

Minutes of Meeting of Earls Colne Parish Council
held in the Council Chamber, Village Hall 15th June 2022.

1. **PRESENT:** Cllrs., Mr. T. Calton(Chair); Mr. R. Curtis; Mr. M.Jackson; Mr.R.Ranns; Cllr H. Street; Mr. P. Wall; District Cllr G. Courtauld; County Cllr. C. Siddall; and Spike Townsend - Community Special D. Hayns (Clerk)
2. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. R Curtis Planning (10.a)**
3. **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:.** Cllr's; Mr. N. McKean; Mrs. J. Parish; Mrs. N. Spelling; District Cllr. G. Spray
4. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20th May 2022:** Minutes approved (as there was some confusion as to whether some had received them – sent out again)
5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:** Mrs Mann, Willow Tree Way - Question about the proposed Pylon placement from Norwich to Tilbury and how it will come to the Village. Cllr. Siddall and Cllr. Courtauld were aware and advised that Coggeshall Abbey was the closest (route to be considered and consideration to be taken about registering objection - PC) Mr & Mrs Albrighton Station Road. Details on parking along verge, along by Cala development (details to be taken forward to future meeting with BDC Planning and Developer) issues with bus stopping along Station Road (to be looked into by Clerk); speeding and noise of vehicle (Community Special pointed out that this could be reported to Braintree Police with a registration number) Pavement issues along Station Road again flagged.
6. **FINANCE:**
 - a) To approve the payment of June invoices - approved
 - b) To acknowledge completion of the bank reconciliation for May 2022.
7. **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT:** Report provided, detailing status of previous resolutions. Clerk provided an update on the following: -
 - New electric vehicle on its way this week.
 - New Tai Chi Class to starts on 20th June
 - Pizza Van hopefully returning.
 - Enquiries about using the Village Hall as a meeting venue increasing. To be flagged with Village Hall Team and Wi Fi Access and Overhead Projectors to be investigated (clerk)
 - Christmas and Pop up Fayres interest rising.
 - Community 360 bus coming along on Thursday 16th. Flagged with other teams in the Village.
 - CALA meeting – date to be sent out by Clerk and meeting for team pushed. (clerk)
 - Four Colnes Show 20th August 2022 – meeting to be arranged for booking and decision of manning and approach. (Museum to be encouraged to join us; Can we look to get the Electric Vehicle there?)
 - Honesty Box installed for the dog waste bags

- Request that we look to do something for the vacant positions. Either with a pop up outside the COOP or a specific surgery and new approaches to posters? (Clerk to action with Chair/Vice Chair and Communications Team)
8. To receive the Community Special Report:-
- The spate of commercial burglaries that affected the Village earlier in the year – the perpetrator was sentenced to 3.5 years.
 - Could the Parish look to get something on our communication streams about opportunistic thefts during this weather.(clerk to action)
9. To receive any updates from our ECC Councillor.
- The issues at Tey Road have been successfully repaired and there should be no further issues – this has been an ongoing issue and Cllr. Siddall was thanked for his hard work in sorting this finally.
 - Reminder that Essex Highways have advised that there is to be a worst pothole repairing scheme. Cllr. Siddall advised that he does have 38 allocations to put out there could we flag with him the worst that we think are here within our Parish for review/inclusion (clerk to collate)
 - Reminder that there is a scheme that looks to be coming on line with Essex where a speed sign that can capture registration numbers and issue tickets can be hired by Parishes. And fines can be levied. Cllr. Siddall will keep us advised.
10. To receive any update from our BDC Councillors.
- Cllr. Courtauld confirmed the news that The Local Plan for Braintree has been found legally sound and will be rubber stamped in sub-committee on Tuesday 5th July and in full Council on Monday 25th July next
 - Cllr. Courtauld advised that the interviews for the new Chief Executive for Braintree had been undertaken and the announcement should be made soon.

11. PLANNING:

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

Application No.	Location	Description	BDC Decision Minutes
22/01248/TP OCON	The Ark 18 Park Lane Earls Colne Essex CO6 2RJ	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Robinia (T1) - Reduce crown height by approximately 3 metres and crown width by 2 metres on south-west side, to compensate for included union at base of tree and natural imbalance of crown. Remove dead trunk (tree is multi-stemmed)	Application Permitted
22/01087/H H	Mitchells Coggeshall Road Earls Colne Essex CO6 2JZ	Single-storey rear extension	Application Refused
22/00974/V AR	Meadow Croft Station Road Earls Colne Essex CO6 2ER	Change of use of former farm workshop to 1No. three-bedroom dwelling.	Application Permitted
22/00861/A DV	Becklands Farm America Road Earls Colne Essex CO6 2	Change of use of former farm workshop to 1No. three-bedroom dwelling.	Application Permitted

22/00861/A DV	Land South Of Halstead Road Ear Colne Essex	Installation of: 2 no. Hoarding run 2 no. Stack sign 1 no. Leaderboard 1 no. Cut Lettering	Application permitted
22/00638/F UL	The Bird In Hand Coggeshall Road Earls Colne Essex CO6 2JX	Demolition of Public House (Sui Generis Use) and erection of Office Building (Use Class E(g)(i) (658sqm) with associated car parking.	Application Permitted
21/03732/LB C	13 High Street Earls Colne Essex CO6 2PA	Rebuild rear garden wall and repair to front right chimney stack	Application Permitted

