

Minutes of Meeting of Earls Colne Parish Council
held in the Village Hall 15th December 2021.

PRESENT: Cllrs., Mr. J. Bendall (Chair), Mr. T. Calton, Mr. N. McKean , Mrs. J. Parish, Mrs. N. Spelling, Mr. H Street; County Cllr. C.Siddall (had to leave for meeting after Clerks Report); and District Cllr. G. Spray; District Cllr. G. Courtauld; and D. Hayns (Clerk)

- 1. CONFIRMATION OF CLEAR TESTS FOR ATTENDEES:**
- 2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs. Mr. I. Sparks, Mr. R. Cook, Mr. R. Curtis; Spike Townsend - Community Special
- 3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Spelling
- 4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 17th November 2021:** Minutes approved
- 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:** Yvonne Rosie, General Interest ; Mr & Mrs K Morris, 21/02719/FUL
- 6. FINANCE:**
 - a) To approve the payment of December invoices - clarification provided on payment of last instalment of works to Shrubbery fence, these were mostly covered by insurance claim.
 - b) To acknowledge completion of the bank reconciliation for November 2021
 - Members noted that the Bank Reconciliation for November was now being completed on Scribe software
- 7. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT:** Report provided, detailing status of previous resolutions. Clerk provided an update on the following: -
 - The Causeway - Confirmation of further works being undertaken – the kissing gates have been installed but there have been issues raised about them not being big enough. Letter to Highways Public Rights of Way and landowner to be arranged in the New Year (Clerk to Action)
 - Traffic Issues in the Village:
 - There has been a police speed watch undertaken in the Village and Halstead over the last few weeks. It was mentioned by one of the operatives that the whole of the A1124 should be looked at as the issue may be the crossing sites we have are causing too many deceleration and acceleration points through the Village and these are the most dangerous areas.
 - Tey Road potholes were flagged with Cllr. Siddall. Residents photographs to be passed on.

- Accident at zebra crossing – issues around road markings and lighting and lines of sight to be looked into
- Village Lighting Costs – renewal of accounts to be looked at in the New Year.
- Queens Road Closure –

(Queens Road, Earls Colne) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) and (Burrows Road, Earls Colne) (Temporary Suspension of One Way and Temporary Introduction of a Clearway) Order 2021

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council intends, not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make the above Order under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order:

1. To temporarily close that length of Queens Road, Earls Colne in the District of Braintree, from its junction with High Street for a distance of approximately 75m in a north easterly direction.
2. To temporarily suspend the one way restriction in Burrows Road, Earls Colne, in the District of Braintree, from its junction with High Street for a distance of approximately 38m in a northerly direction as detailed in 'The Essex County Council (Burrows Road, Earls Colne) (One Way) Order 2014' for the duration of the above closure only
3. To temporarily introduce a 'No Waiting, No Loading and No Stopping' Restriction in that length of Burrows Road, Earls Colne, in the District of Braintree, from its junction with High Street for a distance of approximately 38m in a northerly direction for the duration of the above closure only. "The Essex County Council (Braintree District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) Consolidation Order 2019" will be temporarily amended to include the temporary 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction and suspend any existing parking and waiting restrictions on the above lengths of roads only. All other restrictions and exemptions contained in the aforementioned Order and Amendments to that Order shall remain in force. The closure is scheduled to commence on 4th January 2022 for 4 days, or where stated on a valid permit (EP201EH2320583 -Essex County Council). The scheduled dates may vary for these works with appropriate signs showing and/or displayed on one.network. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while footway repair works are undertaken by Essex County Council. An alternative route is available via High Street, Burrows Road, Hillie Bunnies, Queens Road and vice versa. The Order will come into effect on 16th December 2021 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Letter to be written to Highways highlighting the issues this diversion will cause (Clerk and Highways Team)

- Notice Boards: Confirmation received that there is the possibility of a noticeboard at the COOP location. On one of the walls, but the Council will have to make the application to the planning authorities. Clarification of sighting and further actions required.

8. TO RECEIVE THE COMMUNITY SPECIALS REPORT:

- Unfortunately the Community Special could not attend the meeting.

