

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER, 2017 at
LITTLEBURY VILLAGE HALL, LITTLEBURY AT 8.00 P.M.**

Present: Jean Cowell, Philip Marns, Mike Scott, Joanne Hancock and Michael O'Connor

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Also Present: Tracy Coston (Clerk)

Jan Menell Friends of Holy Trinity Church, Trustee of Littlebury United Charities,
Jane Bradburys, School Governor at Gt. Chesterford School.

Jean Cowell Millennium Society, Friend of Holy Trinity Church,
Village Hall Trust, English Heritage, Trustee of Littlebury United Charities.

Joanna Hancock Trustee Littlebury Village Hall, Trustee Sophie's Fund,
Trustee Littlebury United Charities, Parish of Littlebury Millennium
Society, Uttlesford Citizens Advice, Friend of Holy Trinity Church,
Friend of Audley End, Member of National Trust.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** John Moran (County Councillor), Julie Redfern (District Councillor), Ann Farrer, Jan Menell

2. **Public Participation (15 mins):** None

3. **Approval of minutes:** Parish Council meeting held on 19th July, 2017. The previously signed minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

4. **Report from the District Councillor/District Councillor:** Apologies received.

5. **Matters/Actions arising from the minutes:**

a) Location for defibrillator in Catmere End: A location hasn't been found, an advert will be put in the magazine.

b) Broadband provision in the Parish: Mike Scott has written a report about Broadband provision. A modern family home should have 10 MB broadband per second. Littlebury is well provided for and all of the cabinets are fibre enabled by Open Reach. The connections to the houses are over copper wire.

The problem is that in Littlebury Green and Catmere End the copper wire makes it more difficult to get more than 3/4MB. The cabinet that serves 01799 numbers is fibre enabled but the length of copper is too long to supply fibre broadband. The cabinet that serves Littlebury Green is not fibre enabled.

Superfast Essex have been contacted and they already claim that Littlebury Green and Catmere End have high speed broadband, so they will not provide any subsidies. Gigaclear wanted people to sign up for an all fibre provision in Littlebury Green and Catmere End, but they don't own a national network. Gigaclear intend to offer high speed broadband within 3 years. Open Reach will also supply within 3 years. Pressure needs to be kept on Gigaclear (called the Duddenhoe End project). Clerk to find out the contacts at Duddenhoe End and Arkesden PC.

The PC thanked Mike Scott for his report.

c) Parish Council vacancies: Peter Farnsworth has retired from the PC after over 20 years' service.

Bill Starr has requested to be co-opted. The PC made a unanimous decision to co-opt Bill Starr onto the PC.

d) Duck/Frog signs: Mike Hancock to put up in Littlebury and Philip and Rob to install in Littlebury Green and Catmere End.

e) No through Sign: UDC have taken the sign that the PC put up 'No through Road' as it was not in the correct typeface. UDC are going to order a new sign which is compliant with the regulations.

6. Planning:

a) For Discussion:

UTT/17/1803/LB 5 Walden Road, Littlebury

Erection of partition wall and creation of new opening from hallway to form a new bedroom

PC Decision: No objections

(Michael O'Connor declared an interest)

UTT/17/1897/OP 4 Merton Place, Littlebury

Outline application with all matters reserved, expect for access, for proposed 2 no. dwellings with associated garage and access

PC Decision: The PC agreed to object to the proposed development for the following reasons:- concerns about visibility splays at the access onto Merton Place, concern about the access being from the by-way, concern about the sewage pipes in the Cinder Path and lack of privacy for the houses in Strethall Road, backfill development, over development/density in the area. There is also a safety issue as the Cinder Path is used by pedestrians.

b) Decisions: None

c) Local Plan: A working party met and submitted a response to the Local Plan. The response will be uploaded to the website and the link advertised in the magazine. Thanks to Philip Marns and all the working party.

7. Highways:

a) Highway issues in the Parish: There is concern about the manhole covers that have been stolen in the Parish. Flooding in Littlebury Green opposite Bury Cottage requires a bigger culvert as mud is filling up the drain, speed strips in Merton Place and Mill Lane over from LB Green Road.

b) Reflector posts at Chestnut Ave: The posts have been installed by Philip Marns and Rob Cook. It was suggested to paint white lines around the Horse Chestnut trees in Chestnut Ave.

c) Quiet Lanes: Philip Marns is trying to arrange a meeting with Rissa Long, Jan Menell and John Moran and himself to meet.

d) Horse Chestnut trees in Chestnut Ave: Philip Marns is concerned about the condition of the Horse Chestnut Ave and the details have been passed onto Tom White at Audley End Estate and a safety inspection report and work taking place on 7-9th November.

e) Request to convert verge in Littlebury Green to footpath with permeable material: The residents are concerned that there isn't a footpath, due to speed of traffic would it be possible to install a footpath. A continual footpath couldn't be put in. There is a wider issue due to the speed of the traffic and it should be investigated if the school bus will make more stops.

f) Request to discuss Highways issues in the village by member of public: The PC suggested that the member of the public got involved in speed watch and join the PC.

8. Recreation Ground:

a) Maintenance work at Littlebury and Littlebury Green play areas. See-Saw maintenance:

Clerk to ask for a quote for the see-saw. The PC are pleased that there are three committee members on the Recreation Ground Committee.

b) Storage for Youth Teams at Littlebury Recreation Ground: The PC approved a small metal container for storage.

c) Sign for Littlebury Green Recreation Ground: To be discussed with Jan Menell.

d) Dog show: A request was made to hold a dog show on Littlebury Recreation Ground. The PC did not give permission as the recreation ground is used for football and they don't want to encourage dogs onto the ground, as there is already a problem with dog fouling.

9. Finance

a) Approval of cheques

Receipts	
UDC Councillors allowance	£ 246.20
Payments (August 2017)	
Tracy Coston (August)	£ 297.17
E-ON (D/D) August	£ 44.12
Hardy Landscapes (August) (D/P)	£ 797.20
C J Butcher (Stump removal)	£ 320.00
Broadmead Leisure Ltd	£ 114.00
Total Payments (August)	£ 1,572.49
Payments (September 2017)	
Tracy Coston (September)	£ 297.37
Rob Cook	£ 466.19
Amazon (Long hose pipe & Computer repair)	£ 133.25
A & J Lighting	£ 67.14
Hardy Landscapes (September)	£ 787.20
Audley End Estate (Rent)	£ 545.00
Community Action Suffolk (Insurance)	£ 1,155.97
Tracy Coston Expenses	£ 349.50
Total Payments	£ 3,711.62

10. General Correspondence:

a) Police speed and pursuit of Hare Coursers: The hare coursers are the worst it has ever been and the police are carrying out their job.

11. Area Report:

a) Condition of trees in the Bumpy, Littlebury Green: The Bumpy is Land beside St. Peter’s Church which is the PC’s responsibility. Clerk to ask Jan Menell and to check if the Bumpy is covered in the insurance policy.

b) Speed watch: A new co-ordinator for Essex has been appointed and training will be available.

12. Date of next meeting,

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on 18th October, 2017 at 8 pm at Littlebury Village Hall, Littlebury.

The meeting closed at 10 pm.

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Date:

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