

East Donyland Parish Council
Full Parish Council Meeting – 12th November 2020
Zoom starting 7.00pm.

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

The Chair thanked everyone for logging on to Zoom.

067/20 To receive and accept apologies and to note absences; apologies received & accepted from Cllr Case & Ward Councillors M.Lilley & A.Fox

068/20 To minute pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests of members relating to items on the agenda: DM PI 073/20 RH PI 073/20

069/20 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2020: RH proposed the minutes to be correct; TG 2nd – all agreed.

070/20 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: A resident would like to formally ask the Council to approve agenda item 079/20 to push this ahead, a previous working group did an excellent job with projects and is keen to get a date in the diary. The walking football group are working hard to raise additional funds. RH asked the resident to talk through the item and his ideas when the agenda point comes up. A resident has spoken to Siobhan at CBC regarding S106 money, as the Parish Council & ward councillor Mike Lilley have been unsuccessful in reaching Siobhan-the council are grateful for any information the resident could impart. The process relating to obtaining funds & other relevant information...2 phases Bloor & Hills, Bloor money was for Community Facilities which went to the Social Club. Hills sum of £285,000 – a list was agreed between the parish council & Hills and drawn up into a legal deed which included the purchase of allotment land, a kayak & canoe store, climbing rocks on Lion Quay & improvement of sports/playing fields. There is some flexibility in the list. Steve Collis will possibly be working on this, as Siobhan has changed jobs, also ward councillor Mike Lilley is the portfolio holder for Section 106 which helps us to obtain relevant information.

A resident explained the dangers of the junction at the top of Church Street on to Taylors Road. The residents at 4 properties in particular have had their walls knocked down on numerous occasions over the years. They have approached the parish council a number of years ago, ECC & although studies were conducted mainly involving looking at the speed of traffic the resident would like there to be a review as property owners are becoming uncomfortable and scared in their own homes as the potential danger is impacting on their daily lives. County Council Kevin Bentley to be kept in the loop regarding this issue, a virtual meeting has been set up for Tuesday 17th November with the Clerk, Cllr Brett, a resident, Sonia Church and possibly Kevin Bentley. Could Kevin Bentley be added to the Whatsapp group created for this issue & could the resident send through any pictures to help explain the issue.

071/20 To receive and note reports from:

- i) **County Councillor Kevin Bentley;** Following on from Have Your Say, KB explained that when Essex went into Tier 2 before the national lockdown, the decision was jointly made in consultation with other organisations including the Police & the NHS. The R-Rate was rising rapidly, it's important to keep everyone safe & help alleviate pressure on hospitals. It went from one of the lowest rates to one of the highest quickly. To note there is a 2 week lag on the data published. The number has stabilised and is starting to come down in the County (apart from Brentwood – which is being investigated) If the number continues to come down, the County will ask to go into Tier 1 when lockdown ends on the 2nd of December.
In response to queries regarding helping people during this time, Essex have looked after vulnerable people throughout all of the COVID-19 pandemic, looking particularly to help those who were in a comfortable position but due to unexpected unemployment are now in need of help. An extra £1.5 million to help people in this situation, the money will go to the food bank voucher system as well as childcare initiatives such as half term holiday events to help parents who are working and need help with childcare during Christmas all the way through to Easter.

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20mph initiative a reminder that to have this throughout a whole village is unprecedented, to include Marsh Crescent, Head Street, Rectory Rd & Wharf Rd, due to some confusion, the roads will be applied for after the 20mph limit is already introduced in the village. The bus company will need to be consulted. The signage on Hillview, seems excessive is it necessary?

Locality budget; £4000 stipulations include it needs to be for a community asset and possible match funding. The allocation is on the 31st January, so please be quick if there is something we need.

- ii) **Borough Councillor Lee Scordis**; Passed on apologies from Mike Lilley & Adam Fox. There are now Covid marshals in the town centre assisting the Police and zone wardens, they do not have any powers.

CBC are granting 1 day a week free parking throughout the whole of the town. Blue badge holders are still allowed to park on the High Street.

Flooding on Rowhedge Rd, drivers are mounting the pavement & splashing houses both of which need to be avoided, please add to the Friday catch up-telling drivers to slow down or cut through Battlesbrook Rd.

Budget Survey from CBC, send to the Clerk who will forward it on.

Ask for the Police to visit the recreation ground as there is a lot of activity with teenagers, although the cold weather should start to deter them. A lot of people are not adhering to the rules in Colchester.

- iii) **The Clerk**: Noted.

