

9th May 2022

At a Meeting of Ashdon Parish Council held on Monday 9th May 2022 in the Baptist Schoolroom at 7.30pm.

Present.

Councillors Mike Elsey (Chairman), Steve Hayler, John Moran, Philip Player and George Smith,
Mr. David Green (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr, Martin Foley (ECC), Cllr. James De Vries (UDC)

2. Election of Chairman for the Civic Year 2022/23

Resolved - that Cllr. Elsey be elected Chairman for the Civic Year 2022/23 (Cllr. Hayler)

3. Election of Vice Chairman for the Civic Year 2022/23

Resolved - that Cllr. Smith be elected Vice-Chairman for the Civic Year 2022/23 (Cllr. Player)

4. Public Representations

Mrs. Sue Patrick, Chairman of Ashdon Flood Group, said that she had been contacted by several members of the public regarding the installation of the drainage pipe from the development at Radwinter Road to the Bourn in that it was not as per the planning consent and that the extra discharge to the river could cause flooding problems in the village. The promised meeting with the developer's drainage engineers had not been held and so residents concerns were not able to be raised. She also noted that tarmac having been laid at the entrance at Radwinter Road was also not to the agreed plan to and that the lack of provision to take the water into the road drainage system would mean water would run straight down the road causing problems particularly outside White Horse House/Wittenham Cottage.

The Parish Council's letter to the developer was read, out also that to Councillor De Vries. The reply from the developer was also read out. The Parish Council were endeavouring to get satisfactory answers to the points raised but were having difficulty in doing so. The matter would be pursued via the District Council.

5. Short address by Cllr. Martin Foley on County Council matters

The following report was tabled in Cllr. Foley's absence:

Highways

I have asked Rissa for an update on outstanding matters for Ashdon. Should be available by next report.

One other thing, I have complained about local road closures, lack of notice , wrong signage Etc ;

ECC and other agencies have to work better at this and they are reminded regularly that this must get better.

Grants

Essex Locality funds... For 2022/2023 there will grant available subject to approval. (Possibly something towards further flashing speed sign?). Come through me.

Crime

Uttlesford Crime Reports attached 4 April to 1st May attached.

These do not include some Highways Crime Reports such a stealing of Iron Road Drain Covers.

Hot off the press... is that catalytic converters are being stolen again in numbers.

Covid Update

The purpose of this update is to provide my Parish Councils with a final update on the current Covid situation in Essex. I had previously stopped sending these earlier in the year, as the incidence of Covid receded. Following the recent spike in cases, I had resumed circulating occasional updates. Following today's, I am proposing to stop sending them unless there is a significant change.

Attached is a short selection of data for the last week. Key points to make are:

- There has been a 30.3% decrease in the Essex case rate in the last seven days, to 300 cases per 100,000. Decreases are being seen in all of the 12 districts, and all of the age groups as per the attached slides. Reference is made to stated rates as we recognise that many people testing positive are not submitting the results. Changes in the current testing regime may also be impacting the case rates.
- As of yesterday, there are 307 people in hospital in Essex with Covid compared to 394 people this time last week, representing a decrease of 22%. Again, I would stress that the majority of these will be in hospital for other reasons, who are then found to have Covid.
- Visiting restrictions in hospitals, as set out in previous e-mails, remain in place.

6. Short address by Cllr. James De Vries on District Council Matters.

The following report was tabled in Cllr. De Vries absence

Butlers Lane

UDC Enforcement have now been informed by the owner that he is disputing the assessment by UDC to class their actions as an unauthorised development.

Enforcement has advised me that they are expecting his full written response by the end of next week.

Should Enforcement not receive said response, they will consider what action to take.

Going by the history of this case, I imagine the owner is going to submit a considerable amount of documentation again, which unfortunately will take UDC officers time to review and assess.

I will keep you updated as soon as I hear anything further.

Radwinter Road

I have been contacted by several residents as well as the Parish Council regarding several concerns relating to the drainage of water from the site as well as the positioning of the entrance.

This has been taken up with the UDC planning officer and I am currently awaiting a response.

I will keep you updated as soon as I hear anything further.

UDC Council Update

In April's UDC Council meeting, the council resolved to approve 4 recommendations made by the planning working group. A notable change includes a reduction in the call in period from 5 weeks to 4 weeks of the validation date.

