

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF GREAT HALLINGBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2016, BEGINNING AT 8pm
IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

PRESENT: Cllr Alan Townsend (Chairman)
Cllrs Andrew Noble, Mark Bloomfield, Vicky Wing,
Kaylash Juggurnauth, Alan Pinnock, Tom Streeter and David Barlow.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs Freda Townsend (Clerk) and six members of public.

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from County Cllr Susan Barker.

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Andrew Noble re Housing.

40. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF PUBLIC

Julie Thwaite, Start Hill resident, had written to the clerk, and come along this evening, to ask the council if they would support her proposal for a 30mph speed restriction on the B1256 at Start Hill. She had also written to County Cllr Susan Barker and Sir Alan Haselhurst on this matter.

On discussion it was agreed that the parish council would support this by applying to the Highways Panel with the proposal. Other traffic calming measures such as the kerbside islands as installed through Takeley Street, were discussed, and the possibility of a speed camera, particularly if the limit should remain at 40mph. The chairman said that the parish council will do what they can to implement some traffic calming in this area.

Mrs Milton from Copthall Close handed a letter to the parish clerk about the broken kerb stones in the lay-by at Copthall Close. The clerk had written to Highways several times on this matter but the reply was that it was a low priority. Resolved – that the clerk makes an application to the Highways Panel for a 30mph speed limit at Start Hill, also writing to Sir Alan Haselhurst and Susan Barker to inform them of our support on this; and that she writes to Highways again regarding the kerb stones at Copthall Close.

41. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2016 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

42. MATTERS ARISING

37/16 Phone Box – Cllr Alan Pinnock has now completed the refurbishment of our telephone kiosk, and it looks very smart. Our thanks to Alan for taking on this task, also for taking the time to get the new lettering in the top sections.

43. CHAIRMANS COMMUNICATIONS

None other than on the agenda.

44. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

No reports.

45. AIRPORT

SSE held a meeting of the Parish & Town Liason Group on 27th July and Cllrs Alan Townsend and Tom Streeter had attended along with the Clerk. Current topics of airspace and compensation were covered and I have attached a copy of the minutes for your information.

SSE had written to STAL concerning the unavailability of the Stansted Noise Line telephone answering service and it now appears to have been restored.

46. HIGHWAYS

I had written again on 1st August to Highways regarding the blocked gully by the bridge near Captains, and a reply had been received today, 30th August. I enclose copies of the emails. It is unlikely, with the problems found here, that the routine cleansing will have cleared the gully and we can write again to express this concern, but we may have to wait for a heavy rainfall to prove the matter one way or the other.

I also received a reply to my enquiry for work to be done on Footpath 15/Restricted Byway at Leapers Lane. The PROW inspector, Nigel Eley, had contacted the Little Hallingbury P3 group, through George Barron, to ask them to inspect the path. This they did and contacted Nigel Eley again pointing out the condition of the path, also saying that they would be happy to help but that the work involved is outside their experience. George had heard nothing since then and has now contacted Nigel Eley again on our behalf.

A resident at Start Hill has made a request to Susan Barker, and Sir Alan Haselhurst, for support in applying for the speed limit at Start Hill to be reduced from 40 to 30mph. Following Susan's reply to her, the resident had written to me to ask if the PC will support this. Susan also emailed me to say that she would support the request but believes it would not meet criteria. I have received a letter from Sir Alan to ask if the Parish Council are in support of this before he takes any action. I have now replied to the resident, Susan and Sir Alan to say this matter will be discussed at our meeting.

47. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Currently waiting for a decision on the outline planning application, although Andrew reported that, at present, it is recommended for refusal based on airport issues and therefore has been withdrawn. A new application will be submitted.

48. DEFIBRILLATOR

The Defibrillator had been received 10th August and was installed on the front wall of the village hall Tuesday 30th August. Our Chairman had met with members of the village hall committee to agree on the position for the Defib but this was revised on fitting in order to keep the electrics tidy and safe. While installation is complete, the Defib will not be 'live' until the Ambulance form has been returned and the details registered.

We are holding an official 'unveiling' of the Defibrillator on 21st September and the Cardiac Arrest Response Seminar will be held on Monday 3rd October, both beginning at 7.30pm.

49. POLICE

Further to the letter sent to Chief Inspector Craig Carrington at Braintree Police Station on 20th May regarding the speeding through the village, I have finally managed to email (first time to the wrong email address on the Police website, now corrected) and had a response. Lynda Samways, Essex Police Casualty Reduction Section, telephoned me and we spoke about the speeding problem, and how we used to have our own 'speed check' team, also that we had put an article in the Highlights asking for volunteers to take this up again. Lynda agreed to organize a speed check in the village during the first week in September and will let me know the date. She said that she will send me the data results to put in the next Highlights which may encourage volunteers to come forward.

50. POST BOX BEDLARS GREEN

Following all the communications, we were very pleased to see our new post box appear in late July. No further communications had been received from Royal Mail but the post box was then 'open' at the beginning of August.

