



GESTINGTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Thursday 19th. September 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Nott (Chair), A Cooper, P Collett, D Smith, S. Bolter, T. Flower, BDC Cllr W. Scattergood and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). Also present was 1 member of the public

054/2019 Chairman Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

055/2019 Apologies for Absence were received from ECC Cllr D. Finch

056/2019 Declaration of Interest

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

Cllr A. Cooper declared a NPI in any discussions regarding the Cricket pavilion

057/2019 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 18th. July 2019

Cllr J. Nott proposed and Cllr T. Flower seconded. **All Agreed**

058/2019 Public Participation Session

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

No questions were asked

059/2019 Clerks Report

a) Closure of essexinfo.net website from March 2020

The Clerk informed the meeting that at the EALC AGM a decision will be made regarding replacing the “essexinfo.net” website.

b) Update on Oates Cottage

The Clerk had circulated the latest email from Tim Lucas at BDC

Cllr J. Nott has spoken to the proposed tenants but the process is too complicated and expensive. Representative to be asked to attend next meeting

c) Setting up a formal process for dealing with planning applications affecting Gestingthorpe
Planning meeting for each application. All Councillors attend each planning meeting

060/2019 Essex County Councillors report – Cllr David Finch

Cllr D. Finch had supplied the Clerk with his Summer Edition report which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. It can also be found on the GPC website at

<https://www.essexinfo.net/gestingthorpe/agendas-minutes/2019-20/>

061/2019 District Councillors report – Cllr W. Scattergood

Nothing has happened much except planning

BDC spends £1.58m per year on cleaning up litter in the area.

£150 fines if caught rising to £1,000

McDonalds have also come on board to stop littering

Cllr W. Scattergood left the meeting

062/2019 Representative reports

- Highways maintenance – Cllr D. Smith

Seven Sisters corner has been cut and cleared.

Bulmer Road works. The issue is with Essex Legal Services and a report is still waiting. The design will be completed this year. Construction is in next financial year.

Cllr P. Collett informed the meeting that VAS in Audley End Essex Highways wanted to put it in one position which was not acceptable. The VAS needs to be placed by Rectory Farm. A further survey and a new design is required.

Community Speedwatch is not functioning and there is no funding.



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- Playing Field - Update on the cricket pavilion work

The pavilion works have been completed and has been paid.

A Tree surgeon is required to undertake a survey of all PC tree – Joe Beren Cllr J. Nott to investigate RoSPA report had been circulated to Councillors. Cllr J. Nott is exploring and getting repaired the “Rocker Seesaw”. **All agreed.**

- Broadband update– Cllr S. Bolter

Some duct work should be seen in the village soon. The works are due to start in October. Information has been delivered to all residents in the village.

- Footpath representative – Leslie Crumpton-Taylor

Complaints from residents regarding horse riders on the footpaths as well as cyclists. Cyclists are lobbying Parliament to have footpaths including cycle paths as well.

Village Fete raised £2600

Clerk to send letter to Chris Harman thanking him and his team for a fantastic job. Well done.

063/2019 Planning Applications - No planning applications have been received

064/2019 Decision/s made by BDC on planning applications

Councillors noted the following decisions made by BDC

19/01219/VAR - Land Adjacent Boulders Nether Hill Gestingthorpe Essex

Application for variation of Condition 2 of approved application 16/00382/FUL - showing minor design amendments and adjusted site positioning. Braintree District Council as local planning authority hereby gives notice of its decision to **GRANT** planning permission in accordance with the above plan(s) and subject to the following conditions and reasons. See BDC for conditions

19/01248/FUL & 19/01249/LBC - Rectory Farm Audley End Gestingthorpe CO9 3AU

Extension to the East of Rectory Farm to provide additional bedrooms and living accommodation
DECISION: The Braintree District Council as local planning authority has considered your application and gives notice of its decision to **REFUSE** planning permission in accordance with the above plan(s) and for the following reasons. See BDC website for details

19/01468/AGR - Hall Farm Church Street Gestingthorpe Essex CO9 3BA

General purpose agricultural building. This application for a Prior Approval under the General Permitted Development Order 1995 (as amended). Please note that this is for information only and due to the type of application BDC does not seek the Parish Council comments.

19/01468/AGR General purpose agricultural building Hall Farm Church Street Gestingthorpe CO9 3BA **Permission/Approval not Required**

065/2019 Finance

- 1) Bank balances as at 30th. August 2019 and 2019/20 budget account (previously circulated to Councillors)

Councillors noted the Actual against Budget report and the Bank reconciliation report

- 2) Councillors to agree payment of August & September 2019 finances (previously circulated to Councillors)

Cllr J. Nott proposed and Cllr A. Cooper seconded the authorisation of the August & September payments except for cheque number 802 which was cancelled. **All Agreed**

The Clerk has received a letter from Gestingthorpe Defibrillator Management Scheme for a grant. Cllr D. Smith proposed to explore the amount required and to see a set of accounts. Cllr P. Collett seconded. **All Agreed.**



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066/2019 Items for Next Agenda

Co-option – see BDC post-election – Cllr T. Flower
Cricket Club cricket fixtures – Cllr D. Smith

Date of next meetings: 21.11.19: 16.01.20: 19.03.20:

The Clerk was asked to re-arrange the following meeting to be on the **2nd. THURSDAY in the month.**
16.04.20 Annual Village meeting: 21.05.20 PC AGM: 16.07.20: 17.09.20: 19.11.20 Budget / Precept meeting

The Clerk will contact the village hall booking secretary to re-arrange these meeting dates.

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

Signed

21st. November 2019

James Nott