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

Application No.	Location	Description	Parish Council Decision
22/00910/FUL	Land North Of Pudsies Barn, Station Road	Proposed 1 No. 3 bedroom bungalow.	No Objection
22/01182/TPO ON	6 Halstead Road, Earls Colne, Essex	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Lime tree is growing over front of Tilwicks court, cut back all lateral branches overhanging the drive leaving the main trunk and top upper crown.	No Objection
22/01210/FUL	Bungalow, Colne Valley Golf Club, Station Road	Erection of single-storey front/side extension to existing staff accommodation, alterations to fenestration, erection of single-storey detached double garage and boundary wall.	No Objection
22/01266/TPO	21 Coggeshall Road, Earls Colne	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 19/00 - Fell leaning Ash tree number 10 on the TPO map, it has moved during recent storms and is weighted towards the neighbours garden	No Objection
22/01222/FUL	St Andrews Church, High Street Earls Colne	Replacement of existing wooden notice board with new aluminium notice board of the same size	No Objection
22/01180/HH & 22/01181/LBC	Nightingale Hall , Nightingale Hall Road, Earls Colne	Installation of 20 ground mounted PV solar panels in linear formation to an area of garden amenity	No Objection
22/01330/TPO ON	4 York Road, Earls Colne, Essex	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - The Conifer tree is approx 9-10 metres high and would be reduced to 6 metres and rounded to a more pleasing shape - Large overgrown a few feet from the decorative cast iron Victorian Terrace pole / feature between the semi-detached properties Named "York Villas", built 1983 by Ruben Hunt. The tree has been left uncut for some time is too large, roots effecting the property, and blocking light to both downstairs rooms (to both houses) and bedrooms (to both houses) Tree is in the middle of the Villas but applying given looks more on my side and effects both properties. Hence this will look to be cut, and shaped, so it is no more than half the window height on the it to remain, keep the decorative look, but keep what can be a fast growing aggressive plant in check with future cuts to keep in height. Given the height of the tree will be cut the shape will be rounded at Unsure if permission is needed on conifer as more hedging plant but here it is a stand alone tree. Further height will also effect insurance. Note the tree is near electric cables and grows through telecom cables. Another tree along side it will follow this as a separate permission application.	No Objection
22/01277/HH	66 Coggeshall Road, Earls Colne Essex	Front porch	No Objection
22/01515/TPO	Claystones , The Croft, Earls Colne	Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 42/00 - Ash (T1) - Reduce branches overhanging garden of Claystones, The Croft, by approximately 0.5 metres back to natural pruning points and remove small sublaterals resting on hedge (T2) - Reduce branches overhanging garden of Claystones, The Croft, by approximately 0.5 metres back to natural pruning points and remove small sublaterals resting on hedge	No Objection

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Update from last meeting – Resident report on Footpath upgrade under S.106 agreement on new development off of Lowfields. BDC Planning have confirmed that there was a misunderstanding between the developer and Highways. This has now been corrected and the works are being undertaken. Resident has been thanked and asked to carry on updating us.

12. Actions taken since last Parish Council Meeting that were not on the Agenda

- Tree behind the stores in Queens Road Car Park to be removed, Landlord has confirmed Tree Surgeon to attend in the next week or so to assess and carry out works as soon as possible.
- Landlord has also confirmed that remedial works will be carried out on the wall and it will be fully rebuilt in September next.
- The window along the High Street above Boots Stores is being worked on at last.
- The window to the rear of the toilets has been damaged by a neighbours ball. Costs being actioned and liability accepted.
- Update from Cllr. Street on the EV charge point project with power being confirmed as coming to the site via two heavier duty poles rather than digging up any of the car park surfacing.

13. Salt Bag Partnership

- It was agreed to look at pushing this out into the Village and approaching key areas to hold bags for easy deploy.
- This should be part of our emergency plan.
- Clerk to download the free support pack and move forward.

14. S.106 and Grants

- It was agreed that meetings should be arranged with all Working Groups to get together details/prioritisation for any works required so that we have spade ready schemes to take to grants and S.106 (S.106 Team to arrange a meeting as soon as possible. Working Teams to liaise)

15. Platinum Jubilee

- It was confirmed that a letter of thanks should go out to all who went above and beyond on what was a brilliant weekend of Village celebrations.
- Platinum Jubilee team to report fully next meeting.

16. The Church Clock Update.

- Clock had some issues with one of its motors but is working again.
- Haward Horological were asked to assist with a risk assessment and some issues have been raised. Cllr. Siddall advised he would send on an easy to use risk assessment form. (Clerk to pass to Cllr. Ranns)

17. Communication and Asset Management Team Update

- Intern has joined the team to move populating forward.

- Reports shared – no decisions required.

18. Village Environment Update

- Excellent feedback from residents after relocation of bottle banks
- Agreed review of solutions for bus stop shelters to be brought to next meeting.
- Request from Rec Club for assistance with one of their pitches, as with Millennium Green Team, Rec Club Team to be approached and look at how any works required can be scheduled and costed.
- Cllr. Curtis asked to remind Millennium Green Team that a walk through of what would be required is still needed from them.
- Report Shared – No decisions required

19. Village Hall Team Update

- New lighting for the stairwell installed as previous lighting was not bright enough to stop trip hazards.
- Work on locks for Hall areas that needed securing undertaken

20. Neighbourhood Plan and Planning Team Update

- Report Shared – No decisions required.

Meeting ended at 8.50 pm

Chair

Date