The council also approved a motion to support the petition launched by ADSO and LLG on 5 January 2022 regarding giving councils discretion in future to hold remote and hybrid meetings alongside in person meetings.

Uttlesford District Council has taken the decision to amend the Local Plan timetable. The first draft Local Plan - known as the Regulation 18 Local Plan - will still go out to public consultation in the summer.

Consultation (subject to Full Council approval)

Monday 20 June to Friday 29 July

7. Declaration of Interests

There were no interests in matters on this agenda

8. Minutes.

Resolved - that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th March 2022, previously circulated, be approved (Cllr. Player)

9. Matters Arising.

i. Playing Fields.

- a. Rectory Lane. Installation of equipment to go ahead in the spring Jubilee holiday week.

Weekly Inspections:-

Church Field - Councillor Hayler
Rectory Lane - Councillor Smith

ii Highways. Traffic Management.

- a. Water End/Spriggs Lane. Councillor Smith reported that the matter of a weight restriction was now with the Local Highways panel pending validation

Sign at New Road Hill. Councillor Hayler reported that the stop sign at the bottom of New Road Hill had been damaged. Councillor Smith to report to Cllr. Foley (ECC) for action

- b. Spoil Butlers Lane/Byrds Farm. See Item 6. Councillor De Vries' report.

- c. Speeding. Councillor Moran reported that it was hoped to get a 20mph limit throughout the village in addition to that already outside the school. This would be investigated by Highways.
- iii. Village Hall and White Horse House.

Councillor Hayler reported that bookings were going very well. The floor in the main hall had been refurbished. One quotation had been received by the hall committee for the upgrade of the fire detection system (three would be required)

N.B. Councillor Moran joined the meeting at this point.

- iv. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Mrs. Melanie Horrigan reported that the plan was now with the District Council and that a Mr. Ashcroft had been appointed by the NHP Group as the inspector. It was hoped to hold the final referendum in the late summer.

Councillor Hayler said that the white railings in the village needed painting, preferably before the Jubilee. The Clerk would seek to have this done.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – 4th May 2022

Present: Melanie Horrigan, Harriet Burrow, Corey Vost

Apologies: Jo Wheatley, Isabel Blackett

This was a very short meeting to consider progress through the consultation process.

1. Regulation 16 Consultation This 6 week statutory consultation is being conducted by UDC and runs until 5pm on 30th May.

2. Planning Inspector review of Plan UDC have also advised the Examiner about the Consultation dates. It is hoped that the Plan will proceed to examination once the Reg 16 Consultation has been completed.

3. Referendum It was agreed that we are still working on a referendum date for late Summer/early Autumn

- v. Community Led Housing.

A meeting site at All Saints Close and "village walk" with Peter Holt, new Chief Executive of the District Council would be held on Wednesday 11th May. Chairman and Clerk to attend.

- vi. Neighbourhood Watch. Mr. John Thorn was still acting as Village Coordinator.

- vii. Event/Plans to celebrate H.M. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

i. Jubilee Grant. Councillor Smith reported that a grant of up to £1000.00 had been made by the District Council. Receipts were required. He had also contacted Mr. Trevor Miles, fabricator at Goldstones, who would supply gas at

cost and would inspect the beacon to ensure it was in good order. Members were very grateful for Mr. Miles's help and expertise in this matter.

Councillor Moran would contact Mr. David How (Windmill Trust) re siting of the beacon and cutting of the hedge round the windmill to afford a view of the beacon from the village.
(Action Cllr. Moran)

The Chairman gave his thanks to the three ladies; Victoria Moriarty, Mary Green and Lizzie Green for their great help and enthusiasm in arranging the events for the Jubilee

ii. Planting of a Jubilee Oak at the "Fir" trees, Walden Road.

The Clerk had emailed the tree officer at the District Council (29/4) with the Parish Council's response to the matter of taking ownership of the land at the "Fir Trees". No response to date.

