

Present: Maria Oats (Chair)
Chris Exley
Hannah Taylor
Chris Jacobs
Roger Drury (Clerk/Cllr.)

with Cllr. Nigel Chapman (CBC Rural North) and Susie Goldring.

No Pecuniary or Non-pecuniary Interests were declared in relation to agenda Items.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 March were approved as an accurate record.

Susie Goldring, as Councillor Designate, was welcomed to her first meeting.

2. Tribute to Duncan Brown

The meeting discussed the considerable contribution made by Duncan Brown to the village, as farmer and former Chair of the Parish Council, and to the wider local community. He had been a towering figure in the area and well respected by all.

3. Finance

a. "The Risks faced by Little Horkesley Parish Council" was reviewed and an updated version is attached to be approved at the April Meeting.

b. The 2018/19 Asset Register based on the 2018/19 Insurance cover was agreed – the assets cannot be depreciated over years but must remain at their original purchase value

c. The following audit papers were approved:

- Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2018/19 Part 2;
- Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2018/19;
- Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2018/19;

and duly signed by the Chair and Clerk/RFO.

d. The following expenditure was approved:

- EALC £66.25 Annual Affiliation Fee.;
- J R Drury £91.46 Stationery Supplies;
- DVS £50.005 yearAffiliation Fee;
- CPRE £39.00 Annual Affiliation Fee;
- Haydens £408.80 Tree Inspection;
- Came & Co £443.90 Parish Council Insurance.

4. Affordable Housing

Chris Exley reported that Hastoe HA had lodged their list of possible sites within the Village with the CBC Planning Department who would then select sites which met with their planning criteria before any approachesweremade toLandowners.

There was no indication of how long this process would take.

5. Clerk's Report

a. Emergency Assistance Plan

Chris Jacobs tabled suggested amendments to the Plan with the request the Councillors consider them before approving the revised Plan at the April Meeting.

There was some discussion, as this was an Emergency Assistance Plan, how it integrated into the wider Colchester Borough Plan and if there was any assistance/direction from CBC.

It was agreed that reference should eventually be made on Website to the plan when finalised.

b. Playing Field

The report from Haydens recommending that one branch be cut back within the next year was noted and it was agreed Paul Cutler should be asked to do the work and thereafter inspect the tree on a regular basis (2 yearly?).

No word had been received from Jerry Munson so the Clerk had agreed a schedule of cutting and payment with Danny Page.

The annual playground inspection by R0SPA was scheduled for May.

c. Roads and Verges

A summary of the meeting held with the British Sugar Corporation was tabled and it was agreed that there was little prospect of the Corporation placing protection of the environment ahead of company profits.

It was agreed that ECC Highways should be invited to inspect the culvert at Brook House, Water Lane, as in the past concerns had been expressed on the strength of the structure to withstand the weight of 44ton lorries. It was also noted that agricultural vehicles from Wormingford passed through Little Horkesley as the logical route out of Wormingford was prevented by a weak bridge.

Christopher Orme has raised the issue of flooding on School Road and the need to clear out gorges – the Clerk to progress with ECC Highways.

It was noted that Vinesse Road would be closed from Monday 29 April for 21 days for Anglian Water works.

d. Superfast Essex

It was agreed to attend one of the County Broadband Village Meetings to help assist assessing what they are offering by way of a fibre service.

It was agreed that attending the Superfast Essex Parish Engagement Meeting on 30 April was not an option for parishes in the north of the county and the Clerk would write requesting a meeting in the Colchester/Tendring area.

e. Parish Council Website

The non-response from Jenny McBride was noted and the Chair would attend the Accessibility course being run by EALC in June.

Nigel Chapman reported that none of the councils he was involved with were considering the accessibility issue outlined in Government legislation.

The website has been updated to include all agenda/minutes and adding Susie Goldring as a new councillor.

f. Local Elections 2 May

It was noted that it was an uncontested election and all Councillors would be required to hand in their Acceptance of Office Forms and Register of Registerable forms at the April Meeting.

g. Annual Parish Meeting 2000 Wednesday 8 May

It was agreed that the Officers for 2019/20 should be elected at the Parish Council Meeting prior to the APM and the Flyer distribution to solicit more support from the Community – amended Flyer attached.

6. Planning

There were no planning issues to consider.

7. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- DV & SV March Update – four places have been booked for LittleHorkesley Councillors/Clerk – please respond to the booking website on the Update individually.
- CBC Zone 4 Community Information Pack;
- Essex Highways Update;
- RCCE Essex Warbler;
- EALC Legal update March;
- EALC County Update.

8. Items for the Next Agenda

- Hannah Taylor reported Emergency Services recently failed to reach an address because they did not have a PostCode to home in on.
- Hare Coursing had been going on in Nayland – the Police advice is do not approach but report it on 101 or if a crime is actually happening ring 999. The Suffolk Police are active on the issue in the Nayland area.
- Review of Data Protection.
- Review of accessibility.

..... (Maria Oats – Chair)

..... (Date)

Date of next meetings:

- **Parish Council Meeting 1900 Wednesday 8 May;**
- **Annual Parish Meeting 2000 Wednesday 8 May.**