

**MINUTES OF STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD PARISH  
COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30PM IN  
THE MOOT HALL ON THURSDAY 10 AUGUST 2017**

Present: Messrs: Chris Cadman (in the chair), Kerry Barnes, Kim Cresswell,  
Ian Westrope, Ted Bloxham.  
Mesdames: Alex Rolph, Sophia Girvan  
County Councillor David Finch  
District Councillor Diana Garrod  
Clerk: Mrs June Argent.

Members of the Public: 3

**6215**

Apologies John Fellows - holiday  
Frank Aldred - holiday

**6216**

Declarations of Interest Sophia Girvan – Planning (tree work)

**6217**

Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated)

Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting was proposed by Kerry Barnes and seconded by Kim Cresswell. Agreed.

**6218**

Question Time

A member of the public, who lives in a small private courtyard on Churchfields Estate, is very concerned that a neighbour is parking numerous cars around this court. This is making it difficult for residents to get into and out of the court apart from making each house feeling totally crowded. An emergency vehicle would have a great problem entering this court if necessary.

County Councillor David Finch said this could not be dealt with by Highways since the court has not been adopted. House deeds should be checked.

The Parish Councillors felt this owner of multiple cars should be approached and made aware of the distress he was causing the other householders in this court and appeal to his better nature.

**6219**

County Councillors Report

David Finch reported that 94% of Essex schools were good or outstanding which is above England's average. 90% of applicants got into their first choice of school. New schools are being built in Chelmsford and Colchester. £500,000,000 has been put aside for building or extending schools in Essex. Grenfell Tower's fire prompted checks on schools and only one is suspect in Essex. Fire drills have been successfully tested in schools.

£186,000,000 savings have to be made during the next 2-3 years.

The costs of elderly care and children's services are going up.

£7,000,000-£8,000,000 is to be spent on highways around Stansted Airport.

Three Garden Communities to be built.

Kerry Barnes spoke of the huge jump in parent's contributions towards school transport.

David Finch stated County Council provided home/school transport only to/from their nearest school and if that school is full then to the next nearest school. If parents wish to go to another school, then County will not pay their transport costs.

Kerry Barnes then asked about the payments for cutting all public footpaths and Mr Finch said County will work more closely with parishes.

## **6220**

### District Councillor's Report

Diana Garrod reported the Braintree District and Greenfields Community Fund is open for expressions of interest. The fund provides voluntary and community organisations to apply for funding of up to £40,000 for health and wellbeing improvement, increase aspirations and opportunities of young people or develop skills through training. Deadline to submit interest is 31 August 2017.

Health Watch Essex Fund provide an information service to help people understand and navigate the health and social care system. Small grants of up to £10,000 and large grants of up to £35,000 are available closing date 22 September 2017.

Braintree District's Town and Parish Council parish boundaries review. This review focusses on the appropriateness of Parish Boundaries, Number of Town and Parish Councillors and Town and Parish Council Name and any warding arrangements.

Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Group's Advisory Committee are looking into various projects including boundary road access and the colour of building materials etc.

The Haverhill Forum discussed three major road areas towards Cambridge – Four Went Ways roundabout, Gog Magog turning to the shop and Babraham junction.

David Finch and Diana Garrod left the meeting at 8.20pm

## **6221**

### Village Hall

Mr Woolmer, the Village Hall Management Committee's new chairman, advised the Parish Council of their financial situation with 2015 accounts. The Parish Council are Custodial Trustees of the Village Hall. The accounts for 2016 were still with the auditors.

Mr Woolmer advised the council of the work which had been carried out to the hall and the work which still needed to be carried out.

Mr Woolmer left the meeting at 8.32pm.

## **6222**

### Open Spaces, Highways and Lighting

- a Footpaths – there was nothing to report.
- b Salt Bag Scheme – the Parish Council is going ahead with this scheme.
- c Parsonage Farm. Ian Westrope and Chris Cadman visited Mr & Mrs Gonella of Parsonage Farm since the original agreement of use of Parsonage Farm drive was not being adhered to. The footpath is working well but the electric gate at the Church Street end of the drive causes this vehicular entrance and egress into the out of the Camping Close to be extremely difficult unless someone from Parsonage Farm opens the gate. If the Parish Council request the gate to be opened for a particular event then Mr and Mrs Gonella are very helpful but the Parish Council is concerned about access in the case of an emergency.
- d The two cherry trees on the grassed areas at the beginning of Bower Hall Drive have become overgrown and are causing problems. The Clerk has tried to find out who owns this land but to no avail. The Parish Council cut the grass simply because no one else does it. The Parish Council will ask Country Gardens & Landscapes to quote for this work but it will be carried out as a one off contract, not admitting to the ownership of said land.
- e Ian Westrope reported that an offer had come through for Ed Moreton to carry out a survey on the war memorial. We will now get a grant to get a grant for this survey.
- f Play area bars. Playdale will fit new bars when the site is ready ie the four concrete bases of the old bars have been removed. Country Gardens & Landscapes to give the Parish Council a quote for removing concrete bases.

