

Great Saling Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council, held on Wednesday 12th December 2018

Present Cllr Greenwood

Cllr Jiggins
Cllr Baugh
Cllr Bennett

3 Members of the public

Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

18/209 Apologies for Absence
Cllr Martin
DC Banthorpe

Cllr Bennett apologised to Cllr Greenwood for anything that he said that had offended her. Cllr Greenwood thanked him and accepted his apology.

18/210 Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2018 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

18/211 Declarations of interest
Cllr Greenwood VHMC

18/212 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

A resident came to speak about putting a wildlife border approximately 2 metres wide along the side of the playfield under the poplar trees. The resident had had a wildlife advisor look at her garden, and her long-term plan is to get residents/farmers/the PC to work together for the benefit of wildlife. The area would be managed and be mown once or twice a year. The plants which would encourage some butterflies that are becoming scarce like the Common Blue and the Small Copper.

18/213 District Councillors Report
No Report

18/214 County Councillors Report
No Report

18/215 Clerks Report
No Report

18/216 Action Group Liaison Officer's Report

The Christmas event on Saturday the 8th December was well attended and made approximately £200.

The community payback team levelled out the entrance to Village Hall, they will be back in the new year.

18/217 Finance

18/217.1	£112.85	Staffing Costs	Nov	S/O
18/217.2	£27.36	A & J Lighting Solutions	Maintenance	D/D
18/217.3	£42.18	E-on D/D	Electricity	D/D
18/217.4	£121.37	Clerks	Expenses	Bacs

Payments were approved by all members of the council present. Cllr Jiggins checked the invoices prior to the meeting. The Clerk explained that her expenses were high due to having to pay for the NP website and domain name renewal.

The Clerk has received a letter from E-on saying they will be putting up their prices from 17.900 to 22p per kWh, the clerk has spoken to a company who can look at getting a better price. The Clerk asked if the council would like to get a comparison for the council. All Councillors present were in favour of this.

18/217.5 Budget Figures and Bank reconciliation

The Clerk had sent out the Budget and Bank Reconciliation prior to the meeting.

18/217.6 Working Sheet for 2019/20

The Council looked at the budget and noted that the Clerks hours didn't reflect the hours the clerk worked. The Clerk had prepared a comparison sheet of the 4 councils the clerk works for it was agreed by all councillors present that the council ups the clerk's hours to 20 per month as from April.

The Council set a precept of £9700

18/218 Traffic Problems/Highways

18/218.1 Entrance to Hall Green Farm

All Councillors agreed that the concrete ring be removed. The Clerk to speak to Robert Bucknell.

18/218.2 Highways Devolution Pilot

The Clerk gave her report on the meeting she attended, and sent via email the questions and answers sheet she received that afternoon along with the devolution pilot scheme Agreement which needed to be signed and returned by the 24/12, which the clerk had also received that afternoon.

The Council felt that the financial and organisational responsibilities were too onerous so, at the present time, they wouldn't be taking up the pilot scheme, this was in agreement by

all councillor's present.

18/219 Planning Applications

18/219.1 Planning Results

18/01545/FUL Proposed erection of 1st floor rear extension – 8 Woolpits Road
Great Saling **Granted**

18/01344/VAR Application for a variation of condition 2 of planning permission
18/00022/FUL - replacement of drawings due to change of design. **Withdrawn**

18/01135/FUL Erection of single storey side extension - The Old Vicarage
The Street, Great Saling The PC Supported the Application
Granted

18/01136/FUL Proposed change of use from C3 to B1 and extension
replacing store - The Old Vicarage, The Street,
Great Saling The PC Supported the Application

18/219.2 Neighbourhood Plan update

Richard Gleed gave a report on how the NP was coming along, they are presently looking into design codes on new builds and extensions in the Salings. This is being done by Urban Vision and is a free package. The NP has engaged Paul Musson as an independent advisor. The Neighbourhood Plan was to finish just after the Local Plan but as the Local Plan has been delayed it looks as if it will be finished in advance of BDC Plan.

18/219.3 Braintree Local Plan Consultation Update

BDC are saying their plan should be completed by Sept 2019

18/219.4 Uttlesford District Councils Local Plan update

Our response has been accepted by UDC.

18/219.5 Joint Council Committee report

No report

18/220 Playing Field

All Councillors were in favour of the wildlife area. Cllr Baugh suggested that when planting flowers they look at plants that flower though out the year so there is continuous flowers. Cllr Greenwood said that this would benefit many other species as well as butterflies and that she would look at sowing some wild flower seeds to help with this project.

It was suggested that Cllrs and the resident get together to mark out how much of the area was needed.

All councillors were in favour of this project.

- 18/221 Matters affecting the Village Hall Committee
Following the last meeting, Cllr Jiggins was voted as the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee.
- 18/222 Consultations/Publications sent
Essex Future Library Services Strategy (2019-2024) 29 November 2018 – 20 February 2019
- 18/223 Social Evening & Future Events
The next event will be on the 23rd Feb starting at 7pm. Cllr Jiggins to tell Portable Pint the Clerk to contact Nonna's Pizza's. There will also be a Quiz from Rev Tim Goodbody. It was suggested that we do another event in April
- 18/224 Elections; Cllr Baugh, Jiggins and Clerk to report
- The Cllrs and the Clerk attended the training and felt there was some interesting information given. The Clerk said she would not be taking in anybody's form into BDC, it is the responsibility of individual councillors.
- Councillors agreed to publish more information in public nearer the time.
- Cllr Greenwood said when the 2 parishes merge councillors are representing both Great Saling and Bardfield Saling as one; irrespective of where each councillor may live and giving all matters raised equal consideration.
- 18/225 Open Spaces review
January Agenda
- 18/226 Footpath to the Church
The owners are looking to put in new gates and a kissing gate to allow people to walk across to the church, and taking out 60 to 70 mtrs of fencing and installing traditional estate fencing, so that the pond can be seen from the road. The main gate will be open when there's a church service etc. There has been dramatic reduction in people walking across the path to the church by people with dogs.
- 18/227 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village
There were none
- 18/228 Date of the next meeting 9th January 2019
- 18/229 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda
- 18/230 Meeting Closed at 8.51pm.

Signed.....

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