

**Minutes of Meeting of Earls Colne Parish Council**  
**held remotely via Zoom on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Mrs. M. Barrett, Mr. J. Bendall (Chair), Mr. T. Calton, Mr. R. Cook, Mr. R. Curtis, Mr. N. McKean, Mrs. J. Parish, Mr. I. Sparks, Mrs. N. Spelling, Mr. H. Street and Mr. M. Tracey; and County Cllr. J Beavis; Spike Townsend - Community Special and D. Hayns (Clerk)

1. **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** District Cllr. G. Spray; District Cllr. G. Courtauld
2. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Sparks advised that he was a close neighbour to agenda item 7)b)7

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**

The following residents attended

- Maureen Harrison – general interest
- C. Siddall – general interest

4. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021:** The minutes were approved as a true record, with agreement that the minute book be signed at a later point once the council reconvenes in person.

5. **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT:** Report provided, detailing status of previous resolutions.

Clerk provided an update on the following: -

- Village Hall – Children's classes have returned from 12<sup>th</sup> April.
- Current Development sites – Crest Nicholson are undertaking a walk around on 15<sup>th</sup> April and awaiting feedback.
- Office IT provision to be updated Agreed by full Council. Cllr Tracey confirmed ordered and awaiting delivery.
- Grants and Volunteers – Clerk updated from meetings with Supporting Communities Group – Cllr Beavis provided input on her experience with grants and S106 monies.
- Dudley Road Turning Circle Light – confirmation that the claim had been turned down and that quotes were being looked into.

6. **TO RECEIVE THE COMMUNITY SPECIALS REPORT:**

**Community Special Constable Update – April 2021 – EC Parish Council**

- Since last meeting – 19 hours patrolling (14.5hrs EC, 4.5hrs CE)
- 1<sup>st</sup> April- Pop up surgery on Green opposite Atlas Road (4hrs)
- 100 Speed check undertaken (100 vehicles speed checked outside Rec club) 2 vehicles exceeding limit (32mph)
- 17<sup>th</sup> April – Late Turn duty – licence visit checks X8 all pubs on first Saturday opening.

- Primary Parking Partnership established with primary school, PC and ECC to develop plans around EC Primary School parking.
- 1 visits to Pump House Vaccination Centre
- High Visibility Patrolling (HVP) Massingham Drive/Nonancourt in response to resident concerns regarding increased traffic at Vac Centre

**CSC 80707 Spike Townsend GCGI MSyl**

**Community Special Constable**

**7. PLANNING:**

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

Application No.	Location	Description	BDC Decision Minutes
21/00380/TPO	Earls Colne Recreation Club Halstead Road Earls Colne Essex CO6 2NG	Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order - 15/13 - Reduce 3x Silver birch tress by 1.5 meters Reduce Sycamore by 3 meters and Pollard White Poplar to pole at 15 foot Reason for works: Poplar is too close to Sycamore and is growing mishapen towards houses on Atlas road. By pollarding we can stop the Poplar becoming too big and encourage better shape. The Sycamore is blocking light and over growing Atlas Road causing complaints. Birches are over grown	Application Granted

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

Application No.	Location	Description	Parish Council Decision
21/01059/HH	1 Homefield Way, CO6 2SL	Proposed First Floor Side Extension	No Objection
21/01098/HH	6 Holden Way, CO6 2FD	Proposed single storey rear extension	No Objection
21/00980/HH	17 Morleys Road, CO6 2NT	Erection of a single-storey front porch, two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension	No Objection
21/00976/PD	45 Lowefields CO6 2LH	Permitted Development Rights Enquiry	For information
21/00969/FUL	The Bird in Hand, CO6 2JX	Demolition of Public House and erection of office with car parking	Objections as raised – Letter to be organised.
21/00910/HH	Gu Brath CO6 2JU	Repositioning of existing access to provide safer vehicle movements	No Objection
21/00897/HH	16 Tey Road CO6 2LG	Single storey side and part rear extension	

