



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY, 27TH JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM

Present: Andrew Marchant
David Oxley
Simon Bagnall
David House
Amanda Parker
Jan Pledger

District/ County Councillor: None
Public: None

Apologies : Peter Boylan
Jeff Jones

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

The chairman welcomed councillors to the first meeting of the year and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

30.1 To Receive Any Apologies for Absence. DC Boylan and CC Jones.

30.2 To Receive any Personal or Prejudicial Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda – none received.

30.3 Adjournment for Public Questions/Comments – no comments.

Adjournment for County Councillor – CC Jones was unable to attend but provided an update on the closure of the Orchard Surgery. He met two weeks ago with the Buntingford Health Centre (BHC) partners to hear their thoughts on the Orchard Surgery closure, and importantly if they had the existing capacity to accommodate Orchard Surgery registered patients. They confirmed that these could be accommodated but to the detriment of some existing services they currently offer, midwifery, mental health etc. There could be a possibility for these services to be housed at the Orchard facility. The East and North Herts Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are currently looking at expansion of the BHC within its grounds. Cllr Jones has been pushing for HCC to develop the old Nevetts site into a community / residential facility with a new Health Centre with accommodation above. The BHC partners were very supportive of this proposal. Cllr Jones has a meeting scheduled for 5th February with HCC Estates to hear their proposals and to push his. Oliver Heald is also very supportive of this proposal. Cllr Jones will keep us updated of further progress.

There was no update on Anstey Quarry.

Cllr Jones requested any highways or other issues councillors wish to pursue, to let him know.

30.4 Adjournment for District Councillor : Cllr Boylan had intended to attend the next meeting, however, due to the change in date, he sent his apologies due to another commitment. He welcomes any queries that arose from this meeting.

30.5 Adjournment for Police Update : None received.

30.6 To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th November 2019

The minutes were reviewed and it was unanimously agreed that with corrections listed below, they were a correct and a true record of the meeting held on 18th November 2019 and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

30.6.1 Planning Application was previous.

30.6.2 Correction of spelling, 'Beech Trees'.

30.6.3 Village Hall work was cutting the grass down the sides of the hall.

30.7 Planning Applications / Decision Notices

30.7.1 High Trees Ref. X/19/0503/CND Discharge Notice for materials and roofing.

The Planning Department were due to update on this application in December but there has been a delay. A response is expected soon.



- 30.7.2 The New House Ref: 3/19/2497/HH** Demo of conservatory & erection of single storey rear extension. Flint Hall Road – chairman spoke to the neighbours and there were no issues raised.
- 30.7.3 Maran House Ref. 3/19/2429/HH** Part Single Storey, Part two-storey extension GRANTED 24/1/20.
- 30.7.4 Plot 64 Ref. 3/19/2256/FUL** Change of use of land to Gypsy/Traveller residential for siting of 4 caravans (incl. 2 static) No decision yet.
- 30.7.5 Hill Farm Ref. 3/19/2280/HH** Creation of two parking spaces – GRANTED 31/12/19.
- 30.7.6 Coltsfoot Farm Ref. 3/19/2205/HH** Conversion of garage for habitual space – GRANTED 3/1/20.
- 30.7.7 High Trees Ref. 3/19/1338/HH** Erection of single storey garage and relocation of entrance – REFUSED 19.9.19.
- 30.7.8** No further applications or decision notices received.
- 30.8 Finance**
- 30.8.1** The latest financial report was accepted by the Parish Council.
- 30.8.2** The Bank Reconciliation dated 27th January was accepted as correct.
- 30.8.3 Grants :**
- 30.8.3.1** Playing Field.
- 30.8.3.2** VE Day Commemoration. Once grant funding has been secured, the parish council will discuss supporting a proposed event at the Blind Fidler PH.
- 30.8.4** Payments for January and February were approved (cheques to be signed at the end of the meeting). Tree Surgery invoice received – to note, there may be other recommended works at St George’s.
- 30.9 Anstey Quarry** – no update.
- 30.10 Highways / Vegetation** – no items. Flooding at the Anstey Bury and Snow End to be reported. Flooding at Silkmead to also be reported.
- 30.11 School / Parking** – Repairs to the Village Hall drive were discussed. A vote was held for the Parish Council to pay up to the cost of £1,000 to repair the Village Hall Drive. This was unanimously agreed and carried. Second vote to cover repair costs up to £1,500 was carried 5 votes to 1. It was also noted that the County Councillor’s locality fund could be approached for assistance with the cost. Anstey School will be contacted to request any funds towards the cost of repairs. The School will be contacted to ask if they can provide some funding towards it.
- 30.12 Defibrillator – Box Number 1580**
It hasn’t been used and it is monitored on a 2-3 weekly basis.
The recent cost of £21 for monitoring was to cover the period from Nov 2019 to April 2020.
The next bill will be raised on 1st April 2020 for £49.
- 30.13 Phone Box** – Clerk to chase again.
- 30.14 Village Hall**
There’s regular school use and lettings one/two per month.
Pop up Film and Social Club began the year with Fisherman’s Friends last week with over 40 in attendance. Renewal of membership was due in January with the majority of members renewing.
Next film on 28th February and the regular film showings are enjoyed by our members.

Dance Fit on Monday has stopped due to low attendance.
2 yoga, 2 table tennis and one carpet bowls continue.
There are no further grants available.
The grant funds saved should last for 4-5 years before we need to decide how to proceed with costs.

New cupboards are being installed in the kitchen and a broom cupboard being built.

There was no further update on the flooring – decisions will be made during 2020.

Getting Village Hall Broadband is progressing – we have an engineer and surveyor visit planned from John Lewis Broadband via PlusNet @ £20/month on a 12-month contract with free calls at the weekend. £50 set up fee.



The Village Hall's major fundraisers is the annual quiz on Saturday, 25th April.

30.15 Playing Field – no outstanding items.

30.16 Correspondence Received / Sent – report received.

28.17.1 Uttlesford refused planning permission for Stansted's expansion plans.

28.17.2 Chase up Castle Cottage planning query.

30.17 AOB – none received

30.18 Date of next meeting : 16th March – David Oxley sends ahead his apologies (away).

Meeting concluded at 8.20pm.

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