

East Donyland Parish Council
Full Parish Council Meeting – 13th September 2018
St Lawrence School, Rectory Rd, Rowhedge starting 7.00pm.

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Phil George, Peter Case, Doug Clay, Nina Crouchman, Dave Myers, Richard Helliwell & Anna Appleyard, CBC L. Scordis, M. Lilley & ECC K. Bentley, Clerk Elizabeth Nelson-Hayes and 6 members of the public.

The Chairman, Cllr Phil George, opened the meeting at 7pm

094/18 To receive and accept apologies and to note absences: Apologies from J. Rowland, CBC Ward Councillor Adam Fox. Absent; D. Slade

095/18 To minute pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests of members relating to items on the agenda:

NC declared a NP in item 103/18

DM declared a PI in item 99/18

096/18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th August 2018 (attached):

PG proposed the minutes to be correct, NC 2nd. All agreed.

097/18 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:

Item 103; can the RCRC start the competition later on Remembrance Sunday? Or could RCRC join in? Does CBC have access to the rec to empty the bins. Has the sticker for Sunshine the dinghy arrived?

It was reported in the paper about a new footpath in Rowhedge, on High Street, ECC have joined up the pavement on Lion Quay. Flooding at Fingringhoe Rd, who's fault is it, are the MOD suing the farmer for neglect of the land? Rowhedge Rd flooding, a fault hasn't been found, ML to pick this up. Street drinking in Colchester, all incidents should be reported to the Police.

Trial bikes in the pits, litter in Friday woods & on garrison land. Could we get contact details to report these incidents too & circulate it for everyone. The kissing gate item from last month- common sense, signs could have been erected to say unsuitable for wheelchair users. A whole agenda item on one incident. The Regatta grant decision-seemed the decision was made without contemplating the profit margins of the association. PG thought both items from August agenda were discussed adequately.

098/18 To receive and note reports from:

- i) County Councillor, Kevin Bentley; 20mph speed limit, not impossible, but not usual for a whole village to become 20mph. Rowhedge needs a speed survey. TRO's (Traffic Regulation Orders) need to be put in place, could take up to 18 months with consultations with Fingringhoe also. The flooding at Fingringhoe, the tenant farmer is responsible for the flooding for poor drainage. Environment Agency should be enforcing this but hadn't previously been asked. ECC are not able to help. The MOD have to reconcile with the farmer. Flood warning signs will go up.
A safety audit is needed for the Walnut Tree/Weir Lane Junction. All accidents need reporting. Pass any evidence of an accident or a near miss on to KB. KB has asked ECC to do the design work for this. The issue is cost. Can't use 106 money. A speed decrease is an option or an interim TRO.
Devolution. Essex are trialling a scheme to give parishes more money to then take on jobs that ECC usually deal with, grass cutting, finger posts, verges etc. Working with EALC to find 3 parishes that would be willing to trial this. If it is a local small job trusted local contractors would be able to do the tasks, if it is a big job then only ECC approved contractor would be able to do the job – If the scheme works it will be extended throughout the area. A private negotiation with between ECC & a parish council chosen would be made for the right budget to cover the essentials. This does not include pot-holes...
...Pot-holes; £2.5mil extra in the pot to cover work. ECC cover 75 Councils, 20 sites in the division need immediate work from now till just after Christmas.

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Local Highways Panel (LHP) has extra money to go towards work in all areas.

Communication is to be improved, upon reporting a problem, you will not receive “This does not meet the criteria” when reporting a problem on the ECC website, you will have a full explanation.

Could EDPC write to KB formally requesting assistance with the 20mph & Walnut Tree/Weir Lane Junction issues.

Petitions handed to Kevin Bentley.

