

Draft Minutes of the HEMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Thursday March 14, 2019 in the Village Hall at 8pm

Present: Mr Sean McCarthy (Chairman), Mr Alan Weedon, Mr David Drane, Mr John Sladen, Mr Mark Welbourn and the Clerk.

The meeting started at 8.32

101. Apologies for absence: Mrs Nicola McNeill, Sara Scott and County Councillor Simon Walsh

102. Reports or contributions from District and County Councillors.

County Councillor Walsh's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no matters arising.

103. Minutes of Previous Meeting held February 14 2018: These were agreed as a correct record.

104. Matters arising not covered elsewhere. There were none.

105. Defibrillator The defibrillator had now been installed on the outside wall of the Village Hall. Weekly checking of the equipment has started. Jon Wilson has volunteered to help with the checks.

106 Policing Meeting 27th February This was actually a Parish Forum meeting. As well as collecting the nomination packs for the forthcoming election and having a short briefing on that subject there was presentations from the Deputy Chief Constable and the leader of the local Police Team based in Saffron Walden. The latter is now fully operational, independent of Braintree and will increase in numbers over the coming years.

107. Planning

LUM REEKIE two storey extension to replace existing single storey UTT/19/0444/HHF. No comments were deemed necessary.

The Council were pleased to note that the application for a dwelling in the village triangle UTT/18/2682/FUL had been refused.

All the other applications recently discussed Anso Farm UTT/19/2945/FUL, Newlands UTT/19/3513/FUL and Lakehouse Farm UTT/19/3481/FUL were awaiting decisions.

BOYTONS: UTT/19/0288/FUL Change of use to nursery. Although the Council had no objections as such to a nursery the location was seen as problematic. It is down a very narrow, single-track road with a difficult access to the planned parking at some distance from the nursery provision. Traffic would be increased either from the B1054 or alternatively from Church Hill direction. The Clerk would pass these comments to Uttlesford Planning Department.

108. Highways and Rights of Way

David Drane informed the Council that the chevron sign at the triangle in the middle of the village had now been repaired.

Local Highways Panel: Mr Welbourn reported that he had been assured of a reply soon from County Councillor Simon Walsh concerning the schemes put forward by the council. This would be included in the Annual Report.

Cutting Rights of Way; The Clerk had located several possible contractors and it was agreed that Mr Drane would contact them for firmer prices on the agreed footpaths.

109. Environment

The recent tree that fell onto the road at the bottom of Church Hill had been dealt with very promptly by Mrs Meryl Haylock and her staff. The Clerk had written expressing thanks on behalf of the council and asking for an invoice. She had replied that there was no charge and she was only too happy to help. The Council expressed their unanimous thanks.

It was agreed that there would be no immediate replacement for the tree, but the matter would be re-visited later in the year.

Mr Sladen reported that he had no further contact from the engineer regarding flooding issues.

Litter: In line with many nationwide initiatives, it was agreed to hold a litter pick around the village on Saturday 23rd March. Miss Frost would be asked to announce the event.

110. Finance:

Payments to Brian Kitchen (£226.18 for Website Services and licences) and Essex Heritage (£25 Annual Subscription) had been authorised and the invoices were signed

111. Village Hall:

Mr McCarthy had tried to reinstate the original Village Hall landline number but after many frustrating exchanges it had not proved possible.

112. Elections: The Clerk attended the meeting 27/2/19 at UDC and distributed the nomination packs. He reminded those councillors who were standing again of the dates for submission of the forms and that should be taken in personally after making an appointment.

113. Risk assessments: This item would be left until the next meeting

114. Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk had sent round a first draft and several councillors had submitted their contributions. It was agreed to send it out before 1st April.

Future Meetings: Thursdays 25th April at 8pm in the Village hall.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be on Friday 26th April at 8pm also in the Village Hall.

The date for the May meeting would be decided at the April meeting

The meeting ended at 9.22pm