

Great Saling Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2017.

Present Cllr Greenwood (Chairman)
Cllr Martin
Cllr Bennett
Cllr Baugh

DC Banthorpe
4 Members of the public
Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

17/88 Apologies for Absence
There were none

17/89 Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2017 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

17/90 Declarations of interest
There were none

17/91 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.
A member of the public came and stated that the Agenda didn't get posted on the notice board, this was due human error, this has now been noted.

The member of the public was concerned that a reply to the White Hart planning application was the Clerks views as there hadn't been a meeting in June. The Clerk explained that as the meeting was cancelled due to not being Quorate the council was unable to have any meeting. The Clerk email all councillors to see if any of the councillors could make a meeting on the Friday morning, only 2 councillors could make this. Under the delegated powers the Clerk can respond to planning applications, the Clerk met with The Chairman and a Councillor, and had spoken to the DC about this application who gave the Clerk some advice on how to respond. The only thing planning wise that the PC could legitimately comment on was that the 3rd bedroom had no bathroom facilities which the Clerk mentioned; the application was to change the use from a tearoom to holiday accommodation. The Council put some points forward the accommodation is to left empty for 3 months of the year and the longest let be no more than 31 days.

The other application was for general accommodation; this building has been used as this before.

The resident would like to see a pub back into the village but the councillors said

that you can't make someone open a pub if they don't want to. It would be like asking the resident to run a pub in his own home.

Councillors mention that it was once a thriving pub with people coming from miles to eat there but the landlord left and each new landlord see to run it down even more until Green King decided to put it up for sales by this time a lot of the local weren't using it and a lot of the time the pub was empty. The actual building needed a lot of work done on it.

Another member of the public came and complained about the allotments and what a state they're in. Cllr Greenwood said she would try to sort out her own allotment at the earliest opportunity; it was noted that the lack of rain was making it very difficult to dig or weed. There is a spare allotment which hopefully will be let soon. Another allotment needs a lot of weeding and it was suggested that Cllr Bennett to contact the residents who rents the allotment and say that allotments must be kept clean and tidy and failure to do this will mean that they will not be allowed to renew their rental next year.

17/92 Clerks Report
No Report

17/93 Action Group Liaison Officer's Report
The moveable Goals are being taken down and scrapped as they are in a poor state of repair and the nets are missing.
The Action Group bought tea towels which were sold at the fete making a small profit.
The Action group are looking into holding a Christmas event but no date has been arranged.

17/94	Finance			
17/94.1	£106.48	Clerks Salary	Salary	S/O
17/94.2	£178.38	A & J Lighting Solutions	Maintenance	D/D
17/94.3	£37.11	E-on D/D	Electricity	D/ d
17/94.4	£78.38	Clerks	Expenses	2009
17/94.5	£180.00	MDLandscapes	Grass Cutting	
17/94.6	£35.23	SLCC		
17/94.7	£1338.00	Janus	Fencing	

Payments were agreed by all councillor's present, Cllr Bennett checked the invoices at the meeting.

17/94.8 Budget Figures and Bank reconciliation
The Budget and Bank reconciliation were approved

17.95 District Councillors Report

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DC Banthorpe attend both the Local Plan and the Stansted consultation. He was pleased to see all the results for the Neighbourhood Plan.

With regards to the Local Plan we still don't know enough about the infrastructure how the finance will work and the amount of money allocated.

Robert Bucknell informed the council that there was a new document out about how the government will process the funding for garden communities.

Cllr Martin said we needed to know what the total infrastructure would be like not just for the development but for the remaining villages.

If BDC don't get it right central government will say where the houses will go and there will be no say in it. It was agreed that we now need to see some sort of package to know what to expect.

The meeting was adjourned due to travellers breaking into the playing field so the Clerk could make all the necessary phone calls.

17.96 County Councillors Report
No report

17.97 Traffic Problems/Highways
Some of the roads are being surface dressed at the moment.

17/98 Planning Applications

17/98.1 Neighbourhood Plan update Cllr Martin to report
To agree that the Clerk will look after the finances for the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that, once the steering group has received its grant, it can spend up to £25 without permission from the Clerk. £25-£250 need authorization from the Clerk, anything above that needs authorizing by the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk will look after the finances.

17/98.2 Braintree Local Plan Consultation June 16-July 28
It was agreed that councillors send comments to the Clerk so she and the Chairman can draft a response to both BDC and UDC.

17/98.3 Uttlesford District Councils Local Plan
See previous minutes

17/98.4 Joint Council Committee report, Cllr Greenwood to report
Are looking to meet again in the next month

- 17/99 Playing Field
17/99.1 Update on protecting the playing field from Travellers.
The Parish Council had put bollards and a gate up to prevent the travellers entering and that any damage to these would allow a charge of Criminal Damage and hopefully they could then be moved on as a matter of urgency. However, during this meeting (approximately 8pm) Travellers removed a bollard and enter the playing field, The Clerk immediately reported this to the Police and to BDC.
- 17/100 Matters affecting the Village Hall Committee
Nothing to report
- 17/101 Consultations/Publications sent
Stansted Airport Scoping
- 17/102 Speed Watch
Angela Howard is interest in helping.
- 17/103 Village Sign & Planters
The Clerk to get a quote for the sign.
- 17/103.1 To discuss whether to install planters on The Street
The Council looked at the planter's residents had suggested, but thought they looked too urbanised. The clerk to speak to MDLandscapes to see if we could dig a hole line it with plastic and put sleepers round the top as if a small raised bed; it was felt that this would be more in keeping with the feel of the village.
- To look at plants once we get prices. This will be a project for next year assuming there are funds available.
- 17/104 Saling Hall
To update on the Rights of Way through to the Church
No update
- 17/105 Parish Council Vacancy
The council has interviewed one candidate and assuming no other candidates come forward before the deadline the Candidate will be offered the position as Councillor.
- 17/106 Standing Orders to Review
The standing orders were adopted.
- 17/107 Financial Regulation to Review
The Financial Regulations were adopted

17/108 Date of the next meeting
 13th September 2017

17/109 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

17/110 Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

Signed..... Dated.....