

EIGHT ASH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Eight Ash Green Village Hall, Spring Lane, Eight Ash Green on Wednesday 12th January 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.

106-21/22 To receive Apologies for Absence and confirm acceptance of those apologies

There were no apologies to receive.

107-21/22 Declaration of Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest.

108-21/22 Public Participation

Cllr Morgan read an email from a resident which reported an improvement on the working hours' disruption on the new development, except for the morning of this meeting.

Mr Chambers referred to the trees that were to be planted to celebrate 6 decades of the Cricket Club. He said the trees had arrived and one had been planted earlier that day. He said the rest would be planted next week. He said there would be a photo opportunity on Saturday 15th January 2022 if any councillor was able to attend. He said the trees included hornbeam, birch, alder, hawthorn and willow, and he hoped they would thrive on the heath.

109-21/22 To agree as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 8 December 2021

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th December 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Signed _____
Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman

110-21/22 Report from the County and Borough Councillors: Report from County Councillor and Ward Councillors, if present.

Cllr Dennis Willetts referred to the Locality Budget and said funding for the tools and owl boxes had already been agreed.

He referred to walking routes across the A12 to Stane Park and the right of way across the A12 at Abbotts Lane. He said a bridge at this point could be requested from National Highways but a convincing case would have to be presented.

He said he had walked across J26 from Eight Ash Green to Stanway, which had not been a happy experience on the west side. He said the main footpath was on the east side but that patches of the road were difficult to negotiate. He said timings at the crossings were adequate for many but could prove too short for those with pushchairs, wheelchairs or other impediments to mobility.

He said it would be worth lobbying National Highways to reinstate the path on the east side and he would support any effort to do this.

111-21/22 To review the Council's Action Tracker and to note any action necessary.

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

- The Clerk said she would send the Cricket and Football Club licences to Cllr Bilby;
- More thought would be given to celebrating the Queen's Jubilee at February's meeting;
- Speed signs – Cllr Nokes said the speed surveys were done and the Council could investigate putting in the signs themselves. He said Cllr Lewis Barber could arrange a meeting with Highways for further advice.
- Seven Star Green parking – this problem has lessened and can be removed from the Tracker.
- Welcome Pack – to be considered at the February meeting.
- Heath security – the padlocks have been purchased.
- Community Garden – reconsider at Easter when the weather has improved.
- Heath Policy – to be added to February agenda.
- Bus Stops – Cllr Willetts referred to a report she had sent to Cllr Barber a year ago. She said she would take this matter up as a matter of urgency.

Signed _____
Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman

- Village Hall – quotes were awaited for a survey for the land.

It was noted that the Action Tracker should be available on the website and the Clerk said she would look into this.

112-21/22 To agree the Parish Council response to planning applications received from Colchester Borough Council and to note decisions made on previous applications

213409 - East View, Seven Star Green, Eight Ash Green Colchester CO6 3QB - Proposed single storey extension to form dining area and single storey side extension to existing bedroom.

It was **agreed** there was no objection to this application.

213336 - Rowan, Brick Street, Fordham Heath Colchester CO3 9TQ - Remodel and extend the existing detached house to create an open plan kitchen, living, dining room to the rear. Utility room & games room to replace existing side extension. Side extension at first floor comprising 2 bedrooms, bathroom & ensembles.

It was **agreed** that CBC should be requested to carry forward the condition requiring obscured glass from the original application.

213516 - Swallow Field Glamping site, Heath Road, Fordham Heath Colchester - Erection of single dwellinghouse

It was **agreed** that the Council would ask CBC to impose a condition that any approved dwelling would be for holiday use only.

220022 - Footpath 3 Aldham, Fiddlers Hill, Fordham Heath Colchester - Essex County Council has made an order to divert part of Footpath 3 Aldham the Notice which will be posted on site and appear in the Colchester Gazette on 6th January 2022

It was **agreed** there was no objection to this application.

Planning Decisions

212870 - Littlebury, Halstead Road, Eight Ash Green Colchester CO6 3PX - A large Porch. - **Permission granted, 3 conditions, 20 December 2021**

Signed _____
Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman

113-21/22 Heaths and Greens**a) To receive a report on Heaths and Greens**

Mr Winterbourne said that Mr Ralph would tackle the Chippetts corner pond the following month. He said one new owl box had been purchased and one had been made by a local resident, for which he was very grateful.

He said a film promoting the village had been made and the link would be sent to the Clerk for inclusion on the Council's website.

He said the next Volunteer Day would be on 5 March 2022.

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

There were no outstanding issues.

c) To consider and possibly agree to purchase two owl nesting boxes (details circulated prior to the meeting)

It was **agreed** to purchase two owl nesting boxes.

d) To consider and possibly agree a request for installing gates on Parish Council land

It was **agreed** that the Council could not consent to the installation of gates on Parish Council land. It was noted that a drop post could be installed on a resident's land to prevent incursion of fly-tippers.

e) To consider and possibly agree to purchase a multi-use tool for use around the parish (details circulated prior to the meeting)

It was **agreed** to purchase a multi-use tool for use around the parish.

114-21/22 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 follows:

Various	Staff costs	£655.52
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Signed _____
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A & J Lighting	Streetlight maintenance	£359.28
The Bin Shop	Salt bin	£118.72
Mr K Winterbourne	Padlocks	£21.00
Colchester BC	Streetlight electricity	£378.71

115-21/22 To consider and possibly agree the Parish Council's budget for the 2022/23 municipal year

The Parish Council's budget for the 2022/23 municipal year was **agreed** and is attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes.

116-21/22 To consider and possibly agree the precept demand on Colchester Borough Council for the 2022/23 municipal year

The precept demand on Colchester Borough Council was **agreed** at a total of £34,459. It was noted the charge for a Band D property would be £53.07, an increase of £0.03 on 2021/22.

117-21/22 To receive reports from Councillors

Cllr Jardine said the Christmas Tree had now been taken down. He said he would like to express his thanks to Mr Will Ralph for the tree and for his help.

He said he had written to Mr Alan Tolfrey expressing thanks for Mr Tolfrey's contribution to the Parish Council and the village.

Cllr Smith mentioned street signs that could be considered for work under Highways Devolution.

105-21/22 Date of Next Planned Meeting: Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 7.30pm at the Eight Ash Green Village Hall, Spring Lane, Colchester.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed _____
Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman