

HADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of Hadstock Parish Council held on Tuesday 03 November 2020 at 7.30pm via ZOOM

Present: Parish Councillors Rick Albrow, Keith Nuttall, Sara Porter, Jude Hannam & Parish Clerk Sara Beckett. One member of the public was present.

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting via Zoom and informed all that proceedings were being recorded for the benefit of accurate minutes.
2. No apologies for absence were received from District Councillor De Vries and County Councillor Walsh. Parish Councillor Smith sent late apologies.
3. **Declaration of Members' Interests and requests for dispensation.** None received. Councillors were reminded of the need to keep up to date their Register of Members' Interests.
4. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 24 September 2020** were received and approved. **RESOLVED 20/11/04** The Chair signed them as a true record.
5. The minutes of the Parish Council Planning meeting held on **Tuesday 20 October 2020** were received and approved. **RESOLVED 20/11/05** The Chair signed them as a true record.
6. **Public participation.** The member of the public expressed their appreciation of the work undertaken by the Parish Councillors (which was gratefully received).
Disappointment was expressed about the lack of elected representation and engagement of the District Councillor at Parish meetings and particularly referenced the Planning meeting of 20 October 2020. Many residents attended the planning meeting but rarely attended normal monthly meetings and wondered how the Parish Council might encourage residents to attend.
It was noted that Essex Constabulary had undertaken some speed monitoring in the Village recently. It was also noted that enforcement notices were issued, which was welcomed and appreciated. It was asked if there had been any feedback from the operation to the Parish Council.
It was felt that the planning application related to The Kings Head, had been well debated but the decision by the Parish Council was disappointing. It was hoped that there might be further opportunities for debate. The Chair responded :
Cllr De Vries had contacted the chair to inform him that he was unable to attend as he had been at a UDC meeting which unfortunately overran .
Councillors had taken a view on the future of the Kings Head based on all the information that they had received that was not necessarily on the UDC Planning portal. It is now in the hands of the Planning department and likely be an officer delegated decision.
7. No report received from District Councillor De Vries
8. The October email report from County Councillor Walsh was noted (previously circulated)
9. **No Planning Applications to consider.**
10. **Planning application decisions received** UTT/20/2176/FUL | Conversion of building into 4 residential units | Villiers Bros Ltd Bowers Lane Hadstock CB10 1XQ was noted as being **REFUSED**. The application does not comply with part a) of ULP policy H6 as there has not been any demonstration that there is no significant demand for business use. This property is neither redundant nor disused and the Planning Statement includes confirmation that the property is still in use, although the final employee is expected to leave soon. There is no evidence of activities to re-use the property, to advertise its use or promote its

availability. The proposal therefore fails to accord with ULP Policy H6 of the Uttlesford Local Plan 2005 and the NPPF 2019.

