

East Donyland Parish Council
Full Parish Council Meeting – 09 July 2020
Zoom starting 7.00pm.

MINUTES

Present; Cllrs Helliwell, Case, Clay, Crouchman, Myers, Clerk E Nelson-Hayes & 5 members of the public.

The Chair thanked everyone for logging on to Zoom, hopes everyone is keeping safe.

032/20 To receive and accept apologies and to note absences, to consider extending the Local Government act 1972, Section 85 (1), 6 month rule in light of Cllr Guy being unable to attend virtual meetings: Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Guy & Appleyard, Cllr Helliwell proposed to extend to 6 month rule by 3 months to accommodate the attendance issues for Cllr Guy, DM 2nd – all agreed – *Action the Clerk*

033/20 To minute pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests of members relating to items on the agenda: DM pi 37/20 RH np 44/20

034/20 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2020: RH proposed the minutes to be correct; DC 2nd – all agreed.

035/20 Have your say! The Chairman will close the meeting for a max.15 minutes to ask members of the public to speak (max. 3 minutes each) on any matters relevant to parish business: Regarding S106 money the working party for the walking football group should reconvene. Arrange to pick this up – *Action RH & the Clerk*
EDCA, this Annexe is moving swiftly on, the money should be in place soon & EDPC to check that all the legal paperwork is organised, so there isn't any hold ups – *Action the Clerk*
Could Bloor be approached to put signage along the front of the new development to discourage kids from jumping off it into the river. - *Action the Clerk*
A reminder that if any anti social behaviour is spotted to report it to the Police.

036/20 To receive and note reports from:

- i) **County Councillor Kevin Bentley;** RH read KB report (you can find this at the end of the minutes)
- ii) **Borough Councillor Lee Scordis;** Apologies received on behalf of Mike Lilley & Adam Fox. A sign on shipyard corner has been requested to tell drivers that you cannot access the new development from the High Street. The charge for garden waste removal has been paused. Community composting could be a project for Rowhedge. More info will be shared once things has been decided There is a huge deficit in the CBC funds in part due to events being cancelled, car parks not being used, residents cancelling their council tax, shops closing down so loss of rent, the castle being closed, which needs to be addressed.
RH read out Cllr Lilley's report (you can find this at the end of the minutes)
- iii) **The Clerk:** Noted

037/20 To agree the payments list already checked by Cllrs Appleyard & Clay: DM left the meeting RH proposed & DC 2nd the payments to be correct – agreed – *Action the Clerk* DM returned to the meeting.

038/20 To request a traffic mirror on the kissing gate at the Fingringhoe Rd entrance to the woods: KB to respond on possible alternatives, the MOD aren't able to help. Ongoing.

039/18 To check anything is in place to reopen the play area on the 10th July in line in Government guidance. The school has worked hard to keep the children safe in 'bubbles' and we do not want to jeopardise that – We asked the school and they were clear that it is primarily our decision but we would like to support them. The webinar was oversubscribed so the Clerk will be attending the next on the 13th. RH proposed to reopen on the 18th July following a satisfactory risk assessment, NC 2nd – all agreed – *Action the Clerk*

040/20 To consider granting permission for 2 events;
19th July 2020, Seafood picnic hosted by RHT; cancelled

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19th Nov 2020, 50th birthday hosted by Ye Olde Albion; RH proposed that the Clerk grants permission for this event nearer the time in line with any government guidelines regarding COVID-19, NC 2nd – all agreed. *-Action the Clerk*

041/20 To consider ideas for potential Section 106 expenditure for leisure & recreation purposes.

A skate park has been put forward, the path along the recreation ground to be widened. The scope of the S106 funding can include river/water based facilities. Open the discussion up to the school, preschool & the youth group and report back.

042/20 To deal with matters arising from the previous Council minutes not dealt with elsewhere in this agenda (refer attached Action List): Noted. Although things should start moving very soon as the guidelines are starting to be relaxed. More work is scheduled in the burial ground.

043/20 To discuss planning applications and note decision papers as listed (refer attached):

Planning application; Land adjacent to 33 Chapel Street, Erection of single dwelling house and demolition of the existing garage; Some material planning considerations were discussed from concerns raised by neighbours, regarding loss of light & highway safety. We were informed that there isn't enough parking for the proposed dwelling and some view the plot to be too small as a whole.

RH proposed no comment, NC 2nd – all agreed – *Action the Clerk*

Approved; Single story rear extension 49 Albion Street – noted

Approved; Rowhedge telephone exchange, 6 Chapel St - noted

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending

44/20 To consider the applications received from Jason Bent, Julian Brett, Bob Dodson, Ian Pettitt & Tony Pullon, to join the parish council, and to agree whether to co-opt 2 of the applicants to fill the 2 vacant seats.

