

Minutes of Meeting of Earls Colne Parish Council
held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 20th November 2019

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** District Cllr G. Courtauld; County Cllr. J. Beavis
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None declared
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**
 Rev. Mark Payne introduced himself to members of the council. Two residents attended in relation to item 8 on the agenda and one resident re item 12.
4. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 16th October were approved and signed as a true record.
5. **CLERK'S REPORT:** Report provided, detailing status of previous resolutions. Clerk to circulate Highways Annual Survey to H. Street, I. Sparks and J. Bendall. It was agreed that the new gate at the Recreation Club Play Area would remain as a double fence. Clerk to contact BDC to arrange a recycling talk as part of the Annual Parish Meeting. The service of the Church Clock was completed this month and the disabled bays outside the Co-op were reinstated.
6. **PLANNING:**
 - a) Decisions reached by Braintree District Council as follows: -

Application No.	Location	Description	Decision
18/01444/DAC	Nightingale Hall Barn, Nightingale Hall Road	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 4 of approved application 15/01569/LBC	Application Permitted
19/00945/OUT	Land adjacent to 2 Broomfield Cottage, Coggeshall Road	Outline planning permission for two proposed link detached dwellings with associated garages.	Application Withdrawn
19/01224/DAC	Land West of Station Road	Application for approval of details reserved by condition no. 11 of approved application 18/00121/OUT	Application Permitted
19/01229/DAC	Land West of Station Road	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 14 of approval 18/00121/OUT - Outline planning application for the erection of up to 90 dwellings with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access point from Station Road. All matters reserved except for means of access	Application Permitted
19/00214/TPO	31 Halstead Road	Notice of intent to carry out work to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 7/05 - Remove basal and epicormic growth from the main stem of a Lime, raise low branches to height of 4.75 metres, tip reduce extended limbs over single storey building no more than 1.5 metres and clean crown of obvious dead wood	Part Granted, part refused

19/00231/TPOCON	56 Park Lane	Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - Tree Maintenance as follows - T1 Remove dead wood from Corkscrew Willow Tree, T2 Field Maple by gateway Raise canopy by 1 metre and reduce by 1/2 metre the west side of tree to balance, T3 Reduce Maple in back garden by shed by 2 metres, T4 Reduce three large Oak Trees in decking area by 2 -3 meters, T5 Reduce Oak Tree next to decking by 2 -3 meters T6 Reduce large double stemmed Oak Tree in centre of garden by 2-3 meters, T7 Reduce two large Oak Trees at bottom of garden by 2-3 meters	Application Permitted
19/01486/VAR	The Essex Golf & Country Club The Airfield	Application for a variation of Condition 3 of planning permission 19/00433/FUL - to remove the 28 day restriction and change the wording to: - The accommodation permitted shall be occupied for holiday purposes only. The accommodation permitted shall not be occupied as a person's sole or main place of residence. The owners, operators shall maintain an up to date register of the names of all owners occupiers of individual lodges and of their home addresses, and shall make this information available at all reasonable times to the Local Planning Authority	Application Withdrawn
19/01447/HH	14 The Croft	Single storey and first floor extensions to west elevation, re-roofing to conservatory/store and alterations to fenestration	Application Permitted
19/01424/HH	12 The Croft	Erection of rear conservatory	Application Permitted
19/00247/TPOCON	Atlas Works, Foundry Lane	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Black Elder - Cut overhanging branches back to boundary of 3 Hunts Yard	Application Permitted
19/01723/HH	River House, Lower Holt Street	Internal alterations and new side garden room	Application Permitted
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b) Current Applications were reviewed by the Parish Council as follows: -

- Tree related applications – Richard Curtis

Application No.	Location	Description	Application No.
19/00290/TPOCON	21 Queens Road	Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area	No objections

