

**Minutes of Meeting of Earls Colne Parish Council**  
**held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Mrs. M. Barrett, Mr. J. Bendall, Mr. T. Calton, Mr. R. Curtis, Mrs. J. Meleschko, Mr. I. Sparks, Mrs. N. Spelling and Mr. M. Tracey; District Cllr. G, Spray; Mrs. A. Emerson (Clerk).

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs. Mrs. J. Parish and Mr. H. Street; District Cllr G. Courtauld; County Cllr. J. Beavis
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. J. Meleschko expressed an interest in 19/02154/FUL, agenda item 9b
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**
  - A member attended to voice concerns about parking on Swallowfields re agenda item 9b. The road has a high percentage of retired residents and as such there is a need for services to have good access to the road. This is currently prevented by parents parking at school times, inappropriate parking and the number of children running around. Resident requested that the council take the matter up with Highways and consider some form of signage.
  - Two residents attended to raise their objections to planning application 19/02257/OUT (agenda item 6b). Concerns covered the footway, road access, impact on junction at Halstead Road, modelling of vehicle numbers from additional developments, dependency on surgery site for road junction modifications, loss of mature trees and hedgerows, over development in the village and parts of the ecological report.
  - Three residents attended to discuss agenda item 6c.
4. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.
5. **CLERK'S REPORT:** Report provided, detailing status of previous resolutions.
  - S106 Monks Road monies now received by BDC – Newhouse Road Allotments £1,445,98 and Outdoor Play Equipment at Hillie Bunnies and the Recreation Club £30,600.90.
  - A section of the village roof was stripped of lead over Christmas period.
  - RCCE conducted an energy efficient survey of the village hall, report to be available by April
  - Library has been registered with BDC as a Community Asset. ECC have 8 weeks to object to this listing.
  - Application has been submitted for DAC approval to renovate the face of the Church Clock.
  - Community workers have cleaned all road and street signs in the village.
6. **PLANNING:**
  - a) Decisions reached by Braintree District Council as follows: -

Application No.	Location	Description	Decision
19/00604/FUL	The Bird in Hand, Coggeshall Road	Demolition of Public House and Erection of the Office Building (828sqm) with Car Parking	Application Refused
19/02223/DAC	Becklands Farm America Road	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 1 of approved application 19/00534/COUPA	Application Permitted

Application No.	Location	Description	Decision
19/02159/NMA	Myrtle Cottage 2 Park Lane	Non-Material Amendment to permission 19/01102/HH granted 19.08.2019 for: Erection of a single-storey side extension (west), first floor extension (north), single-storey extension (north) and erection of a porch to the east elevation. Amendment would allow: Revised fenestration to north elevation.	Application Refused

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

- Tree related applications – Richard Curtis

Application No.	Location	Description	Application No.
19/00340/TPOCON	3A Church Hill	Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area	No objection
19/00324/TPO	23 Coggeshall Road	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 3/8	No objection

- Other applications – Margaret Barrett

Application No.	Location	Description	Parish Council Decision
20/00010/DAC	Land West Of Station Road	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 2 of approved application 19/00802/REM	No objection
20/00011/DAC	Land West Of Station Road	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 of approved application 19/00802/REM	Objection based on design of gate
19/02318/DAC	Land Rear Of Tey Road	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 18 of approval 18/00214/OUT	No objection
19/02293/NMA	Land West Of Station Road	Non-Material Amendment to permission 19/00802/REM. Amendment to allow: re-positioning of garage door, fencing alignment, footpath alignment, change in the access and gate to the attenuation basin and revised layout to pick up technical changes to the attenuation basin.	Information Only
19/02257/OUT	Land North East Station Road	Outline planning permission with all matters reserved except for Access, for up to 53 residential dwellings, associated landscaping, public open space, SuDS and formation of new vehicle access off Station Road.	Objection – response to be prepared outside of meeting
19/02218/FUL	The Cart Lodge, Peartree Hall, Coggeshall Road	Erection of an agricultural building	No objection
19/02217/FUL	Hydewell, Halstead Road	Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of a replacement two-storey 5 bedrooomed detached dwelling house, detached garage and new vehicular access from Halstead Road.	Objection on basis of street scene and road safety
19/02154/FUL	Land Adjacent Earls Colne Recreation Ground, Halstead Road	Provision of Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) with associated fencing, floodlights and access pathway	No objection
19/01903/FUL	40 Halstead Road	Single-storey two bay detached cartlodge	No objection

- 20/00011/DAC – Clerk to write to Millennium Green Trust to establish who is responsible for the track and gate.
- 19/02257/OUT – Cllrs I. Sparks, J. Bendall, T. Calton, R. Curtis and M. Barrett to prepare detailed objection for this planning application.

- c) Pre application review – 9 Foundry Lane  
Members reviewed the proposal and indicated that they are in support of the plans. Reservations were noted about the number of car parking places compared to the size of the house, but it was agreed that any action to take a car off the road was a positive step.
- 7. **MEMBERS REPORT:**
  - a) Christmas Carol Service  
Members noted report on 2019 service and plans for this year’s event.
  - b) Neighbourhood Plan  
Members reviewed parking survey proposal put forward by Cllr. Calton – parking is the main issue raised by residents outside of housing. Members approved the next funding request to Locality to include village wide parking survey, automatic number plate recognition survey at Car Park and preparation of leaflet.
- 8. **VILLAGE INSPECTION PROCESS:** Members discussed the village inspection process and agreed to continue with current format. Zones assigned to Cllrs N. Spelling, J. Meleschko and M. Tracey.
- 9. **HIGHWAY ISSUES:**
  - a) Parking on the green at corner of Atlas Road/Station Road  
Members discussed the matters raised by several residents. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to the Enforcement Team at ECC and send letters to all residents about parking on the green.
  - b) Parking on Swallowfields  
Members discussed the items raised but determined that no further action be taken. The application for yellow lines at the entrance to Swallowfields was approved at the parish council meeting of January 2019.
  - c) Burrows Road Highways Scheme  
Cllr. Bendall advised that the Burrows Road Scheme has now been approved but is awaiting prioritisation by the Braintree District Highways Panel.
- 10. **FINANCE:**
  - a) Payment of Invoices – Members reviewed the list of payments for January 2020 and a summary of budget overspends and approved all expenditure. Members noted that the Bank Reconciliation for December had been reviewed by Cllr. Barrett.

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm

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Chairman

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Date