



GESTINGTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk / RFO: Kevin B. Money
7 Roach Vale, Colchester, Essex. CO4 3YN
Tel: 07810781509 – Email: gestingthorpepc@gmail.com

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 21st. November 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Nott (Chair), T. Flower (Vice-Chairman), S. Bolter, P Collett, D Smith, and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). Also present was 10 members of the public

067/2019 Chairman Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

068/2019 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Cllr D. Finch, BDC Cllr W. Scattergood and Cllr A. Cooper

069/2019 To Co-opt onto the Parish Council

Cllr T. Flower proposed Claire Craig onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr S. Bolter. **All Agreed.**

Claire Craig then signed the Register of Interest, Declaration of Acceptance of Office and E Consent forms. She then took her seat as a Parish Councillor.

070/2019 Declaration of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda

Cllr P. Collett declared a NPI in item 077/2019 CBB Motion

071/2019 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Gestingthorpe Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the last PC meeting held on 19th. September 2019

Cllr J. Nott proposed and Cllr D. Smith seconded that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. **All Agreed**

072/2019 To receive a presentation from James Salmon County Broadband. Max 15 minutes

James Salmon informed the meeting of the Current Actions since their last meeting in July were:-

- August – First submission to Highways Agency for Traffic Management
- September – Highways rejected proposed diversion routes as a result of the required road closure on Church Street
- October – New Traffic Management proposal submitted to Highways after liaising with Bus company, School bus company and Local authorities regarding bin days etc. (12-week lead time)
- They are now awaiting confirmation of agreed dates, but these will not be until January due to shut down of Highways Agency over Christmas and also restrictions in build up to Christmas as they cannot restrict traffic flow during this period
- Plan is to now start the Build in late January with a completion target of March (subject to gaining Highways approval)
- They will look to accelerate this where they can, but majority of the build is under Road Closures which they cannot control
- When they have approval from Highways, they will host a launch event in the village hall and advertise it across the village so everyone can see how and where they are building to (this is likely to be in the New Year)
- They are in no way blaming Highways for the delay. It is very important that they maintain a strong, healthy and cooperative relationship with Highways

James Salmon then took questions from Councillors and residents

Cllr S. Bolter proposed that:-

The Parish Council calls upon County Broadband to fulfil its promise made in writing to residents of the New Cottages/The Crescent/Pot Kiln Chase area, and confirmed at the meeting County Broadband meeting in Gestingthorpe Village Hall on 2nd July 2019, that the Fibre to the Premises broadband in that area would be underground.

Cllr P. Collett seconded the motion. F 4 - Ag 0 - Ab1. The motion was carried.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 21st. November 2019 at 7.30pm



GESTINGTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk / RFO: Kevin B. Money
7 Roach Vale, Colchester, Essex. CO4 3YN
Tel: 07810781509 – Email: gestingthorpepc@gmail.com

Cllr J. Nott asked James Salmon if there could be more communication from CBB in the future. The Chairman then thanked James for coming to the meeting and updating all concerned. James Salmon then left the meeting.

073/2019 Public Participation Session

The Chairman will invite questions and observations from members of the public present.

John Butcher informed Councillors that:-

1. The cricket facilities being used 5 or 6 times a year by Sudbury Cricket Club with whom we have a friendly relationship. (Our field captain is Kenny Moulton and he plays for the Sudbury first team **and** Suffolk and our kids are looked after by Sudbury while we train two of our members to become youth coaches). The match fees will pay for the cricket pitch repair and maintenance.
2. The proposed extension: the provision of a new changing room at the far end and general improvements. (The grant application result will be decided on the 15th November).
3. Insulating the pipework so the footballers can use the facilities in the winter. I think one of our members will do this anyway if the weather gets colder.
4. The cricket club erecting a bench in honour of Arthur Nears.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that more clarity was still needed on points 1, 2 and 4 Meeting of Parish Councillors (David Smith), Landlord, Sudbury CC and Gestingthorpe CC was agreed.