I have written to Royal Mail to say how pleased we are to have the new post box. Also to Sir Alan Haselhurst to thank him for his help in supporting our communications which then led to the new post box being installed, and to inform him of our intentions to tidy up the green and repair or replace the notice board.

Sir Alan has replied to say he was pleased Royal Mail have come good at last and that, once the work has been completed on the green, he would be grateful if we could let him know, for maybe a photograph would be appropriate.

51. CORRESPONDENCE

UK Power Networks emailed to inform us of a new national phone number "105" to be launched on 6th September by electricity operators for customers to call should they need to report or get information about a power cut in their area. Information attached.

CPRE AGM will be held 1st October at Christ Church Coggeshall. It will be preceded by a guided tour of Abbey Mill and a talk on the history of St Nicholas Chapel and the Abbey ruins.

52. FINANCE

The following payments were made during the period 14th June to

12 th August 2016:	£
HMRC – tax May	35.00
F. Townsend - net salary May - month 2	395.30
- expenses May	56.98
F. Townsend - net salary June - month 3	388.45
- expenses June	55.47
HMRC – tax June	33.40
Great Hallingbury Highlights – payment for costs	500.00
RCCE – subscription	66.00
F. Townsend - net salary July - month 4	388.45
- expenses July	71.72

Income

05/08/16 UDC Grant – Lesley Wells – for Defibrillator £2,020.00

(Transfer by cheque of £348.58 made from Community Acc to Gratuity Acc being payments from 2013, 2014 and 2015.)

Balances

Business Premium Account	12,930.49
Community Account	8,681.93
Gratuity Account	2,099.43

Finances agreed.

53. PLANNING

Application decisions (the Council's comments are shown in brackets)

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Site and Development</u>	<u>Decision</u>
UTT/15/3785/FUL & UTT/15/3786/LB	Change of use and conversion of redundant farm buildings to 5 no. holiday lets and 1 no. dwelling, and new 6 bay cart lodge. Woodside Green Farm, Woodside Green.	Consent (no obj.)
UTT/16/1232/HHF	Erection of one and half storey side and rear extensions. The New Cottage, Howe Green.	Consent (no obj.)
UTT/16/1339/HHF	Proposed demolition of existing summer house/tool shed and erection of new summer house. Little Beldams, Beldhams Lane.	Consent (no obj.)
UTT/16/1865/HHF	Erection of 2 no. vehicular access gates. Woolcott House.	Consent (no obj.)

Applications dealt with by the Planning Working Group:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Site and Development</u>
UTT/16/1852/HHF	Proposed removal of existing fence and erection of replacement brick wall and timber gates. Woodside House, Woodside Green.
No objections raised.	
UTT/16/1865/HHF	Erection of 2 no. vehicular access gates. Woolcott House.
No objections raised.	
UTT/16/1882/HHF	Proposed single storey rear addition. Trevanger, Woodside Green.
No objections raised.	

Applications dealt with at this meeting:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Site and Development</u>
UTT/16/2170/FUL	Construction of 1 no. single storey dwelling together with landscaping, parking and access to Church Road utilizing existing access. Land Adjacent Cobblestones, Church Road.
No objections raised.	

UTT/16/2240/FUL Demolition of the existing shop and forecourt and erection of replacement shop and forecourt. Formation of parking spaces and erection of two new jet wash bays. Alterations to existing vehicular access.
Start Hill Service Station.

The Parish Council is of the opinion that the proposed development would be too large for this very busy road, opposite a junction and so near to the M11 roundabout, junction 8. There have already been too many accidents outside this service station, the situation made worse by the lorries that pull up nearby (even though this is now a Clearway). Motorists are often seen queueing to get on to the forecourt, with traffic at times going back to the M11 roundabout. It is feared that this development, with so much activity close to the M11 junction would make the area even more dangerous. It was also noted that the proposal involves removal of several trees which at present provide a noise barrier from the busy garage to neighbouring properties.

UTT/16/2423/HHF Conversion of garage to residential annexe.
Woodside House, Woodside Green.

No objections raised.

UTT/16/2404/FUL Change of use from unimproved grassland and woodland to burial ground including erection of service building, access road, car parking and associated landscaping.
Land East of M11 Howe Green.

As with the previous application for this site (UTT/15/2573/FUL) my council is pleased to support the proposals within. We are pleased to see that our comments regarding the number of parking spaces has been addressed.

54. MEMBERS REPORTS

Cllr Kaylash Juggurnauth – Broadband, the Superfast roll out for remote areas including Great Hallingbury has now been postponed from June 2017 to July 2018; Kaylash also reported that our website has more ‘hits’ at the weekends, and that we have many from Australia.

Cllr Mark Bloomfield – the footpaths that go around the M11 roundabout are all very overgrown, and there is also much litter in the area.

Cllr Vicky Wing – has organized a litter pick for 16th October and will also run a competition on guessing how many bags we will collect; Vicky is also asking local people for suggestions of locations for planting new Elm Trees; and regarding Neighbourhood Watch has had no volunteers come forward, but she went to the Countess of Essex Show and spoke to the person at the Neighbourhood Watch stand who will put us on their mailing list to keep us on the map for future events.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed.....
(Chairman)
Date.....