

Present: Cllrs Crees and Nixon

In the Chair: Cllr S Slodzik

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Goody and O'Donnell.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest declared.

3. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 16th May 2017

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th May 2017 be approved as a true account of the proceedings of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

5. Inspection Reports

The Inspections Reports dated 25/06/2017 and 24/09/2017 were received and noted.

Some Members had carried out site visits on 25th September 2017, looking at the various items raised in the inspection reports.

Hasler Green

Lamppost leaning at 6 degrees

Action: Clerk to report to Essex County Council.

Pile of rubbish has been dumped by the lamppost.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quotation from Bonz to remove.

Manhole covers – infill soil had gone.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quotation from Bonz to replace soil.

Woodrolfe Green

No issues to report.

Allotments

Water Butts - There were also some water butts that were not covered.

Action: When sending out allotment renewal letters, Clerk to remind tenants that water butts need to be secured and covered.

The water butt nearest the gate was uncovered.

Action: Clerk to remind Cllr O'Donnell.

PC Signs – beginning to be obscured by brambles.

Action: Cllr Nixon agreed to cut bank the overhanging brambles.

Trees and hedges southern boundary – Path very narrow beyond drop due to overgrown hedges.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quotation from Bonz to cut back hedges/trees to the fence line, from the gate to the bottom.

6. Environment and Amenities

a) Allotments

Cllr O'Donnell to arrange for the Rules and Regulations to be displayed at the allotments.

It was noted that work had been carried out to plot 25 which was raised at the previous meeting.

b) Hasler Green

During the site visit it was noted that the ash tree was overgrown and required cutting back.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quotation from Bonz to cut the tree back as far as possible.

c) Woodrolfe Green

The willow tree was growing up through the electricity cables.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quotation for the tree to be cut back.

The hedge along the boundary to the rear of the Scout Hut was overgrown.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quotation from Bonz to have the hedge cut back.

d) Highways

Potholes in the village continue to be an issue and are regularly reported to Essex County Council.

e) Street Lighting

The Clerk advised there were 15 lights remaining to be upgraded.

It was agreed that the light outside The Hope would not be replaced.

The Clerk advised she had contacted A & J Lighting to find out the cost to replace the lamps on the lights outside the Doctors Surgery and the bus shelter to LED lamps. The lamps would cost £109 each plus VAT and have a 2 year guarantee with a life expectancy of 6 years.

A & J Lighting will provide further details on replacements for the streetlights outside the Doctors Surgery and the bus shelter.

f) Litter/Dog Bins

Cllr Nixon advised that there is a spare litter bin

7. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 21st November 2017 – following the main meeting

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....