

**Minutes of Meeting of Earls Colne Parish Council held in the Council Chamber
on Wednesday 21th February 2018**

PRESENT: Cllrs: Mrs. M. Barrett, Mr. J. Bendall, Mr. R. Curtis, Mr. P. Clarry, Mrs. G. McCubbine, Mr. I. Morton-Smith, Mrs. J. Parish, Mr. I. Sparks and Mr. H. Street.

Mrs. A. Emerson was present in her capacity as Clerk, together with District Cllrs. Gabrielle Spray and County Cllr. Jo Beavis.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. Mr F. Williams and Mr C. Siddall.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

Twenty two members of the public were in attendance to voice concerns re the Outline Planning Applications in respect of Land West of Station Road and Land Rear of Tey Road. A spokesperson was appointed for each application and members heard objections to both developments. Concern was also raised re S106 and the need for this to be applied to local amenities. The Chairman noted that all views were shared by the Parish Council and that the Parish Council's formal response would reflect all points raised in the meeting. Members of the public were encouraged to log their views on the Braintree District Council Planning website and attend in person when these applications go before the Planning Committee.

One representative from the Women's Institute requested permission to plant two damson trees on the village green next to the Baptist Church as part of the Community Orchard.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th January 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

5. CASUAL VACANCY: Members agreed to formally co-op Mr. Anthony Calton to fill the Casual Vacancy.

6. CLERK'S REPORT:

- a) The Clerk reported on correspondence received from two residents re Church Hill parking issues during school drop off and pick up times. To be included as an agenda item at the next meeting.
- b) We have been notified by Braintree District Council of some historic S106 funds (approx. £4k). Agreed that a review of the Open Spaces Plan would be performed next month and decision made on how funds should be utilised.

7. PLANNING:

a) **Decisions reached:**

- 17/02063/FUL – Lowering of kerb and partial demolition of front wall – 9 Foundry Lane - Refused

b) **Current applications:**

Cllr. Morton-smith reported on the following planning applications:

- 18/00098/FUL & 18/00099/FUL – Proposed highway frontage scheme with replacement walls And Railings – Tilekiln Farmhouse, 45 Coggeshall Road – No Objections
- 18/00190/FUL – Erection of front and rear extensions – Sunnycroft Temperance Yard – No Objections
- 18/00121/OUT – Outline dwelling application for the erection of up to 115 dwellings – Land West of Station Road – Objection on basis of outside the village envelope, busy junction with A1124, impact of increased volumes of traffic on local road safety, pedestrian safety, dangerous exit from proposed development onto Station Road, adverse impact on local wildlife and environment, density of housing proposal, distances to local amenities/facilities, inability of current local healthcare and educational provisions to absorb additional numbers, impact on potential further development of land and impact on village boundary between Colne Engaine and Earls Colne

18/00214/OUT – Outline dwelling application for the erection of 30 dwellings – Land Rear of Tey Road – Objection on the following grounds: outside the village envelope, dangerous junction with A1124, pedestrian safety, inability to cope with additional traffic on access roads, impact on local wildlife and environment, density of housing proposal, distances to local amenities/facilities, inability of current local healthcare and educational provisions to absorb additional numbers, inconsistent style of housing, impact on potential further development of land and impact on residences bordering the proposed development.

- c) Land North West of Station Road – Positive feedback received from CALA Homes on public exhibition held on 6th February. The Chairman reported that CALA Homes have requested a meeting to discuss the transfer of the public open space and its alignment with the edge of the development.
- d) Cllr. Gabrielle Spray provided an update on the Local Plan and provided some general guidance on how residents can object to planning and the areas that these objections can relate to: highways, traffic, access, impact on environment and merging of villages.
- 8. MEMBERS' REPORTS:** Cllr. J. Parish reported on the latest Parent Participation Group session. An additional Nurse Practitioner and Pharmacist have been employed and consideration is being given to appointing a Physiotherapist. Reiterated that Surgery will only receive funding for any new developments when a new patient registers.
- 9. COMMITTEES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** Cllr. I. Sparks discussed the roles and responsibilities of Council Members and individual councillors responsibilities were reviewed and validated. Members were in agreement with new village zones proposal.
- 10. WI TREE PLANTING:** Members agreed to planting of two damson trees on village green next to Baptist Church. Cllr. R. Curtis to liaise with WI on exact location of planting.
- 11. MEETING WITH JAMES CLEVERLY:** Chairman confirmed that letter had been sent to James Cleverly requesting a meeting to discuss a number of local matters.
- 12. ANNUAL REPORT:** Cllr. P. Clarry reported that a meeting will be held to discuss layout of this year's report. Members to provide their content prior to next Parish Council meeting.
- 13. COMMUNITY WORKER:** Members agreed on the appointment of Fabiano Vianello as the new Part Time Community Worker.
- 14. ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:** The Chairman informed members of an upcoming feasibility study that will be performed by Highways on Burrows Road to widen footway. Highways will be canvassing residents and inviting feedback on the proposed scheme by 13th March.
- 15. CAR PARK & PUBLIC CONVENIENCES:** No matters to report.
- 16. BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL:** No matters to report.
- 17. VILLAGE HALL:** Cllr. I. Sparks proposed the installation of CCTV system on stairway to Parish Council Office and members were in agreement to proceed with this.
- 18. HEALTH & SAFETY:** No matters to report.
- 19. FINANCE:**
 - a) Payment of Invoices: Schedule of payments approved by members.
 - b) Local Service Fund: Agreement to apply to fund in relation to Part Time Community Worker.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Date

Chairman