**GREAT EASTON AND TILTY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 26th OCTOBER 2017**

**AT GREAT EASTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Present** Cllrs John Lewis (Chairman) – John Rowland (Vice Chairman)

 Terry Francis – Tristan Martens – Julia England – Cecile Down

 Paul Kelly

 Cllr John Freeman (District)

**Clerk**  Audrey Miller

**Residents/Guests** Stan & Joan Sutherland – Doreen Hart – Sheila Smith – Jackie Deane

**1. Welcome**

 The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcome everyone attending.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

 Nicola Longman – Clair Southon – Cllr Martin Foley (District)

**3. Declaration of Members Interests**

 John Lewis S.S.E. - David Rowland S.S.E. , C.A.B., Friends of the Five Parishes, Tristan Martens S.S.E. ,

 Essex Wildlife Trust, Paul Kelly S.S.E.

**4. Minutes of last meeting**

 The minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2017 having been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

**5. Public Forum**

 Jackie Deane gave an update on the Easton Park proposals.

 Stan Sutherland informed the council that 24 Maynards House had gone to appeal regarding their refused planning application.

**6. Village Hall**

 In the absence of the Treasurer there was no report on the finances of the village hall. This will be reported on at the November meeting.

**7. Web Site Management**

 David Rowland (Vice Chairman) to fill in application forms for Transparency code funding and grant.

**8.. Reports from Representative**

 **Planning**:

 UTT/17/2694/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of

 replacement dwelling and garage.

 Stoneyfield, Broxted Road, Gt.Easton. Comments sent

 (Comments sent to UDC on the above panning application:)

 The demolition of a period property with clay tiled roof, beams and leaded light windows and replace with a modern monstrosity is totally out of keeping with the area and surrounding properties.

 Planning Appeal: APP/C1570/17/W/3181330

 24 Maynards House, Dunmow Road.

 **Planning Applications Determined**

 UTT/17/1729/FUL Dove House, Gallows Green Road. Conditional Approval

 UTT/17/2390/HHF The Great Barn, Grange Green, Tilty. Conditional Approval

 UTT/17/1577/HHF 40 Abbey View, Duton Hill. Conditional Approval

 UTT/17/2485/HHF Croat Cottage, Great Easton Conditional Approval

 UTT/17/2388/HHF )

 UTT/17/23889?LB ) The Great Barn, Grange Green, Tilty. Conditional Approval

 UTT/17/2577/HHF Grooms Cottage, Dunmow Road. Conditional Approval

 **Playing Fields**

 Great Easton Playing Field – nothing to report.

 Burns Playing Field – A discussion took place regarding the two items of playing equipment which need to be replaced next year. It was felt that the Parish Council should fund the majority of the bill with Duton Hill Community Association fund raising or obtaining grants for part of it. They already have £500 earmarked from Cllr M. Foley from the New Homes Bonus grant.

 Grass cutting on Burns playing field. Dunmow Rhodes F.C. who lease the pitch have requested more cuts. The Parish Council have had one more cut applied at the cost of £55. The football club have been told they will have to pay for any further cuts direct with the contractor.

 Grass cutting in the parish is costing 40% of the precept, this will have to be taken into account when we apply for the precept for 2017/2018.

 **Footpaths:** Nothing to report.

 **River Interests:** Tristan will gather a group of volunteers to remove the debris from the river. Duton Hill river is clear but banks are overgrown. Great Easton water is shallow but clear.

 **Highways**:

 Concerns were voiced at the speed of traffic travelling through the villages. The Chairman stated that there is not a lot we can do about it other than try to educate the residents who are the culprits..

 **Airport:**

 MAG have amended their Scoping Document for the increase of passenger numbers.

Currently, Stansted Airport (STAL) handles just in excess of 25m passengers per annum (mppa), at present STAL have permission to increase that number to 35mppa.

The increased number in the Scoping Document is now 43 mppa, down from the original figure of

44.5 mppa. Further consultation will take place in November, with a view that STAL will apply for formal planning permission in early 2018.

As the proposed increase is below 10 mppa, the decision will be made locally (i.e. UDC) as opposed to a national decision by the Government

**9. Clerks correspondence**

 Acknowledgement from Dunmow Town Council for the £2,000 donation towards professional fees for the fight against Easton Park also from Essex and Herts Air Ambulance for £200 donation.

 A request from S.S.E. for financial support during 2018. This matter will be discussed when next year’s budget/precept is decided.

 **Expenditure**

 Cheques ratified since the last meeting:

 Air Ambulance £200 (donation) – S.Smith £450 (grasscut No.15) – A Miller £701.72 (Salary £675 Jul ,Aug,Sept – admin £26.72)- Plumstone Trading £255 (bench for Burns Playing Field) – Great Dunmow T.C. £2000 (donation) – S.Smith £450 (grasscut No.16) – E’on £26.40 (Electric Burns Playing Field) -

 British Legion £15 (poppy wreath)

 Monies in £830 (refund from Great Easton Community Association re Tanoy for Soap Box Derby)

**10. Any other business**

 The council was informed that the Tilty Flower Festival made £7,500 towards the upkeep of Tilty Church.

 The Chairman informed the council that to date we had one applicant for the clerks post, the applicant would be invited to the Nov. meeting to be introduced to the councillors.. Further applicants are expected and would be invited to meet the council in due course.

There being no other business to discuss the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9pm

**Date of next meeting: THURSDAY 30th November 2017 Great Easton Village Hall – 7.30pm.**

**Chairman…………………………………………………..Date………………………..…….**

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**