Cllrs Elsey and Smith would contact Mr. Bidwell (Beeches Nursery) to accept his kind offer of the oak tree. Also his offer to provide snowdrops for the verge by the bus shelter
(Action Cllrs. Elsey & Smith).

viii.. School Clock. Clock now working. This item to be removed from the Agenda

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Various emails distributed to Members. Members had been requested to raise any matters received by email under correspondence.

i. Notification from UDC that the development at Radwinter Road will be known as Bourn View

11. NEW ITEMS. There were no "New Items"

12. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

i. UTT/22/0733/CLP. Replace existing windows at rear of the house with french doors
10. Church Field

No Comment. Certificate of Lawfulness since issued.

ii. UTT/22/0996/HHF. Proposed rebuilding of 3 bay car port with room above The Orchard, Kates Lane.

No Objections

iii. UTT/22/1098/NMA. Non material amendment to UTT/19/2879/HHF - reduction of studio floor area, changing of cladding to external walls to feather edged boarding. Velux rooflights reduced to 3 no. Look Out, canopy and covered area to be constructed as a future phase and minor adjustment to the design of the look out tower.
Brights Farm ,Walden Road

No Objections

APPEALS

- i. UTT/21/2074/FUL. Land to the west of The Vales, Radwinter Road.
Change of use from agricultural to residential and light industrial, erection of 1 no. detached dwelling and 1 no. glassblowing workshop and gallery.
Representations by 31st May
- ii. UTT/21/2049/FUL. Land to the east of Fairfields, Water Lane.
Change of use from agricultural to residential and erection of 1 no. detached dwelling and associated single-storey garage/hobby room
Representations by 30th May.

Members did not wish to add any comments to those already submitted to both of the above appeals

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED.

- i. UTT/22/0689/NMA. Non material amendment to UTT/19/2937/HHF - change of materials to front elevation from brick to weatherboarding. Amendment to fenestration on rear elevation.
Westfields, Radwinter Road

Approved

- ii. UTT/22/0058/FUL. Proposed conversion of barn to 1 no. dwelling (amendment to previously approved applications UTT/20/0152/PAP3Q). Alterations to existing access and parking areas serving 1 and 2 Hill Farm Cottages
Hill Farm, Radwinter Road

Conditional Approval

- iii. UTT/22/0795.NMA. Replace windows at the rear of the house with french doors
10. Church Field

Approve Certificate of Lawfulness

- iii. UTT/22/0436/LB. Replacement of existing front door with new timber door.
1. Abercorn Villas

Conditional Approval

- iv. UTT/22/0767/CCLB. Proposed roof works
1. Abercorn Villas

Approve Certificate of Lawfulness

14. FINANCE.

- i. Internal Audit. Draft documents only received. To be presented at the June meeting. The following was noted:

The General Reserves are very high due to orders placed in 2021/22 re play equipment and War Memorial gates the work now being undertaken in the 2022/23 financial year carried over from the 2021/22 financial year.

- ii. Accounts for payment (Appendix i)

Resolved - that the Accounts (Appendix i) be passed for payment (Cllr. Player)

15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA . There were no "Items for the Next Agenda"

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed Chairman Date

Appendix i

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 9th MAY 2022
28th MARCH 2022 to 9th MAY 2022**

Monies Received	£
Interest BPA 6/12/21 - 6/3/22	0.03
Interest BPA 6/12/21 - 6/3/22	1.94
HMRC VAT Repayment	314,97

Monies passed for Payment	£
Places4People Neighbourhood Plan	3391.20 Ch.No.102706
RDE Communications. Light WHH	86.33 Ch.No.102707
NPower. Electricity January/February/March 2022	157.86 Ch.No.102708
Ashdon School PTA. Grant Fun Run	250.00 Ch.No.102709
EALC. Affiliation Fee 2022/23	119.16 Ch.No.102710
D. Green. Telephone/Broadband	19.50 Ch.No.102711
D. Green. Stamps	16.32 Ch.No.102712
D. Green. Stationery	9.35 Ch.No.102713
MD Landscapes. Village grass April	675.60 Ch.No.102714
BHIB Ltd. Insurance renewal 2022/23	1,643.56 Ch.No.102715
D. Green. Telephone/Broadband	19.50 Ch.No.102716

Balances at Bank on 9th May 2022:-

Current Account:-	£2,816.70
Saver Account:-	£1,071.36
Saver Account:-	£74,992.19

