

**Minutes of Meeting of Earls Colne Parish Council**  
**held in the Village Hall 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

1. **PRESENT:** Cllrs., Mr. R Curtis, Mr. M Jackson, Mr. N. McKean, Mrs. J. Parish, Mr.R.Ranns; Mrs. N. Spelling (Chair) H. Street Mr. P. Wall; District Cllr. G. Spray, County Cllr. C. Siddall; and D. Hayns (Clerk)
2. **CONFIRMATION OF CLEAR TESTS FOR ATTENDEES:**
3. **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Mr. T. Calton,
4. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. R Curtis 9(b) 22/00555/TPOCON
5. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETING - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20th March 2022:** Minutes approved
6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**
7. **FINANCE:**
  - a) To approve the payment of April invoices -
  - b) To acknowledge completion of the bank reconciliation for March 2022.
8. **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT:** Report provided, detailing status of previous resolutions.  
Clerk provided an update on the following: -
  - The current lifting issue with the Village Hall floor should now be sorted out the last week in April.
  - Plumbing works to Village Hall hot water should be formally quoted for w/c 24<sup>th</sup> April and hopefully done by the end of May.
  - Entered into the auction for Solar Essex – to look at a cheaper cost for panels for store and Village Hall
  - Community Worker – Nearly there with PPE – couple of delays in sourcing sizes.
  - Health & Safety Document and Handbook prepared and will be signed off and presented to employees and circulated to full PC (Cllr Wall and Clerk)
  - Workshop works to bring it up to good working and professional level :-
    - Purchase of Hazardous substance box approved
    - Signage approved (internal and external)
    - Plan to remove 2 car park spaces outside of the stores from general use to enable access to the stores with the new vehicles; provide safety space from stores door; and area for Community Worker to clean off the mower and vehicle; approved. Bollards to keep the area clear approved. (Clerk to organise purchase, Cllr Wall to help organise fitting.)
    - Store bins causing damage to both buildings at Queens road due to camber and weight, they are to be moved permanently to the area where they are normally collected from and secured. Locks for bins to be purchased.

- BDC to be approached on permanently moving the glass bins from their current location in the car park as this can cause a bottle neck with people parking to drop off bottles; there can be a lot of broken glass littering the main access to the car park around the bins, the disabled parking bays next to them are seldom used due to their proximity and, if utilised for the Electric Vehicle Charging Points, will need some protection from the glass bin access. (Clerk and Cllr Wall to Action)

## 9. PLANNING:

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

None shown on site

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

Application No.	Location	Description	Parish Council Decision
			No Objection
22/00617/FUL	11 Station Road	Erection of 1 x 3 bedroom two-storey detached dwellinghouse	
22/00638/FUL	The Bird In Hand , Coggeshall Road	Demolition of Public House (Sui Generis Use) and erection of Office Building (Use Class Class E(g)(i)) (658 sqm) with associated car parking.	No Objection but some comments and observations to be taken into consideration.
22/00555/TPOCON	1 Foundry Lane	<p>Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Fell Scots Pine tree - This tree is a very old and large non-native Scots Pine in our garden.. Its trunk is 12.5 meters from our residence structure and in excess of 15 meters tall. The tree has grown too large for its location and poses a danger if it should fall or drop branches. We are extremely concerned that in the next storm it will fall and cause substantial damage to our property. During the last 2 storms this year we thought it was coming down as it was moving so much and swaying towards the house. It drops pine needles, sap, cones, twigs and branches over all our garden and the adjoining footpath which constantly need to be raked off the lawn/flower beds and physically removed from the fishpond. It casts excessive shade over the garden all year inhibiting plant and lawn growth due to lack of light and moisture and is ugly and of little amenity value. Pigeons sit on the tree and defecate all over the footpath and garden. We also have honey fungus (Armillaria) infestation in the garden which has killed 3 mature fruit trees in the past and which Pinus are susceptible to.</p> <p>We want to fell the tree to remedy these problems. We would preferably not replace it at all, or if replacement is a condition, replant with a native fruit tree or similar whose height and span can be controlled by pruning.</p>	No Objection
22/00712/TPO	19 Kemsley Road	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 41/00 - Cedar tree in the garden of Number 19 has suffered damage from storm Eunice and the customer (Valerie) would like the storm damage removed and dead wood removed. The branches need to have the end weight reduced to prevent further damage. This would be a reduction of 1-1.5m. The tree does appear to lean towards the house but this lean can only be seen from the main road and further investigation is required.	No Objection
22/00663/TPOCON	1 Tey Road	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Cedar (T1) - Crown thin by 10%, taking no more than 10% from any branch and remove / stabilise deadwood >25mm. The tree had a large limb fail during the recent adverse weather conditions, thinning the crown will help prevent any future storm damage and preserve the amenity of the tree.	No Objection
22/00584/TPOCON	1 Aubrey Close	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Fell remaining Sycamores along boundary of 1A Aubrey Close	Objection the trees were present before the property was built and they appear to be outside the curtilage of the property

