

HENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes (Unapproved) of a Council Meeting

Date: Monday 8th April 2019

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: OSCA, Henham

Present: Cllr and District Cllr G. LeCount and P. Lees, County Cllr R. Gooding; Cllrs N. Baker, S. Lee, M. Francis, F. Frindle, D. Marshall, A. Malins, K George-Lafferty and Clerk M. Dacey

1. Apologies for Absence Cllr M. Fisher

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the March 2019 meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising

4. Reports and Recommendations

Greens and Village Estate – Cllr. Baker:

- (i) **Ponds** – Further tree work behind the first two ponds should be completed soon with the removal of the debris.
- (ii) **Pavement outside Snow Cottage** – It was previously agreed the puddling on the pavement outside Snow Cottage would be examined. A contractor is looking at the area for a solution. A resident has helpfully shown why the area might be prone to flooding, this theory has been passed to the contractor.
- (iii) **Storm damage on High Street** - The storm on 10th March has brought down a large bough of a Horse Chestnut tree in the High Street. It blocked two driveways and a contractor dealt with the damage the following day. There may be some collateral damage to some infrastructure in one of the houses.
- (iv) **Trees in village** - The Chair has made contact with an arborist, Tim Fuller to inspect our trees. He is awaiting a quote.

Woodland -The Chair confirmed that the Essex Field Club is visiting the woodland and our ponds on 18th April 2019.

Village Hall – Update from Cllr Marshall. It was agreed to hold an EGM in May following the new Parish Council meeting.

Henham Website – The Clerk and Cllr Lee have been liaising with Popcorn to update the website software.

Speedwatch – Update from Cllr Frindle. Speeding around the school continues to be an issue. Hopefully the appointment of a PCSO in the next few months will assist. Some parking leaflets have been handed out by Cllr Frindle.

Gigaclear – An update by the Chair following his meeting with Gigaclear was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed with Gigaclear that they would provide the Chair with an update which has been posted on the website and in the Dragon.

London Stansted Airport Biodiversity Week – The airport is offering free silver birch trees to local councils, email circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Francis to put a notice in the Dragon.

(ii) Finance

Receipts		
<u>From Whom</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tees	Refund re fees paid in respect of Hill Top Yard Wood	£194.00

<u>To Whom</u> (Invoice no.)	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
M. Dacey	Clerk's salary (February)	£ 377.26	£ 0.0	£ 377.26
P. Knott (60334	Grass cutting 6/3 & 20/3	£870.00	£0.0	£870.00
Affinity for Business Ltd (1377517-4)	Allotment water	£22.09	£4.42	£26.51
EALC (10628)	Affiliation fees	£362.28	£0.0	£362.28
Gardner Planning Ltd (060.1)	Planning advice re Chickney Road North	£1210.80	£242.16	£1452.56

Treasury Management Investment Policy and Strategy 2018/19 – Cllr Fisher – nothing to report.

Henham Parish Council Receipts and Expenditure records for Quarter 2 of 2018-2019 financial year were previously given to Cllr Fisher for approval.

AGAR 2018-19 – The Clerk has received notice from the external auditors that Henham Parish Council has been randomly selected for an intermediate review and will be preparing the relevant paperwork over the coming weeks.

(iii) Planning and Developments

Applications:

- **UTT/19/0502/HHF** – proposed cart lodge with home office over - The White House High Street Henham CM22 6AR
- **UTT/19/0246/HHF** – proposed shed, Wyndies, Crow Street
- **FAIRFIELD: UTT/17/3573/OP Land to The North West of Henham Road** – Henham Parish Council strongly opposes this development of 350 houses and will challenge it at the UDC Planning meeting. It was expected that the planning meeting may be heard on 19th December but will be pushed back to June this year.

Breaches: *District Cllr Lees to update re HTY:*

- **Hill Top Yard (UTT/15/0623 – Enforcement – removal of 5m lights)** – The Parish Council continues to monitor any other ongoing breaches of the planning conditions. District Cllr Lees has chased up the breach. UDC has confirmed this has now been logged as a new investigation. The reference number is ENF/19/0077/C and the case officer is Gary Collins.
- **Vision Fitness:** The Parish Council are in discussions with the owner of Vision Fitness regarding planning permissions and have met with the owner. The Chair told him the Parish Council was very supportive of the Gym and regarded it as a major asset to the village. However, it must abide by the planning conditions. The owner has confirmed he is liaising with UDC planners to discuss the areas where planning has been breached.

- **Appeals:**

Decisions: UTT/19/0039/FUL – proposed construction of 1 no. dwelling to land at rear, The Shielings Old Mead Lane – refused on the grounds of contrary to ULP policy S7.

- (iv) Highways – UPDATE from Cllr LeCount:* Next meeting with Rissa Long is due in May.
Road Closures in the area – County Cllr Gooding provided an update in relation to the proposed 5 month long road closure due to bridge repairs on Hall Road. Residents are advised to check the www.roadworks.org website and bus website for 7/7A which will be impacted.

The White House in Old Mead Road –The chevron that was previously discussed for the bend on Old Mead Road did pass the validation process and is on the potential schemes list for the panel members in March to consider for funding.

Hall Road Henham The Henham Parish Council agreed to pay for the installation of a 40mph buffer zone at this site – Actual date to be advised – expected to be sometime in April

Blocked drains in Old Mead Road - A new online application has been applied for by Cllr LeCount

School Parking at Pimletts and Carters Lane, Henham –***The request for double yellow lines in the vicinity of the school would need to be made to the North Essex parking Partnership and will need Cllr Gooding's support as the relevant County Member. Cllr LeCount actioned***

Old Mead Road Speed– LUTT 182011 - Request to look at extending the 40mph speed on all Old Mead Road to the Toot Toot bridge. Strips were laid by ECC in two places in Oct / November 2018 to evaluate traffic and speed. ***The results are as follows: First strip: East traffic 36.9 mph and west 37.9 – Second strip east 34.5 mph and west 36.1. We are now awaiting the conclusion of the validation to establish if this is a scheme which can be taken forward to the LHP in March. Anybody wishing to see the full report please contact garrylecount@hotmail.com***

Residents are encouraged to also report any matters to Essex Highways direct via the Essex Highways web site www.essex.gov.uk/highways (details also on the Henham Website), as the more people who complain regarding Highways matters the more likely something will get done.

5. Correspondence

Sent/Received: Email to the Chair from the directors of Highfields Management Company regarding signage for Highfields.

Planning Applications - see 4(iii) above

- Clerk – approximately 200 emails in March 2019.

6. Waste and Minerals Development Issues – Nothing to report.

7. Stop Stansted Expansion – The Communities Secretary finally announced his decision on 20 March 2019. He has declined to call in the application for national consideration. His stated reason for not intervening is that "the application does not involve issues of more than local importance". SSE have started legal proceedings which will take the form of an application to the High Court for a Judicial Review ('JR') of the decision of the Communities Secretary not to call in the Stansted Airport planning application.

8. Governance – Nothing to report.

9. Local Plan – The UDC Cllrs had voted to recommend the Draft Local Plan to go forward for Public Consultation. The Parish Council supports the Draft Plan which did not propose any further housing in Henham apart from those houses already allocated. The Local Plan is currently undertaking a further independent sustainability appraisal phase to ensure it is fit for purpose. The Local Plan has been submitted on 25th January for examination.

10. Henham SOV 100 Club draw Cllr. Fisher –

March Draw – postponed until the next meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th May 2019, 7:30 at OSCA

Mareike Dacey, Clerk