Jason Bent wasn't in attendance, Bob Dodson was unable to finish his application as he hasn't lived in the village for a whole year as yet. The council voted via zoom chat as recommended by EALC. Julian Brett & Ian Pettitt were successful and have agreed to join the council. The declaration of office to be signed. – Welcome to the council.

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The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Agreed as a true record.

Signed: Date:

Chairman

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Parish Report from County Councillor Kevin Bentley

Garden Waste Charges

I am pleased to say that plans to introduce Garden Waste charges have been halted. The Cabinet of CBC accepted the recommendations of the Scrutiny Panel (which I have the privilege to Chair) this week to pause the proposed charges and to set up an all-party Task and Finish Group to look at Waste services in the future and that all Borough Councillors will be consulted on any changes proposed in their Wards.

Colchester High Street Paving to be fixed

Night work to repair and improve the paving slabs in the High Street will start on 20th July, thanks to some clever installation of broadband upgrades by Colchester Borough Council. More Colchester businesses and homes are getting ultrafast broadband, thanks to a £3.5 million ultrafast broadband project being implemented by Colchester Borough Council and its wholly owned company, Colchester Amphora Trading Ltd, using funding from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport. A smarter way of installing the necessary extra capacity has been found, which meant digging up less of the road and pavement in the High Street. Work there is now complete, so contractors Henderson and Taylor can begin work from Monday 20th to replace and re-grout and seal slabs on the pavements. Essex Highway is managing the work, which will take about 12 weeks, funded by a partnership of Essex County Council and Colchester Borough Council. The repair works will be done at night, from 7pm to 6am, in sections, moving quickly along the street.

'Safer, Greener, Healthier' town centre streets

Health experts and leading cycling and walking campaigners have welcomed ambitious plans to make Colchester town centre streets safer, greener and healthier. Responding directly to the current COVID 19 pandemic the plans allow people to self-distance and still travel safely by creating new lanes for cycling and walking in Colchester. The project ensures areas of the Town Centre with some of the highest footfall are safe and healthy places to move through, following the easing of lockdown restrictions and the re-opening of shops and businesses. Essex County Council and Colchester Borough Council have taken their lead from many hundreds of people who have been cycling and walking more on short distances. As a result, teams from the two councils have been working together to design and implement one of the first projects to make town centre public spaces safer for people. Called 'Safer, Greener, Healthier', the schemes aim to provide bigger, safer spaces for city centre shoppers, residents, workers and visitors to be able to social distance. 20mph limits, temporary barriers and signs providing shared spaces will be introduced on the High Street, Queen Steet/St Botolph's, Head Street, St Johns Street and other town centre roads. A monitoring group has been set up to adjust these measures as necessary to assist residents and businesses.

Locality Budgets

To remind everyone that I have access to two Locality Budgets. One from CBC which is £2,000 per councillor and for those Parishes where I am the Borough Councillor I pool this money with my two colleagues, Cllr. Andrew Ellis and Cllr. Jackie Maclean and we offer our Locality Budget on a first come first served basis. We spent a little of this money earlier this financial year and at the start of the Corona Virus pandemic to assist some Parishes who ran community groups to help shop and look after vulnerable people.

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For those Parishes where I am also the County Councillor, I have access to a £10,000 budget, although some has been spent on one community project in my Division.

Please do contact me if you need any further information or would like to apply for a grant to help with community led scheme, project, or buy a community item.

Best wishes

Kevin

Parish Report from Ward Councillor Mike Lilley

Once again Parking problems are the main issue with residents parking close to the junction of rectory road and Taylor's Road. A resident has asked for Double yellow lines to be put in. She has emailed me and passed to Parish Council. There seems to be a problem within the Red lines application as the Chairman of the Parking Partnership has queried the legality of removing yellow lines he is currently looking into that with County Councillor Kevin Bentley. After complaints from residents in Heath road about repairs to the kerbs this has been passed onto County Councillor Kevin Bentley.

After complaints about ASB on the front and on the Rec a request to the Police for more patrols was made and I urge residents to report all ASB to Police so they see what a problem it is in Rowhedge.

Colchester Borough Council is facing a funding shortage due to no income coming in because of the Covid 19 crises, the sum is between 8-10 million pounds. This will have a massive effect on services provided and will affect Rowhedge. The time has come to look at areas that could be left uncut and grow wild just to save money. If the Government keep to their word to replace money lost then this will be a great relief but if not then serious decisions of cuts will have to be made.

Mike.