Cllr J. Nott proposed that the Cricket Club be successful and there is more clarity. Cllr S. Bolter seconded. All Agreed

Cllr J. Nott requested a plan be submitted to the Parish Council of the benches at the cricket ground.

074/2019 Clerks Report

- a) Letter from Defibrillator Management Scheme for a donation

Cllr J. Nott proposed £200 of an annual donation for the defibrillator scheme. Cllr D. Smith seconded. **All Agreed.**

075/2019 Essex County Councillors report – Cllr David Finch

ECC Cllr D. Finch supplied a report which was circulated to Councillors

076/2019 District Councillors report – Cllr W. Scattergood

No report given

077/2019 Representative reports

- Highways maintenance – Cllr D. Smith & Cllr P. Collett

Railings on the Sudbury Road continues to be a problem following another road accident

Cllr D. Smith had circulated to Councillors his emails to Shaun Morgan at ECC Highways

Not a lot more we can do but continue to monitor and “harass”

An erection of a VAS sign has been undertaken by Essex Highways. The resident has complained about the positioning of the sign. The pin position has not been agreed with Highways. The Clerk to liaise with Essex Highways to have this repositioned. Wrong design, it should have been a speed indicator device. Nothing like previous speed indicator device. Will not serve its purpose.

Speed indicator on Sudbury Road needs a palm computer. Cllr P. Collett to contact another Parish Council to borrow theirs.

- Playing Field – Cllr A. Cooper. No report was given
Good to see the Football Club returning.

- Broadband update– Cllr S. Bolter & Cllr P. Collett
Nothing more to add



GESTINGTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk / RFO: Kevin B. Money
7 Roach Vale, Colchester, Essex. CO4 3YN
Tel: 07810781509 – Email: gestingthorpepc@gmail.com

- Footpath – Leslie Crumpton-Taylor
Fingerpost has been damaged and has been reported.

- Tree Warden – Cllr T. Flower
A few trees are in need of repair and need crowning.
A quotation has been obtained to have some trees undertaken.

- Village Hall – Cllr T. Flower
The Clerk asked Cllr T. Flower to chase up the booking email sent to Stephen Bagby (Village Hall booking secretary).
£8318 in the account. Money being put aside for roof repair. A new sound system was discussed.
Fete raised £2500. £2600 village hall bookings.

078/2019 Planning Applications

19/01738/VAR - Land Adjacent Boulders Nether Hill Gestingthorpe Essex
Application for variation of condition 2 following grant of planning permission 16/00382/FUL -
Alteration to site layout and fenestration configuration. BDC advise that revised /additional plans /
additional information have now been received
GPC Decision: Noted by Councillors

079/2019 Decision/s made by BDC on planning applications

No decisions have been made affecting Gestingthorpe

080/2019 Finance

- 1) Bank balances as at 31st. October 2019 and 2019/20 budget account (previously circulated to Councillors)
Councillors noted the Bank balance and budget reports
- 2) Councillors to agree payment of October, November and December 2019 finances (previously circulated to Councillors)
Cllr J. Nott proposed authorising the October, November and December payments. Cllr P. Collett seconded. **All Agreed**
- 3) Councillors to discuss the Budget/Precept and Grants for 2020/21
Councillors discussed the Budget and Precept requirements for 2020/21. Finalisation of the Budget/Precept was deferred to the January meeting when all information had been received by the RFO.

081/2019 Items for Next Agenda

Cllr J. Nott gave his apologies in advance for the January '20 meeting
Tree work quotation
Oates Cottages

Date of next meetings: 16.01.20: 19.03.20:

NEW 2020 MEETING DATES

09.04.20 Annual Village meeting: 14.05.20 PC AGM: 09.07.20: 10.09.20: 12.11.20 Budget / Precept meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

T. Flower (Vice-Chairman)

16th. January 2020