- 11. Future meeting dates** Councillors approved the future meeting schedule via Zoom as presented by the Clerk: Thursday 10 December 2020, Thursday 21 January 2021, Thursday 25 February, Thursday 25 March 2021. **RESOLVED 20/11/11** It was also discussed how the new schedule and meetings in general, could be more widely advertised. A few suggestions were made but as per legislation the Agenda with log in details will continue to be displayed on the Notice Board and web site with the addition of the Clerk providing detail to Hadstock Info.
- 12. Kings Head update** It was noted that the applicant has submitted a revised Design and Heritage Statement which wasn't available at the time of consideration of the application by the Parish Council. UDC have acknowledged on their web site that they are behind with updating the detail displayed on the web site. The decision date for this application is mid-November.
- 13. Highways report.** The Parish Council were not aware of the traffic enforcement that had been carried out as reported by the member of the public. **ACTION** Clerk to ask for information related to any traffic enforcements undertaken in the Village so that data can be published. Cllr Nuttall reported his frustration at the lack of communication from associated partners about the Councils concerns of traffic speeding through the Village. Speed watch has been out of action effectively since March 2020 and the bureaucracy behind it has not helped in getting it resumed. It was not understood why Speed Watch cannot continue with the necessary precautions and risk assessment. Many people have noticed an increase in speeding cars through the village since Covid-19, which is of great concern. Cllr Nuttall wished to write to the local police/ PCSO to express the Parish Council's long- standing concern at the lack of commitment by Essex Highways, Uttlesford District Council and Councillor, related to the speed of cars. Recent accidents have caused damage to property, near misses of pedestrians having to walk on roads without pavements and worse loss of life. The Parish Council is seeking to resolve the problems Hadstock is experiencing. Cllr Nuttall to make clear the Parish Council's view on the situation with a view to at least getting Speed Watch recommenced in December. **RESOLVED 20/11/13 & ACTION** Cllr Nuttall to report next meeting
The member of the public left the meeting
- 14. Recreation Ground Report ~**
 - [a] Recreation ground~ it was noted that the Recreation Ground remains open observing and implementing Government guidance. No need currently to order more supplies of hand sanitiser.
 - [b] Play equipment was noted to be useable
 - [c] The 2 quotes for tree safety inspection were discussed. There were a number of differences in the quotes and the preferred quote was a local company. It was **RESOLVED 20/11/14** to accept the quote of £480.00 +£96.00 VAT = Total £576.00 from Mercer Tree Services Ltd. **ACTION** Clerk to inform and accept quote.
 - [d] The review of the Playground inspection was deferred until the next meeting **ACTION** Cllr Smith to report.
- 15.** The renewal of the Hundred Parishes Society subscription of £10.00 was discussed and **RESOLVED 20/11/15** to subscribe again and support for a further year.
- 16. Parish Land Project (Design and management of all land owned by the Parish Council in addition to the Recreation Ground) ~** to discuss and resolve as necessary.
 - [a] General discussion how to proceed recognising that Covid-19 may delay our plans related to volunteering in groups and supply of materials.
 - [b] Councillor Nuttall gave an update: the quote for fencing now needs to be re-affirmed due to shortage of materials. The type of fencing also needs to be confirmed (palisade with rounded tops and gap between verticals) so that it conforms to style, suitability and safety for a children's play area. To have detail confirmed with Playground Inspector. **ACTION** Cllr Nuttall to contact contractor
 - [c] Planting of Heritage fruit trees in conjunction with UDC's scheme ~ the Parish Council has received an offer of eight fruit trees. **ACTION** Clerk to make further enquires as delivery is expected the second week

December 2020 and may require immediate attention and addition support. Ground will need to be prepared in advance.

[d] Cllr Albrow gave an update on wildflower planting which will now have to be delayed until Spring 2021 due to circumstances beyond our control. **ACTION** Cllr Hannam gave valuable input and will forward to Cllr Albrow.

(e) The Clerk gave an update on funding for project, there are still avenues being investigated. The Parish Council have been successful in being offered a grant of £3500 from Essex County Council Community Initiative Fund administered through EALC. The Council expressed their delight and formally accepted the offer. **ACTION** Clerk to sign acceptance and return to EALC together with thank you emails to all concerned.

17. FINANCE REPORT 2020/21

[a] The Finance report and bank reconciliation were noted to date for 2020/21 and signed by Cllr Albrow. The Clerk reported that NALC have agreed a new pay scale to be back dated to April 2020.

Councillors were in agreement. Details to be sent to Chair.

The Clerk reported that the second Precept payment had been received.

It was acknowledge that much of the Parish Councils expenditure is in the last quarter.

[b] The Clerk explained the cheques for signature which were agreed and approved unanimously
RESOLVED 20/11/17b

[c] No further invoices were received after Agenda issued.

Cheque	Payee	Description	Net amount	VAT	Total
101281	Ms S A Beckett	October Salary	271.07		271.07
101282	JRB Enterprises Ltd	Dog bags for dispenser on Recreation Ground	29.65	5.93	35.58
101283	The Hundred Parishes Society		10.00		10.00

18. **Village Hall Report** ~ nothing further to report

19. **Parish Land Report**~ The Clerk reported there is a change of procedure for contacting the Rangers. Linton Road footpath does need attention Clerk to **ACTION**

20. **Remembrance Day** ~Cllr Albrow informed Councillors that due to Covid-19 restrictions St Botolph's have arranged a short outdoor wreath laying ceremony for Remembrance Day. A resident from the Village will be laying the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

21. **No correspondence received.**

22. **Items were noted for the next Agenda** ~ welcome packs Cllr Hannam

Date of the next meeting Thursday 10 December 2020 via Zoom at 19.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.30

..... Chairman.

Signed as a true record and RESOLVED to approve on 10 December 2020

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