

East Donyland Parish Council
Full Parish Council Meeting – 10th December 2020
Zoom starting 7.00pm.

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Present; Cllrs Helliwell, Appleyard, Brett, Crouchman, Guy, Myers & Pettitt, Clerk E Nelson-Hayes, 4 members of the public & Ian Henderson from Essex County Council.

The Chair thanked everyone for logging on to Zoom, apologised for the technical difficulties & conveyed thanks to Peter Case who has resigned from the Council and wanted to note appreciation for his hard work in his years of service. We are fortunate enough to have an increase in reserves at this point in the year so we shall put the money to good use.

084/20 To receive and accept apologies and to note absences; All present

085/20 To minute pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests of members relating to items on the agenda: DM PI 91/20

086/20 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2020: RH proposed the minutes to be correct; NC 2nd – all agreed.

087/20 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 item 95/20, The Walking Football group and Dave Evans especially has worked tirelessly to get prices for the muga extension from 7 contractors & are looking at an increase of 5% up to around £160,000 – which includes flood lights, the extension of the muga itself and relevant planning applications. It is a job that would need to be done in the spring/summer either 2021 or 2022 – this price does not include the removal of the existing muga fence.

Footpath 22, the path running the length of the rec under the memorial trees-There is tarmac underneath would the council consider reinstating this path, its shabby and unkempt, also would like to see more dog poo bins on the new development and one on the entrance to the allotments. Pleased to see the Walnut Tree junction on the agenda and that it is being revisiting by Cllr Bentley, remembered many years ago a meeting there that produced nothing. A resident informed the council that Mrs Trellis is having a short stay in hospital and the council passed on their best wishes.

071/20 To receive and note reports from:

- i) **County Councillor Kevin Bentley;** Introduced Ian Henderson from the road safety engineering team at Highways-ECC specialising in casualty reduction. The junction at the Walnut Tree has been triggered, there has been more than 3 accidents in a 3-year period within a 250meter radius-known as a collision cluster.

Speed restrictions. It was noted that the usage of the area has changed since the new development. The road needs to be de-registered-Ian has been asked to deal with that. The speed management programme is going through a re-write. The most important questions to be asked are; Is it legal? it is outside the current programme. Is it safe? Yes. Various options, signage, reflective road studs. It's important to also consider the viewpoint of the pedestrian, not just the motorist. This will be revisited as the project progresses.

Church Street; a productive virtual meeting regarding motorists crashing into walls of properties whilst trying to turn into Church Street where it meets Taylors Rd, any changes will have to have public support, will come back to this in the new year, inviting Sonia Church from ECC to the January meeting. This is a slow process, so there isn't any quick solutions.

Cllr Bentley has awarded EDPC £1,300-1,400 for 4 new benches to replace old ones and install a bench at the village hall car park for people who wait for the mobile library.

- ii) **Borough Councillor Mike Lilley:** Happy to see the Walnut Tree junction being discussed and agrees that public support is imperative when it comes to changes. The Hythe-the footpath is closed as work on the outlets is carried out. The path is closed for a reason and asks for people to not moved the gates-they are there for a reason. The work has not been completed yet. Bradwell Power Station and the proposed new nuclear reactor-it affects everyone in a 25mile radius. CBC are against the building of it, its 3 times bigger and is air cooled. Maldon Council has objected.

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COVID-19 We know that ECC wanted to go into Tier 1, 12 pubs were caught out, one party with 100 students attending, also places showing the boxing. Each district should be marked on its own figures. Basildon has a high rate with schools closing.

Colchester has 10,000 vaccines working their way through the criteria for being eligible. Once those vaccines have been used Colchester have to apply for more. Under 18's will be last. It is predicted that our area will go back to tier 3 in the New Year with a massive lockdown, CBC has lost £8million.

Circulate the Police survey and respond – *Action-The Clerk*

iii) **The Clerk:** Noted.

089/20 To agree to have temporary width restrictions at the top of Church Street in a bid to protect the properties being damaged by vehicles turning from Taylors Road. – This item was covered during Cllr Bentley's report, this will be discussed again as a solution is found.

090/20 To hear possible new safety measures at the Walnut Tree, Weir Lane & Fingringhoe Road junction from County Councillor Kevin Bentley. Again, this item was covered in his report with an informative presentation by Ian Henderson. This will be revisited as the project progresses.

091/20 To agree the payments list already checked by Cllrs Appleyard & Heiliwell: *DM left the meeting, RH proposed & NC 2nd the payments to be correct – agreed – Action the Clerk DM returned to the meeting.*

092/20 To note the draft minutes and new members of committee from the Finance & Personnel Committee on 12th November. AA explained that the training budget is being increased & this will be looked at in more detail at the next F&P meeting.

093/20 To review & agree the updated policy for Lone Worker & review the Climate & Ecology Crisis Policy Statement. Monitor the Climate & Ecology statement regarding carbon emissions, to be on the Council's radar. No changes to each. – All agreed. Update review date & publish – *Action the Clerk*

094/20 To agree the proposal to plant new trees in the burial ground at a cost not exceeding £300
A lot of hard work has gone into clearing, tidying and improving the burial ground by Councillors and volunteers over the last few months, some trees had to be removed from the area as they were growing in appropriate places or were becoming fragile and old. These could be replaced, in line with the Council's efforts to improve their environmental position. RH proposed spending a maximum of £300 to replace the felled trees, AA 2nd – all agreed

095/12 To receive a monthly update from Colchester borough Council regarding S106 monies;
S106 monies outstanding is £156,000 which was agreed to purchase allotment land, install a kayak store, construct a climbing wall and improvement to sports & playing fields – amongst many other ideas. If any of these projects were to be changed all parties would have to meet to agree the changes and update a legal document. It was noted that the area of Middlewick development would not be near the current location of the allotments.
Cllr Lilley will speak to the planning department regarding the Muga if the working party could send over drawings and designs.

096/20 To deal with matters arising from the previous Council minutes not dealt with elsewhere in this agenda (refer attached Action List): Noted. To be updated - *Action the Clerk*

097/20 To discuss planning applications and note decision papers as listed (refer attached):

- i) Planning application 202619, 4 Berkeley Gardens, proposed garage conversion & swimming pool.
- ii) Planning application 202467, 19 Taylors Rd, freestanding garden room

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- iii) Planning application 202554, The Sail Loft 2B Church Street, to fell a walnut tree. A shame, not doing it for a very good reason.
- iv) Planning application 202602, Walnut Tree House 22A High Street, prune trees in a conservation area
RH proposed no comment en mass, all agreed.
- v) Planning decision 202119, 1 Sunbeam Close, removal of window & door, replaced with bi-fold doors – Approved conditional – noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Agreed as a true record.

Signed: Date:
Chairman