- Other applications – John Bendall

Application No.	Location	Description	Parish Council Decision
19/01706/HH	The Ark 18 Park Lane	Erection of 1.5m fencing	Objection on basis of street scene
19/01808/DAC	Land Monks Road	Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 5, 24 and 35 of approved application 16/01475/FUL	No objections
19/01814/HH	28 Tey Road	Proposed single storey rear extension and detached replacement outbuilding	No objections
19/01830/HH	11 Upper Holt Street	Single storey rear extension, front entrance door canopy and new windows to rear and side elevations.	No objections
19/01857/ECC	Earls Colne Primary School Park Lane	Consultation on Essex County Council application no. CC/BTE/80/19 - Construction of a single-storey permanent standalone classroom building and 4 car parking spaces	Responded to ECC in support of application
19/01876/DAC	Land Monks Road	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 4 of approved application 16/01475/FUL	No objections
19/01948/DAC	Land West of Station Road	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 6 - Part C of approved application 18/00121/OUT	No objections
19/01959/NMA	Land East of Monks Road	Non-Material Amendment to permission 16/01475/FUL - Amendment would allow: - Removal of external doors from Plots 36, 38, 39 and 40.	No objections
19/01990/AGR	The Cart Lodge, Peartree Hall, Coggeshall Road	Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - Erection of general purpose agricultural building to store hay, machinery feed and equipment.	Information Only

c) Land West of Station Road – Bellway Homes – Road Name

Members discussed various options for road names including naming new roads after servicemen who lost their lives during the war. Members agreed to put forward Bourne Brook Close as it was felt appropriate given the proximity.

7. MEMBERS REPORTS:

- a) Cycle Path – Cllr. J. Meleschko updated members on an upcoming meeting with a resident from Coggeshall to discuss the cycle path proposal from Coggeshall to Marks Hall. Richard Ramsey had taken the proposal to the Trustees at Marks Hall and reaction was positive. It has been agreed that a working party be formed in the new year in order to look further at feasibility. Members agreed to support the relocation of the footpath on the Airfield.

8. **CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY PROPOSAL:** Members discussed a climate change emergency proposal submitted by Cherry McKean. Cherry provided a background on the Eco Group and requested support from the Parish Council in forming a community working group. Members discussed how the Neighbourhood Plan could assist with progressing climate objectives such as building low energy buildings and it was agreed that criteria will be considered for inclusion in our design guide. Cllr. J. Meleschko gave background on the 2030 deadline and members agreed that the Parish Council should determine its carbon footprint. Clerk to organise energy efficiency audit for the Village Hall. Members agreed that they are in support of establishing a group in the village to progress the climate agenda.
9. **PUBLIC CAR PARK FENCING:** Members agreed to proceed with replacing the car park fencing and agreed to proceed with Tarmec & Croft, funded from the Car Park Earmarked Reserve.
10. **VILLAGE HALL – BAR SERVICE:** Members were updated on plans to progress with Amerio’s Bar as our bar service in the village hall.
11. **VILLAGE OPEN DAY:** Members noted details for Saturday
12. **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE & TREES:** Members agreed to proceed with LED tree at Memorial this year and noted that a real tree would be installed outside Co-op provided by Colne Valley Golf Club. Members reminded that Carol Service will commence at 7pm at the Baptist Church on Friday.
13. **PURCHASE OF PROJECTOR:** Members approved Centenary Award of £200 to Women’s Institute as a contribution towards a projector. This item had been on hold whilst we investigated the feasibility of installing a projector in the village hall.
14. **UPDATE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** Cllr. T. Calton advised that focus this month has been on the village event.
15. **ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**
 - a) Church Hill yellow lines – Members noted that NEPP have approved this scheme for 2020/21.
 - b) Devolution Update – Members were updated on recent meeting with our Devolution Buddy.
16. **BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:**

Cllr. Spray advised that the reopening of the examination of Section 1 of the Local Plan will now happen w/c 14th January and that budget discussions are underway for the District.
17. **FINANCE:**
 - a) Payment of Invoices – Members reviewed the list of payments for November 2019 and a summary of budget overspends and approved all expenditure. Members agreed that no further spending will be incurred this financial year on training and village planting, reducing planned costs by £405. Members noted that the Bank Reconciliation for October had been reviewed by Cllr. Barrett.

b) Budget Meeting – Members were reminded to submit any items for consideration in next year’s budget. Budget meeting will be held on 4th December.

Meeting closed at 9.13 pm

Chairman

Date