

FURNEUX PELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1 November 2018, at 8:00 pm in the Furneux Pelham Village Hall.

Present: Cllr S Bratt, Cllr H Smart, Cllr P Watmough and Cllr Mrs D White.

In attendance: F Forth, Parish Clerk and no members of the public.

18/83) Apologies

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr R Gale

18/84) Declarations of interest

None.

18/85) Adoption of previous minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th September 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

Note - item 18/72 Flood project was dealt with at this point but minuted below.

18/86) Matters arising

- a. Tribute to C Cantes - tribute was included in the recent Parish Magazine.
- b. Co-option of Parish Councillor - negotiations continuing with the potential candidates for co-option. **Action: Chair and Cllr P Watmough**
The Clerk reminded those present of the election next year which follows a statutory process and is managed by East Herts Council. HAPTC have summarised the key dates and provided additional information such as job descriptions which will be added to the website.
- c. Mary Wheatley Trust - the Chair reported that Michael Watson's term as a Parish Council appointed Trustee had ended, and that he had written to thank him for his contribution to the Trust over many years. RESOLVED to appoint Cllr P Watmough to the Trustee vacancy.
- d. GDPR awareness checklists - these were completed and given to the Clerk.
- e. Footpath on development opposite The Brewery Tap - this is nearly complete.
- f. Allotment lease - the Clerk reported that this is in progress.
- g. Playground - see item 18/88 below.
- h. Meeting dates - the Clerk confirmed that the dates had been circulated to all Cllrs and the website updated.

18/87) Whitebarns Lane

Cllr Mrs D White reported that the Parish Council letter, previously agreed, had been circulated amongst residents with encouragement to lodge a complaint on Clarion's website. To date, differing responses have been received from Clarion from not their responsibility through to will have an on-site meeting.

Cllr H Smart clarified that having lodged the complaint, the next step would be to escalate to the Clarion Chief Executive and he would help a tenant to do this. Cllr Mrs D White agreed to find a tenant willing to be involved. In addition, the Chair reported that Cllr G Williamson (EHC) had agreed to provide sight of the relevant section of the conveyance.

Action: Chair (conveyance); Cllr Mrs D White (tenant) and Cllr H Smart (pursue Chief Executive with tenant)

18/88) Playground

The Chair reported that a meeting is being held on the 18th November, in the Village Hall, to gauge support from residents to pursue this project. The meeting is being publicised as much as possible.

Action: Chair and Cllr P Watmough

18/89) Defibrillator

Some residents had contacted the Chair to highlight that further funds were available to purchase another defibrillator for the village. Potential locations were discussed but having a power source was an issue. Following discussion, it was agreed that a further defibrillator was not required, and a suggestion made that this funding could be used for training on using the existing defibrillator.

18/90) Bus shelter

A resident had contacted the Chair to identify whether a bus shelter could be erected near the church for secondary school children waiting there for the bus. Following discussion, it was suggested that the bus service should be asked to collect from the pub where there is an existing shelter.

18/91) Finance

a. Update on current financial position

A statement of the budget to actual comparison as at 1st November, as circulated, was received.

b. Expenditure

RESOLVED to approve the following expenditure:

Fred Knight, litter picking & grass cutting £63.50

Cheque and supporting documentation duly signed.

The Clerk also reported that, as a result of GDPR, the Parish Council had been required to register with the Information Commissioner's Office and a registration fee of £35.00 had been paid. This would be an annual requirement. This was noted.

c. Initial Forward Financial Plan 2019/20 to 2023/24

The Clerk highlighted the following points in respect of the circulated initial Forward Financial Plan:

- proposed increase to the precept of £500 in order to move the Parish Council to a position that annual costs are covered each year;
- East Herts Council have again requested that income from the New Homes Bonus is excluded from the budget; and
- an annual balance of £5,000 should be maintained to cover essential expenditure.

Following discussion, the initial plan was noted.

18/92) Allotments

Cllr Mrs D White reported that the locks had been removed from the gates and no thefts of produce had occurred.

18/93) Village Hall Committee

Cllr Mrs D White stated that the Halloween event had been well attended on Saturday and that 2 Christmas wreath making sessions were coming up.

18/94) Update from East Herts Council

The Clerk had circulated the update provided by the EHC Ward Cllr G Williamson which covered the following matters:

- the East Herts District Plan had been adopted;
- the East Herts 2018 Town and Parish Network event was happening on the 30th November; and
- changes to bin emptying days were happening across the district and if residents were affected, they would be written to.

18/95) Correspondence

a. Planning applications

Since the last meeting, 5 permissions granted, and 6 applications considered.

Details of all applications are on the Parish Council's website and those since the last meeting are detailed in Appendix A.

b. Communications to Parish Clerk

The Clerk referred to the following matters:

- website has been updated for additional traffic orders, mainly relating to work being undertaken by Gigaclear;
- National Meals on Wheels week from the 5th November and an invitation has been received to attend breakfast information sessions;
- Royal Mail letter outlining work being done to reduce scam mail; and
- request from Citizen's Advice for a donation towards its services.

c. Communications to or from Councillors

There have been reports of large equipment in the field behind Pallets and unclear as to why. The Chair reported that meeting with East Herts regarding the enforcement injunction had identified that a number of changes had occurred. Permission had been obtained to make soil conditioner from waste products and permission to plant a forest on the field is being sought. Following discussion, it was clarified that the original enforcement issues relate to the yard and there should be a further meeting to cover these matters.

18/96) Residents comments

None.

18/97) Next meeting

Confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council is on the 10th January 2019 in the Village Hall at 8pm.

The meeting ended at 9:22 pm.

APPENDIX A

Planning activity since the previous meeting:

Application number	Proposal	Action
<u>3/18/2319/HH</u>	Detached store/carport at The Spinney, Whitebarns.	Application considered
<u>3/18/2080/HH</u>	Infill of the existing covered porch area at Frog Hollow, East End.	Application considered
<u>3/18/2019/AGPN</u>	An agricultural building not exceeding 465sqm in gross floor area at existing Agricultural Field, East of Barley Croft Works, Barley Croft End.	Application considered Permission refused
<u>3/18/1848/LBC</u> & <u>3/18/1847/HH</u>	Single storey proposed rear orangery extension at Patient End House, Patient End.	Applications considered Permissions granted
<u>3/18/1647/HH</u>	Single storey front extensions to create porch and bin store to front elevation at Ashbourn, The Street.	Permission granted
<u>3/18/1521/VAR</u>	Variation of Conditions 2 and 4 of LPA's approval ref: 3/17/2369/FUL - New Dwelling - relocation of site access/drive at Plot Adj to Hillside, The Street.	Permission granted
<u>3/18/1398/HH</u>	Two storey side and rear extensions, single storey side and rear extension, link extension and replacement porch and alterations to fenestration at The Old School House, The Street.	Application re-considered