. **Item 2: Update on installations of small new gate and fence for Playing Field.** Cllr. Mason

reported that the gate had been replaced but there was now a problem with the small gate in Burtons Green Road.

59/23 Highways: Parish Councillors Highway issues. Claverings is to have chippings like other nearby roads. County Cllr Siddall had covered highway issues under Item 53/23.

60/23 Village Hall: To agree to sign the legal agreement between Enover Community Trust (ECT), Greenstead Green Village Hall and the Parish Council (as landowners) so that the hall committee may receive a grant for repairs and refurbishment of the hall. To be deferred to the July meeting as the parish council is yet to receive copies of the grant legal agreement. Clerk was asked to contact the Village Hall Secretary for copies of the Village Hall Management Committee minutes.
Action: Clerk.

61/23 To receive reports from outside bodies, training courses, Village Representatives, Parish Council Committees and Advisory Groups. Cllr. Mason went to the outgoing BDC Chair's Afternoon Tea as a representative of the Parish Council and Braintree District Athletic Club.

Cllr. Hambling would be attending the BALC meeting on 25th May.

Speedwatch had caught a couple of people speeding on the 16th May. Greenwatch had held a Party in the Park for the Coronation. The Coffee Morning in the hall is continuing.

Jean Hastings, Neighbourhood Watch, reported that the Pétanque group's plastic chairs in the Playing Field had been smashed. The AGM for Neighbourhood Watch was taking place at The Maurice Rowson Hall, Gosfield on Tuesday 23rd May.

62/23 To note any items of correspondence. Noted The Clerk had received details of the AGM for Halstead Hospital League of Friends and had placed a poster advertising the AGM on the village hall noticeboard.

63/23 Future agenda items. Chain of office, round chair for the tree in the Playing Field, Enover, village hall valuation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.53pm.

Next meeting Wednesday 12th July 2023. 7.15 Village Hall.

Signed.....

Chairman – Greenstead Green and Halstead Rural Parish Council.

Date.....

Amanda Degnan

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