

EIGHT ASH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at the Eight Ash Green Village Hall, Spring Lane, Eight Ash Green on Wednesday 8 February 2023 at 7.30pm.

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

There were seven members of the public in attendance.

110-22/23 To receive Apologies for Absence and confirm acceptance of those apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Christie (health) and acceptance of those apologies was confirmed.

111-22/23 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Alan Bilby declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Item 116-22/23.

112-22/23 Public Participation

A resident referred to the proposed new Village Hall and said he would like the Parish Council to be mindful that parish records were stored in the shed on the property.

Mr Chambers referred to the permission given to the Cricket Club for a non-cricket related event in April. He said the Mayor and Mayoress would be starting the race from the pavilion.

A resident referred to speeding and dangerous driving in the village and asked what measures were being taken.

The Chairman said Speedwatch patrols were undertaken regularly.

Cllr Nokes said a patrol on Halstead Road had been undertaken a couple of weeks previously with the police. He referred to the VAS installed on Halstead Road by the Parish Council which was being trialled in various locations. He said there was a missing speed limit sign at the Aldham end of the village which needed to be replaced. He said the new building development might encourage drivers to slow down as the area became

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Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman

more built-up. He said the Council was doing everything it could but there was a limit to what it could do.

113-22/23 To agree as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 January 2023

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 January 2023 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

114-22/23 Report from the County and Borough Councillors: Report from County Councillor and Ward Councillors, if present.

Cllr Lewis Barber and Cllr Dennis Willetts had sent their apologies and there were no reports to receive.

115-22/23 To review the Council's Action Tracker and to note any action necessary.

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

- Flytipping update to be added to the Tracker;
- Highways Devolution to be deleted;
- Noticeboard at Porters Cottages to be added
- Village Hall – clarity needed to be sought on the amount of S106 money available for the new Hall
- New system of booking for the recycling centre in Shrub End – monitoring of this to be added to the Action Tracker.

a) Working Group on deterring parking on Parish Council land.

It was noted that this would be added to the March agenda.

116-22/23 To agree the Parish Council response to planning applications received from Colchester Borough Council and to note decisions made on previous applications

222922 - formerly Mercers Place, Mercers Place, Halstead Road, Eight Ash Green Essex CO3 0JU - Change of use of the day care centre to assisted living accommodation together with minor fenestration changes to front elevation and internal layout changes to ground floor and first floor to facilitate the change of use. **REVISED DESCRIPTION*****

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

230172 - 72 Spring Lane, Fordham Heath Essex CO3 9TG - Erection of 2 bay garage/car lodge on front driveway

Cllr Bilby had declared a DPI in this application and left the room.

It was noted that an extension should be sought from CCC to allow time to consider the application in detail.

Cllr Bilby rejoined the meeting.

Planning Decisions

Planning Inspectorate APP/A1530/W/22/3294044: West Oaks Foxes Lane, CO6 3PS *** APPEAL DISMISSED *******

117-22/23 Heaths and Greens

a) To receive a report on Heaths and Greens

Mr Winterbourne said work on the Abbots Road pond was nearly complete. He said the contractor was looking to take out the island but this would require a digger so would be done on a Sunday when the road was less busy.

He said bird and bat boxes had been purchased with money received by the Parish Council with money from the ward councillors' Locality Budget.

He said he had contacted Essex Wildlife Trust with regard to looking at work on the heath. He said he and Cllr Nokes would be walking the heath with a representative from the Trust on 21 February 2023 to see what work could be undertaken on the next Volunteer Day.

Cllr Nokes said the next Volunteer Day would take place on 4 March 2023.

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

There were no updates.

118-22/23 To discuss the celebrations for the coronation of King Charles III and note any action necessary

It was noted that the Council would look to provide a large screen in the Village Hall for the Coronation with refreshments for residents.

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119-22/23 To consider and possibly agree to purchase “No Flytip CCTV in Operation” sign at a cost of £46.36

It was **agreed** to purchase “No Flytip CCTV in Operation” sign at a cost of £46.36

120-22/23 To consider and possibly agree to buy a lockable notice case for the bus shelter at Porters Cottages (at a cost of £150)

It was **agreed** to buy a lockable notice case for the bus shelter at Porters Cottages.

121-22/23 Accounts & Payments:

a) Statement of Accounts to be circulated prior to the meeting

b) Approve cheques for signature in accordance with 2022/23 Budget (Invoices Sheet) – to be circulated at the meeting.

Cheques were **approved** for signature as follows:

Various	Staff costs	£838.18
A & J Lighting	Streetlight repair	£381.84
EALC	Training (Elections)	£54.00
Identilabel	Signage	£8.70
K. Winterbourne	Expenses – bat boxes	£114.93
Richard Fordham	Tree work	£3300.00
Colchester City Council	Streetlighting	£1295.26
Colchester City Council	Flytipping collection	£26.25

122-22/23 To receive reports from Councillors including feedback from meetings attended

Cllr Jardine said the Cricket Club would like to install electric car charge points at the Club with the Parish Council possibly having input. He said he would be meeting with the Club and would bring more information back to Council.

He said he and Cllr Bilby were due to meet representatives from Fairfields Farm to learn more about the movement of their vehicles in the parish.

He said he proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held on 31 May 2023.

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The Clerk referred to the upcoming elections and said if anyone had any questions they could contact her.

Cllr Nokes said the Festival Committee had started planning for the 2023 event and were working on it being inclusive and affordable for families on the day.

123-22/23 Date of Next Planned Meeting: Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 7.30pm at the Eight Ash Green Village Hall, Spring Lane, Colchester.

Signed _____
Cllr J. Jardine, Chairman