

MINUTES OF THE LITTLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 20th January, 2021 Remote Zoom meeting AT 8.00 P.M.

Present: Jean Cowell, Mike Scott, Jan Menell, Joanna Hancock, Claudia Haisman-Green, Brian Lewis, Philip Marns, Peter Rieck and Colin Durrant

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Also Present: Tracy Coston (Clerk) and Cllr Gregory and Cllr Pavitt

1. **Apologies for Absence:**
2. **Parish Council Vacancies:** Colin Durrant and Peter Rieck were co-opted to the Parish Council.
3. **Public Participation (15 mins):** None
4. **Approval of minutes:** Parish Council meeting held on 18th November, 2020 and 14th December, 2020.

5. **Report from the District Councillor/County Councillor:**

District Councillor:

Stansted Airport Appeal is ongoing for the next 30 days and then the judgement could take 3-4 months.

There are a lot of highways issues and flooding around the ward.

Covid meetings taking place daily with UDC and hospitals are full.

UDC Climate/Ecology Group are looking to promote local champions and green matters and biodiversity and would like some local champions to join the group.

County Councillor:

The Climate Change commission at ECC and they working well and leading the country.

Vaccination programme is being run by the NHS and not ECC. New centres are being opened every week. The Princess Alexander Hospital is being rebuild.

Covid figures are starting to go in the right direction and tests were 1 in 10 and now 1 in 18.

Flooding: Major issues around the county. The road system is taking water that is running off the fields and not just the roads. Most drains are cleared once every 2 years. Lots of conversations taking place about the departments and responsibility.

Cllr Gregory: Adult Social Care does well but Highways and drainage has been neglected and money needs to be spent in many areas of UDC.

Planning and ECC have to work together with development and minimise risk.

Jan Menell: Concerned that all the agencies need to interact and work together and speak to each other to get a joint views before comments are made.

The District and County Councillors left the meeting.

6. **Planning:**

a) **For Discussion:** None

b) **Decisions:** None

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

a) **Dog waste bin – Littlebury Green:** The bin has been delivered and will be installed in the better weather.

b) **UDC Tree planting scheme:** The PC is out of time for this scheme, but others will be looked at when the planting can take place.

c) **Catmere End Defibrillator:** The electrician will be asked to look at the location and assess the supply and location to see if it is suitable and provide a quote.

Peter Rieck maybe able to obtain some funding for the defibrillator.

8. **Risk Register update:** The Clerk will send out to all Councillors.

9. Littlebury and Littlebury Green Play areas:

- a) Replacement swing at Littlebury Recreation Ground:** The swings will be installed on 30th January if the ground is dry enough.
- b) Tree work at Littlebury Green recreation ground:** Clerk to chase up quotes.

10. Highways:

- a) Highways issues in the Parish:** Verge in Littlebury Green.
Clerk to chase up permission to make improvements to the verge at Littlebury Green. The PC would like to put in hardcore and posts. There may be a problem with moving the parking problem further.
- b) Speedwatch:** The PC has had more contact with Wendens Ambo PC to make a joint speedwatch group in both parishes and have agreed a letter to go into the Parish magazine. Decisions to be made who is going to organise and run the project and register and then training can be put in place.

11. Project Updates:

- a) The Bumpy:** Phil Marns circulated a report. An online meeting will be arranged with the Bumpy volunteers, it is very important to engage with the volunteers. Spending have been approved up to £ 600.00. Quotes for fencing were discussed. Mike Scott has started the process of looking into grants.

b) Littlebury Recreation Ground

i) Allotments/development of area

Jo Hancock has put a report together and it was agreed to keep the idea natural and not to entice outsiders and too much maintenance. Fruit trees could be used on the perimeter.

Jo Hancock will create a Google form/survey monkey to ascertain support/ideas for the project and include some speedwatch and bumpy questions to try to get people to engage.

Raised beds and small bitesize allotments and maybe a group of people together which would be positive to share the gardening.

Jo Hancock to draft a questionnaire and the Councillors will make comments/suggestions.

12. Finance

a) Approval of cheques

December payments	
Tracy Coston	£ 314.57
E-On	£ 61.91
Mercer Trees	£ 780.00
LGS (Internal Audit)	£ 114.00
Tracy Coston (Expenses)	£ 254.51
Total (December 2020)	£ 1,524.99
January payments	
Tracy Coston	£ 314.57
E-On	£ 63.98
Audley End Estate	£ 545.00
Viking (Stationery)	£ 60.25
Wenden & Littlebury Parish Magazine	£ 720.00
Glasdon	£ 159.62
John Pike (Bird boxes at Bumpy)	£ 193.85
Robert Cook	£ 450.25
Total (January 2021)	£ 2,507.52

- b) Littlebury Brownies:** Jane Bradburys and the District Councillors have supported the Brownies so funding is not requested from the Parish Council.

- c) Budget:** An updated budget will be sent out by the Clerk.

13. General Correspondence:

- a) Gigaclear:** Superfast Essex has not been connected to Littlebury properties. It was suggested to go onto the Gigaclear website and request service.

- b) Vegetables dumped on Littlebury Green Road:** There are concerns about the wildlife being

over the road.

14. Area Report:

a) Village litterpick: The PC agreed to purchase some litterpickers for residents to collect and use in their spare time. Peter Riech said that he maybe able to obtain some samples from Helping Hands.

b) Bikes/4 x 4 vehicles on Birch Lane: The speed of the vehicles is a concern as people walk on the lane.

15. Date of next meeting,

The Parish Council meeting will be held on **17th February, 2021** at 7.30 pm **remotely by Zoom.**

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