22/00598/TPOCON	42 Park Lane	Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - Reduce 2x Yew trees along the front, 2 ft below wire and cut back by 3 ft over road. Trees are growing into the wires and obstructing lorries	No Objection
22/00782/NMA	Meadow Croft Station Road	Amendment would allow:- New balcony to the rear of the dwelling. For information only	
22/00718/PLD	Land Adjacent To 12 Park Lane Close	Use of empty plot as community garden. Notification Only	
22/00813/HH	13 Burrows Road	Demolition of rear conservatory and erection of single-storey rear extension.	No Objection
22/00787/REM	Land At, The Airfield,	Application for the Approval of Reserved Matters (in respect of layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping) pursuant to outline planning permission 17/01157/OUT granted 25.11.2019 for the erection of up to 10,220m <sup>2</sup> of B1, B2 and B8 floorspace. Reserved Matters relate to the development of part of the southern parcel of the site for two buildings to provide B8 floorspace	No Objection
22/00826/FUL	The Cart Lodge, Peartree Hall, Coggeshall Road	Erection of 4-bay timber-framed barn with attached lean-to and adjoining open-fronted mono pitched agricultural building.	No Objection
22/00859/FUL	Becklands Farm, America Road,	Change of use of former farm workshop to 1No. three-bedroom dwelling.	No Objection

## 10. Update on Cycleway

- Clarification to be made with the Cycleway Team as to what schemes for Station Road and any crossing outside the new Persimmon development on Halstead Road to be requested (JP)
- Highways have funded a feasibility study and this is being undertaken. (Cllr Siddall)
- Quiet lanes are being taken forward in America Road and Newhouse Road. (Cllr Siddall)
- The planting triangle at the end of Park Lane has some grasses that have grown too large and are affecting visibility. (Community Worker)
- There has been some update on the issue with the Road surfacing Tey Road and it may be that the issue has been found. (Cllr Siddall)
- The issue with the camber on Queens Road was flagged again and documentation has been received in support from Coop Estates. (Clerk to pass to Cllr Siddall.

## 11. Update on Communications Policy and Website

- Update shared – Workshop to be rearranged for all members attendance (Clerk to Action)

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

- Queries raised about safety around a rough sleeper around Curds Road. Raised with BDC and Streetlink.
- Claim made regarding an injury on one of the Parish's waste bins – investigated by Community Worker Team, due to the nature of the plastic it was very unclear how this could have caused the injury, and passed to insurers.
- The Museum Committee met and formally appointed a Curator, Adam Culling. Full report will be sent on

- Cllr Spray and Cllr Siddall requested that an agenda item for both BDC and ECC be added to the agenda going forward. Agreed by full Council (Clerk to Action)

**13. Moved to In Committee – presentation and discussion on Working Groups going forward**

- Chair shared the presentation from Cllr Calton in his absence.
- Adoption of Working Groups agreed and populated.
- Agreement made that any working issues could be raised by groups as roles develop.
- Agreement that system is to be reviewed in 6 months time. (Clerk to diarise)
- Clerk to share updated listing for approval after meeting.
- Meetings to be arranged handing over information to the groups. (Clerk to liaise)

Meeting ended at 9.40pm

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Chair

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Date