

EIGHT ASH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Eight Ash Green Village Hall, Spring Lane, Eight Ash Green on Wednesday 8th December 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Alan Bilby
Cllr John Jardine
Cllr Tina Morgan
Cllr Dean Nokes
Cllr Stephen Smith
Cllr Christine Willetts

There were five members of the public in attendance.

CBC Ward Councillor Dennis Willetts also attended the meeting.

92-21/22 To elect a Chairman

Cllr John Jardine was elected unanimously as Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

93-21/22 To receive Apologies for Absence and confirm acceptance of those apologies.

There were no apologies to receive.

94-21/22 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

95-21/22 Public Participation

A resident expressed the frustration of those living close to the new development given recent problems. She said she now had a contact at CBC Planning Enforcement who had given assistance.

She referred to the access road and the indication of where pedestrians should cross. She said this crossing was very dangerous and already there had been at least one near miss.

Councillors noted that a flag should be raised regarding safe crossing for pedestrians.

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Cllr A. Tolfrey, Chairman

She referred to the recent Speedcheck that had taken place and said there had been another check in October. She said she would be very interested to see the results of that check but as yet had been unable to access them.

96-21/22 To agree as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th November 2021

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th November 2021 were **agreed** as a true record.

97-21/22 Report from the County and Borough Councillors: Report from County Councillor and Ward Councillors, if present.

Cllr Dennis Willetts referred to issues regarding the new development. He said the junction with the A1124 had been widened for HGVs but now presented a hazard to pedestrians crossing at that point. He said this should be referred back to planners as should control of construction vehicles entering and exiting the site.

He said the persistent 15% of motorists who exceeded the speed limit was a perennial problem. He said it was very difficult for anyone other than a uniformed officer to enforce speed limits. He said a 30mph limit from J26 on the A12 to the bridge at Fordham would be sought once the new estate was open.

He referred to recent work done on potholes in the village. He said although the work was necessary this often led to complaints that roads were closed.

He referred to Speedwatch and said a risk analysis would be carried out further along the A1124 where the 40mph boundary lay.

He said the quarterly meeting of the Local Highways Panel would take place the following week. He said projects awaiting funding were VAS signs for various points in the village and traffic gates/management for the new development.

He referred to the new development and said the developers had re-named it as Aspen Walk. He said discussion had begun on re-naming some of the roads within the development. He said new bus-stops would be provided by the Borough Council if they were not provided by the developer.

98-21/22 To review the Council's Action Tracker and to note any action necessary.

The Council's Action Tracker was reviewed and the following noted:

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Cllr A. Tolfrey, Chairman

- Cllrs Nokes and Jardine said they would meet with the Festival Committee for advice on what was involved in putting on an event.
- Brick Street – potholes have been reported by residents. Cllr Dennis Willetts said this was a perennial problem. Cllr Nokes said the potholes were noted on the Essex Highways website.

99-21/22 To agree the Parish Council response to planning applications received from Colchester Borough Council and to note decisions made on previous applications

213215 - Mantells Farmhouse, Mantells, Foxes Lane, Eight Ash Green CO6 3PS - Replacement of the glazed roof at rear of property with a slate roof and single conservation roof light.

213214 - Mantells Farmhouse, Mantells, Foxes Lane, Eight Ash Green CO6 3PS - Replacement of the glazed roof at rear of property with a slate roof and single conservation roof light.

It was **agreed** that the Council had no objection to these applications.

Planning Decisions

212729 - West Oaks, Foxes Lane, Eight Ash Green CO6 3PS - Application to vary condition 2 (drawings) of planning permission 181199 – *Permission refused, 1 reason, 30 November 2021*

100-21/22 Heaths and Greens

a) To receive a report on Heaths and Greens

Mr Winterbourne said December was a quiet month on the heath. He said the dead tree branch overhanging the car park on Heath Road had been cut down by him and Cllr Nokes.

He said the ditch had been dug out along Huxtables Lane by the allotments but unfortunately so far it did not appear to have made any difference to the flooding.

b) To receive an update on any outstanding issues affecting Parish Council land.

There were no outstanding issues.

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Cllr A. Tolfrey, Chairman

101-21/22 Accounts & Payments:

- a) Statement of Accounts to be circulated prior to the meeting
- b) Approve cheques for signature in accordance with 2021/22 Budget (Invoices Sheet) – to be circulated at the meeting.

Cheques were approved for signature as listed below:

Various	Staff Costs	£678.07
HMRC	PAYE Q3	£
Wave	Allotments – Water	£141.90
CALC	Annual subscription	£35.00

102-21/22 To consider and possibly agree the Parish Council's budget for the 2022/23 municipal year

This Item was deferred.

103-21/22 To consider and possibly agree the precept demand on Colchester Borough Council for the 2022/23 municipal year

This Item was deferred.

104-21/22 To receive reports from Councillors

Cllr Nokes referred to the surface and water problems in Huxtables Lane and said further discussion was necessary.

Cllr Jardine said the Christmas Tree had been lit the previous evening and had gone very well.

He referred to the ongoing discussion regarding a potential new community facility and said he would speak to the church warden and report back to the Council at a future date.

105-21/22 Date of Next Planned Meeting: Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7.30pm at the Eight Ash Green Village Hall, Spring Lane, Colchester.

Signed _____
Cllr A. Tolfrey, Chairman