9. PLANNING:

- a) Decisions reached by Braintree District Council as follows: -

None shown on site

- b) Current Applications were reviewed by the Parish Council as follows: -

Application No.	Location	Description	Parish Council Decision
21/03342/TPOCON	49 High Street, Earls Colne, Essex	Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - Sycamore (T1) A self-sown tree growing from the base of a boundary wall. The tree has been cut back in the past and has re-shooted as a multi-stemmed specimen. It had not been cut for several years Reduce crown height by 3 metres to maintain the tree as a small specimen to minimise future damage to boundary wall and adjacent residential property, Ash (T2) Self-sown tree growing from the base of boundary wall. Reduce height by 2m to maintain tree as a small specimen to minimise risk of damage to boundary wall and adjacent residential property	No Objections
21/03376/AGR	Land Adjacent Stonebridge House Halstead Road Earls Colne Essex	Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - A corrugated steel cylindrical water tank & freestanding solar panels. <i>For Information only</i>	
21/02719/FUL & 21/02720/LBC	The Castle PH, 77 High Street, Earls Colne	Change of use of Public House (Use class Sui Generis) to 1 x 2 bed, 1 x 3 bed and 1 x 4 bed residential units, and erection of 1 x 3 bed and 1 x 4 bed dwellings in rear car park (total 5 Use Class C3 residential units) with the provision of parking, including undercroft parking, amenity spaces and hard landscaping.	Objection Letter to BDC detailing practical objections to overdevelopment and impact on neighbours. Issues around change of use
20/02205/REM	Land South Of Halstead Road Earls Colne Essex	Revised Plans – Re consultation	ECPC have examined the documents now included within the above application and looking at the revised plans we would have no Objections
21/03427/FUL	Earls Colne Primary School, Park Lane, Earls Colne	Installation of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) to provide an all-weather external sports area.	No Objections
21/03503/NMA	30 Park Lane Earls Colne Essex CO6 2RJ	Non-Material Amendment to permission 21/01517/HH granted 09.08.2021 for: Alterations to existing dwelling which include: cladding and re-roofing, replacement of existing porch, alterations to fenestrations and replacement windows, side terrace, provision of sun shading to south elevation with incorporated balcony, provision of 4 roof lights. Replacement roof between garage and house, and painting of garage, pool house and boundary wall. Amendment would allow for: Retention of existing window and repositioning of flue. <i>For Information Only.</i>	

21/03448/AGR	Land On The South Side Of Halstead	Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - Erection of 2No. polytunnels. <i>For information Only</i>	
21/03483/VAR	Land At, The Airfield, Earls Colne	Removal of Condition 18 (Maximum finished height) of permission 17/01157/OUT granted on 25/11/2019 for: Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved for the erection of up to 10,220m2 of B1, B2 and B8 employment floor space.	No Objections
21/03422/LBC	Earls Colne Social Club, 4 Foundry Lane,	Various essential maintenance works.	No Objections

10. Youth Services Engagement

- Good feedback on the meeting 2nd December 2021.
- Positive engagement with the Essex Youth Services Team
- Next meeting 13th January 2021 7.30pm
- Clerk can act as a volunteer and carry on connection with the Youth Services Team

11. To Discuss Applications for Co-option on Casual Vacancy

- Under guidance of EALC items that could be deferred were deferred in current climate, looking to engage again in January. Applicants contacted and happy to stay engaged.

12. Actions taken since last Parish Council Meeting that were not on the Agenda

- Community Fridge funding has been reopened. Cllr. McKean engaged.
- Winter resilience packs have been received from Community 360 and Village Contacts have been engaged to ensure they are passed to worthy residents.
- Christmas Trees erected on the Baptist Church Village Green and in the Village Hall were kindly donated by Colne Valley Golf Club.
- Pizza Van hirer for the front of the Village Hall has started application through BDC for license.
- Neighbourhood Plan Team update provided.

13. Update on Village Hall

- Works to Village Hall reviewed and updated.
- Possibility of patching of floor confirmed with a possible cost of around £2,000. Agreed that this seemed fair and we should undertake works dependant on final quote.
- Damp has been confirmed as condensation and full report and suggestions coming through from contractor.

14. Update on Museum

- Museum has now closed for 4 weeks over Christmas. There were 25 attendees over the 5 weeks it has opened.
- It was confirmed that ECHM Curator Mr Brian Alderman will retire at the end of the year.
- Method Statement for works removing the ladder being prepared, to be approved by Listed Buildings before works can be started.

15. Update on Budgets

- Meeting to be held on Wednesday 5th January 2022 when all final costings should be received to finalise budget.

Meeting ended 8.17pm.

Chairman

Date