072/20 To agree to have Marsh Crescent, Head Street, Rectory Rd & Wharf Rd (once adopted by ECC) included in the 20mph speed limit initiative for the village. The idea of the speed limit grew from the original idea to reduce the speed on the High Street-some of the information mentioned tonight is new information for the council, Cllr Bentley to take the lead on speaking to the bus companies. RH proposed to add Marsh Crescent, Head Street, Rectory Rd & Wharf Rd (once adopted by ECC) into the 20mph speed limit initiative subject to discussions with the bus company as advised by the Head of Highways Cllr Kevin Bentley-all agreed.

073/20 To agree the payments list already checked by Cllrs Appleyard & Heliwell: *DM & RH left the meeting, AA proposed & DC 2nd the payments to be correct – agreed – Action the Clerk DM & RH returned to the meeting.*

074/20 To note the draft minutes and new members of committee from the Finance & Personnel Committee on 10th September & Maintenance committee on 14th October. Julian Brett to join the Finance & Personnel committee. Julian & Ian to join the Maintenance committee – all agreed.

075/20 To agree the renewal quote for the pontoon insurance at £881.27 Hayes Parsons sent through what everyone thought was the renewal quote – it wasn't, the price sent, voted & agreed upon last month was incorrect. RH proposed to accept the new price, NC 2nd- all agreed – *Action the Clerk*

076/20 To hear an update on recent work at the burial ground and approve the cost of hiring a generator to fix the gate in permanent position. Thanks to TG for organising volunteers, a lot hard work was achieved. The fence between the old and the new burial ground is coming down, the burial ground will be periodically closed for work to be done. Outdoor work is allowed if the guidelines are adhered too. £100 for the generator. RH proposed & AA 2nd to accept this price, all agreed – *Action DM*

077/12 To update the council on S106 monies & processes; We have asked numerous times; Primarily we want to know when funds will be released, large amounts are not on the monthly reports the council receives, why not? What can the money be used for? The deed between the council and the developer is interesting. Looking forward to working with Mike Lilley as he now works with S106. This will be a rolling agenda item to keep the pressure up for CBC to give us more information.

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- 078/12 To give an update on the potential path widening on the recreation ground.** A potential S106 project, work outside of the school to improve the area. Widen the path to 2m. DC has created a spec to send out to different companies for quotes. Send out the info to all the councillors. *-Action the Clerk*
- 079/12 To discuss and approve the setting up of a working group, to meet in the coming weeks, with a remit of re-visiting work done and progressing ideas for approved use of the Hills 106 monies.** The council needs to identify if we are tied into a deed with developers regarding the “wish list” of expenditure for S106 and flexible it is. It was suggested a dedicated working group bringing to the full council identified projects. Possibly have individual groups for each project. Ward Councillor Mike Lilley is unsupportive of a working group. Each group should apply with an idea for the Council to decide.
There is no rush as there is 10 years to spend the money. Do not want the approval process to be seen using favouritism for certain projects. Terms of reference would have to be created. It was noted by a resident that the parish council do not have time within their full council meeting to go over the intricacies of the muga expansion detail-which a working group could take on. The council are appreciative of the offer of help and are holding off until their concerns regarding planning are resolved. If the council get to the position where information is gathered, and ideas are forth coming, local & the school will be canvassed. At this juncture there is not a requirement for a group of this nature. The agenda point was withdrawn.
- 080/20 To receive a proposal from Cllr Appleyard to improve Heath Rd garden;** 7 companies approached to plan to improve the area as something needs to be done. Paving questions were raised, a previously Cllr was approached for advice. Hope to not have a repeating cost. AA proposed to accept the quote of £205 for a company to create a planting plan for the area, RH 2nd – all agreed. *– Action AA*
- 081/20 To receive an event request from the Mariners Chapel to use the forest school for a small youth group meeting.** A positive event, Nicki (organiser) is trustworthy and responsible. RH proposed to accept this and grant permission, NC 2nd – all agreed
- 082/20 To deal with matters arising from the previous Council minutes not dealt with elsewhere in this agenda (refer attached Action List):** Noted. Update the school on the disabled signs. Nudge the CCTV grant, identify areas that need dog poo bins.
- 083/20 To discuss planning applications and note decision papers as listed (refer attached):**
- i) Planning application 201989, 33 Colne Rise, demolish existing craft building & construct new annex – Approve conditional – Noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending

The meeting closed at 8.33pm

Agreed as a true record.

Signed: Date:

Chairman