## **6223**

### Planning

#### a Planning Applications/Decisions

17/00091/TPOCON	Wallace, 1 Freezes Barns, North Street – tree work	GRANTED
17/00113/TPOCON	Issitt, 6 Church Street – tree work	GRANTED
17/00111/TPOCON	Johnson, 15 Church Street – tree work	GRANTED

17/00121/TPOCON	Rust, 3 Finchingfield Road – tree work	
17/00157/TPOCON	Taylor, 1 Sucklings Yard – tree work	
17/00929/FUL	Whiting, 5 Bower Hall Drive – erection of porch	GRANTED
17/00940/FUL	English, 14 Lion Meadow Erection of single storey rear extension	GRANTED
17/00848/LBC	Chapman, 20 Church Street Demolition of existing UPVC conservatory and erection of time framed hardwood conservatory	GRANTED
17/01010/FUL	Lambert, 6 Home Close Demolition of existing garage and erection of games room, utility room and home office	GRANTED
17/00183/TPO	Kenny, Blois House, Blois Road – tree work	GRANTED
17/01091/FUL	Tamburrini, 9 Helions Road Removal of existing rear conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension	GRANTED
17/01101/NMA	Brown, 1 The Endway Application for a non-material amendment following grant of planning permission 16/02163/FUL (Removal of log store and erection and conversion of outbuildings) – Existing brickwork and proposed brickwork to be changed to a painted render finish.	GRANTED
17/00193/TPOCON	Girvan, 11 Chapel Street – tree work	
17/00204/TPOCON	Bovington, 29 Chapel Street – tree work	
17/01184/FUL	Pollard, 19 Queen Edith Drive Erection of single storey rear extension and garage conversion	No Objection
17/01181/FUL	Chapman, 20 Church Street Demolition of existing UPVC conservatory and replacement with timber framed hardwood conservatory	No Objection
17/01256/FUL	Buckley, Briar Cottage, Broad Green Erection of 2 storey and 1 storey extensions to the rear and side	

b Community Right to Bid

Sophia Girvan has read the documentation concerning Communities Right to Bid for properties which are important to the village. The types of properties concerned could be public houses, doctor's surgery, shop, petrol station and post office etc. If

the Parish Council went down this line then there would be an enormous amount of work for probably no gain. The Parish Council felt that to enter into this would just be a delaying tactic in these properties being sold. A vote was held to see whether or not Parish Councillors wished to proceed with this and the result was 6 members did not wish to continue and Sophia Girvan and Kerry Barnes wished to maintain an interest and bring it to the Parish Council when they have something concrete.

c The results are awaited on Gladman's appeal for 65 houses on land off Finchingfield Road. The Parish Council felt it was time the red signs were removed but mostly they are on private property. The banner on Humphrey's Meadow gate should definitely come down.

## **6224**

### Finance and Administration

a Clerk's report from 9 July to 4 August 2017

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	
Nil	R Thorn – bins/litter	£ 200.00
	Administration	£ 712.80
	EALC – course fee	£ 45.00
Nil		<u>£ 957.80</u>
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Balances as at 4 August 2017

Current Account:	£ 902.21
Savings Account:	£27,000.00
Earmarked Reserves:	£ 2,726.12

Acceptance of the Clerk's report was proposed by Kim Cresswell and seconded by Ian Westrope. Agreed.

## **6225**

### Emergency Plan

Kim Cresswell has updated most of the contact details but needs some help from Helen Davison. All relevant paperwork must be submitted by 25 August. It was felt that an Emergency Cabinet should be purchased for jackets, torches etc and there should be somewhere safe to store it. Kim will bring costings to the next meeting.

## **6226**

### Superfast Broadband

A form has been placed on the website for people to fill in about their broadband service.

**6227**

Simon Perry

Simon Perry is the village tree warden and leader of the Wildlife and Environment Group and he will shortly be leaving the village. The Parish Council wishes Simon and his family well and thank him for all of his voluntary work in the village.

We now have to find a tree warden. Do you know about trees and would like to help the village, then please contact any Parish Councillor or the Clerk.

**6228**

Miscellaneous Correspondence

Humphrey’s Meadow trees – The damaged branch on a horse chestnut tree on Humphrey’s Meadow is to be removed. Mr Bardoe of Lamingtons will speak with Chris Cadman about the trees around his house. A lime tree in the grounds of Claywall House has suspected bleeding canker and the owner is to seek advice from Braintree District Council.

**6229**

Information Sharing

There is a leak in the grassed area at the front of Bower Hall Drive. Anglian Water have attended twice but Highways have told them that they need to do some work here first. The work is next scheduled for next Monday.

Clerk to contact Jan Stobart asking her to attend a Parish Council meeting regarding a Neighbourhood Plan.

**6230**

Next Meeting – Thursday 14 September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Moot Hall.

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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