- ii) CBC Ward Councillor, Lee Scordis- Thanks to KB for an honest yet pro-active report. Apologies from Lee for being absent for the last 2 meetings as there was holiday and clash of meetings. Local Plan; Chaotic, looking at garden settlements East of Greenstead & West of Marks Tey. Financial viability & infrastructure have been concerns, there could be a deadlock, if it doesn't go through the 1095 properties needed in the Colchester borough will go up. Which means Middlewick & Battleswick could be on the table again later on down the line. Lee is now the chair of Policy & Public Initiatives at CBC, what can CBC do to improve Colchester? Examples of ideas to discuss... Pedestrianisation of the High Street & air quality. Gladman's planning application in Tendering has gone through, this is because they didn't have a local plan in place. The area is Bromley Rd/Salary Brook for 145 homes.
- iii) CBC Ward Councillor Adam Fox – Absent
- iv) CBC Ward Councillor Mike Lilley-Parking locally, double yellow lines on Colne Rise/Taylor's Rd, people parking on these. Paget Rd residents have concerns about emergency vehicle access. Emergency services haven't reported any concerns about this. The parking enforcement team are coming out to check outside the school on the zigzag lines. Stephen Cranfield Close has an issue with anyone and everyone parking in areas that are for residents only; 3 options available. 1) Barrier 2) Parking permits for residents 3) Nothing. The residents have to decide, the garage & Bloors has been warned about parking in the area. Police; 10 full time Police officers for the Colchester borough. Essex Police have lost 600 officers. It is one of the biggest counties in England but is the least funded. There is a 2 year plan to buy for £250,000 4 PCSO's to work with the Police. 1 PCSO to handle rural areas, they get a 4x4 & a special constable, it's not a perfect solution but they will be around. A village bought a special constable (Uniform & expenses) for £6000 a year-they have the powers of a police officer. The Mayor of Mersea has mentioned co-funding with local areas, and Wivenhoe is considering it as an option. Trial bikes. If it's a CBH tenant who is one of the culprits it can be addressed, pass on any detail to Mike Lilley.
- v) Village Bus Representative, Elizabeth Trellis, there is only a mobile number for the bus service and the voicemail box is full so getting in touch with first buses is becoming difficult. Ipswich Rd/Harwich Rd roundabouts are being worked on for 18 months which will have an impact on the buses. High Street will be closed for an Age Concern event very soon.
- vi) Clerk report – noted.

099/18 To agree the payments list already checked by Cllrs Helliwell & Clay

PG proposed & RH 2nd the payments list to be correct – all agreed *DM exited the room, return upon start of next agenda item*

100/18 To note the draft minutes from the Maintenance Committee held on 9th July 2018

Noted

101/18 To receive & decide on an event application from the Rowhedge Football Club for “Football Youth Tournament” 1-2nd June 2019 on the recreation ground.

A positive event, pass on a big thank you for getting the paperwork in so early. Parking will be on the rec. PG proposed & PC 2nd agreement to this event subject to usual insurance cover.-All agreed.

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102/18 To receive & decide on an event application from the Lion Quay Boat to host a bar-b-que on Lion Quay on the 29th September 2018

PG proposed & DM 2nd subject to adequate insurance and full risk assessment that permission be granted. All agreed.

103/18 To discuss & decide on 2 event applications from RCRC. 21st October 2018 Boat naming & launch ceremony & 11th November 2018 Winter Series Rowing Competition 10am-3pm both on Lion Quay.

Both positive events, the boat will be blessed by Father Richards & is a massive step forward for the club. PG proposed & RH 2nd with adequate insurance the 21st October event permission granted, agreed-1 abstention.

The Winter series has taken place before on the same day as remembrance Sunday. RCRC are planning to get everyone to join in-will be informing visitors, the competition doesn't start till 12. PG proposed & DM 2nd that EDPC take up RCRC up on joining in on the 11th November & with adequate insurance permission is granted, agreed-1 abstention.

104/18 To discuss the suggestion by Johnathan Hill for a green burial site next to the established burial ground.

The email was read through, regarding a green burial site and an area off Haul Rd for extra parking for both areas. Generally thought to be a great idea, very positive, there are some possible issues to pick up on if further discussions are agreed, but EDPC should make contact and actively pursue. The saplings in place would have to be removed from the area, would a chapel of rest be needed? RH proposed & AA 2nd to pick up the discussion with a view of accepting the offer – all agreed. Side note; to check privacy settings for the initial email to share wider detail with the public.

105/18 To request volunteers from the Council to join the working party for the Muga project

Walking football are looking to extend the muga area on the recreation ground, we are at the juncture where EDPC needs to do some of the work & get costed ideas. A working party will work to the usual rules & report back to the Council making recommendations and not decisions. Cllr Case volunteered and Cllr Slade was nominated in his absence.

106/18 To deal with matters arising from the previous Council minutes not dealt with elsewhere in this agenda.

Festive Lighting – check status of order

There are cutting near the compost area on Heath Rd, speak to JR are they his?

Add draft budget to F&P part

107/18 To discuss planning applications and note decision papers as listed (attached):

181887 30 Rectory Rd-refusal

181955 2 Heath Rd-refusal - noted

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending & the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed.....13 September 2018