

## **EIGHT ASH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held at the Eight Ash Green Village Hall, Spring Lane, Eight Ash Green on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Alan Bilby  
Cllr John Jardine  
Cllr Dean Nokes  
Cllr Alan Tolfrey (Chairman)  
Cllr Christine Willetts

There were two members of the public in attendance.

**40-21/22 To receive Apologies for Absence and confirm acceptance of those apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Morgan and Smith.

Ward Councillor Dennis Willetts had also sent his apologies for the meeting.

**41-21/22 Declaration of Interests.**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**42-21/22 Public Participation.**

Mrs Alden gave an update on investigation into a new village community facility. She said the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall trustees would be held on 26 August 2021. She said bookings were starting to pick up for the hall.

**43-21/22 To agree as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**44-21/22 Report from the County and Borough Councillors:** Report from County Councillor and Ward Councillors, if present.

There were no reports to receive.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr A. Tolfrey, Chairman

**45-21/22 To review the Council's Action Tracker and to note any action necessary.**

Cllr Jardine said he had had made some changes to the format of the Action Tracker and that this had now been circulated. He asked councillors to submit any updates to the Clerk who would then circulate the Tracker.

The Council noted that the Tracker could be used in future to provide background to the Annual Report.

The Council noted that the Welcome Pack that had been discussed in previous years would be brought to the September meeting for further consideration.

The Clerk said she would look into the current status of the PCSO scheme for the September meeting.

Cllr Nokes said he would talk to the landlord of the Cricketers public house regarding potential events for celebrating the Queen's Jubilee in 2022 in collaboration with the Festival Committee.

**46-21/22 To agree the Parish Council response to planning applications received from Colchester Borough Council and to note decisions made on previous applications**

**211912 - The Firs, Abbots Lane, Eight Ash Green Colchester CO6 3QL - Single storey rear extension & single storey front extension & alterations**

It was **agreed** that the Council had no objection to this application.

**Planning Decisions**

**211663 - 29 Searle Way, Eight Ash Green CO6 3QS - Existing conservatory roof removed and replaced with lean-to roof to include insertion of rooflights (Amended Description) – *Permission granted, 3 conditions, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021***

**211253 - land adj, 2 & 3 Wood Lane, Fordham Heath Colchester CO3 9TP - Proposed single storey dwelling – *Permission refused, 4 reasons, 29 June 2021***

**202708 - Holy Trinity C Of E Primary, Holy Trinity Church Of England Primary School, Fiddlers Folly, Fordham Heath CO3 9UE - Installation of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on an area of derelict playground that once supported an outdoor swimming pool. – *Permission granted, no further details available.***

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr A. Tolfrey, Chairman

**47-21/22      Heaths and Greens****a) To receive a report on Heaths and Greens**

Mr Winterbourne said the grass would be cut as last year with paths through only. He said he and Cllr Nokes had been working on the tender documents for the heath maintenance, which would be issued shortly. He said some changes had been made to the schedule of maintenance.

He said the bridleway sign had been replaced on Huxtables Lane.

He said the next Volunteer Days would take place on 23 October 2021 and 5 March 2022.

**b) To consider and possibly agree to grant permission to the U3A Walking Group to use the heath on Wednesday afternoons for additional sessions.**

It was **agreed** to grant permission to the U3A Walking Group to use the heath on Wednesday afternoons for additional sessions.

**c) To consider the Football Club's request to hold a presentation event on the heath for their two under-11 teams.**

The Football Club's request to hold a presentation event on the heath for their two under-11 teams was considered and the request was granted.

**48-21/22      To consider and possibly agree to amendments to the Allotment Rules**

Amendments to the Allotment Rules were **agreed** as circulated prior to the meeting.

The Council noted that the Community Garden was in need of attention.

The Council noted that a request for a bench to be placed on the allotments would be brought to the September meeting.

**49-21/22      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:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr A. Tolfrey, Chairman

Allen Leslie Ltd	Internal Audit	£300
Cllr Nokes	Expenses – Padlock	£27.60
RCCE	Renewal	£72.60
Stour Valley Tree Services	Play Area	£150.00
K. Kane	Expenses – Zoom	£14.39
Various	Staff costs	£697.22

**50-21/22 To receive reports from Councillors**

Councillors noted the need to address overgrown vegetation at various locations across the parish.

The Chairman said the response to Essex Highways regarding options for the link road through the proposed Bellway development on Halstead Road had been sent. He said Essex County Councillor Lewis Barber was pushing for answers on this issue.

Cllr Jardine said discussion regarding naming of the roads on the new development was ongoing.

Cllr Willetts referred to various highways issues. It was noted that these would be reported again to Essex Highways.

The Council noted that proposed action on replacement of the Village Sign would be brought to the September meeting.

**51-21/22 Date of Next Planned Meeting: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm at the Eight Ash Green Village Hall, Spring Lane, Colchester.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr A. Tolfrey, Chairman