21/00907/HH	24 Upper Holt Street CO6 2PG	Single-storey Rear Extension	No Objection
21/00784/TPO	20 Kemsley Road CO6 2NU	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected  Tree Preservation Order 41/00 - Reduce large Oak over  shed, back to natural elbow approx 8 foot, as discuss  with council officer who visited site.	No Objection
21/00787/TPOCON	The Red House, 52 Park Lane CO6 2RH	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Coppice Scots pine growing into Oak, not many, live branches in crown lower down to reduce too. David Watson visited site last time and spoke to client about this. I missed it off the application!! Location: bottom of garden boarder of brick meadow	No Objection
21/00647/FUL	Hanger 1&2 The Airfield CO6 2NS	Installation of sculpture outside front entrance of  Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Visitor's Centre with existing planting bed.	No Objection
21/00697/TPO	37 Hunt Road CO6 2NX	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected Tree Preservation Order 40/00 - T1 - Beech tree Remove small limb growing from base of tree - South side Prune back lower branches on Eastside of canopy overhanging garden	Request for correct documents to be provided

#### 8. NALC Planning and Power Online event 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021:

- Cllr Cook is attending and will feed back to the Council

#### 9. Braintree District Council Highways Panel:

Cllr Bendall updated from Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

- The Quiet Lanes are still on hold due to the need for a Public Consultation on each and every proposal and it has been decreed by the Legal Department of ECC that they cannot be conducted virtually so we have to wait Government directives as to when this can happen.
- Grasscrete/Hardened verge near Pump Green will be completed in the Current Financial Year.
- As will the implication of 20's Plenty in Park Lane.

#### 10. Section 106 monies:

- Update from historical understanding of allocation from S106 monies.
- Cllr Beavis provided guidance on experience with allocation at her own Parish Council.

#### 11. The Causeway :

- Additional bench to be requested at the top of the footpath to be made to landowner. Vote on actions passed. Clerk to action.

#### **12. Village Planting Schemes:**

- Minutes from Committee meeting shared and vote requested on the suggestions that the planter at Station Road and triangle at Park Lane are the only areas to be taken forward with the perennial planting. Community Worker to continue planting rest of Village with usual annual planting after danger of frost has passed. Passed unanimously.

#### **13. Village Sign:**

- Cllr Curtis shared some photos and works to the sign to be budgeted for in next financial year with, also to be considered for Section 106 monies. Clerk to action notes.

#### **14. Church Clock:**

- Payment of deposit invoice approved and tradesman requested to give a good idea of timing of works so that a potted history of works and details on the Clock can be made available to the Village. Clerk to Action.

#### **15. EV Charging Point Investigation:**

- Cllr Street shared findings on investigation.
- Unanimous decision to move forward with suggested scheme with further information to be sought from contractor by Cllr Street and Clerk to approach other Parishes to ascertain their experiences.

#### **16. Neighbourhood Plan and Housing Needs Survey:**

- Findings coming through from Survey.
- Funding application to be made for design code and landscape reports.

#### **17. Village Hall:**

- Replacement range has been installed in the kitchen with extractor fan.

#### **18. Plantation Fence – Shrubbery and Burnt out Car Millennium Green:**

- Contractor found to undertake works on fencing around Shrubbery.
- Burnt out car has been removed from Millennium Green and remaining rubbish removed.

#### **19. War Memorial and Gardens:**

- Works have been finalised and planting to be undertaken by the WI.
- Bench to be looked at with a possibility of additional funding to be provided by the Poppy Appeal.

#### **20. Anti Loan Shark Charter:**

- Vote confirming that this will be considered. Clerk to request confirmation of exact role expected.

#### **21. Virtual Meetings:**

- Confirmation that Clerk would be allowed to undertake virtual meetings from home in the future if required.

- Clerk shared the information that the High Court Case brought by the NALC to carry on with virtual meetings was at the High Court on the 21<sup>st</sup> April and a decision was hopefully going to be available in the next week or so. Decisions to be taken on the meetings in person after this decision is known.

**22. FINANCE:**

a) To approve the payment of April invoices

- Members reviewed the list of payments for April 2021 and approved all expenditure.

b) To acknowledge completion of the bank reconciliation for March 2021

- Members noted that the Bank Reconciliation had been completed by Cllr. M. Barrett.

Meeting ended 9.40pm.

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Chairman

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Date