

TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting of Takeley Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 5th February 2020, at 7.30pm at The Old School
Community Centre

Present: Chairman- Carol Pratt
Julia Peachey – Clerk
Cllr Pat Burnett
Cllr Peter Hewett
Cllr Dom Roque
Cllr Jim Backus
Cllr Patricia Barber
Cllr Trevor Allen
Cllr John Green
Cllr Linda Steer
Cllr Sue Sprules

Martin Carr – Member of public – Molehill Green
Ian Schaffner – Member of public – Molehill Green

Apologies: District Councillor – Maggie Sutton
District Councillor – Vere Isham
Vice Chairman Parish Council/District Councillor – Geoff Bagnall
County Councillor – Susan Barker
Cllr Richard Cheetham
Cllr Jackie Cheetham
Julia Potter – Assistant Clerk

20/532	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WELCOME & APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed members, and visitors and received apologies as above which were approved by the council.</p> <p>Members were asked to direct any comments through the Chairman. All parties present were reminded that proceedings may be filmed, recorded or photographed or otherwise reported about a person attending the meeting.</p>	All note/ Clerk
20/533	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>Members were reminded that they should declare relevant interests at each meeting for items on the agenda and to request a replacement form if their circumstances have changed and their register of interests needs amending.</p>	All note/ Clerk

20/534	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MINUTES OF MEETING</u></p> <p>The 15th January 2020 minutes previously circulated were formally approved by the council and signed as a true and accurate record by the Vice Chairman. (Last min ref for 15/01/20 was 17/531)</p>	All note/ Clerk
20/535	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT</u></p> <p>No District Councillor reports received.</p>	All note/ Clerk
20/536	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OPEN FORUM</u> (Maximum 15 minutes)</p> <p>Members of Molehill Green raised issues which concerned them in Molehill Green. The Chairman responded on the various issues.</p>	All note/ Clerk
20/537	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CLERKS REPORT</u></p> <p>Reference Number 2649477 - Flooding Smiths Green junction to Dunmow Road reported to Highways 20/01/2020</p> <p>Cllr Backus has reported the following:-</p> <p>649246 Worn out road surface with multiple potholes between Roding Drive and Copper Beech Drive.</p> <p>2649250 Blocked storm drain North side Dunmow Road opposite Orion Heating</p> <p>2649252 Blocked storm drain North West corner of junction Warish Hall Road and Dunmow Road</p> <p>2649253 Blocked storm drain on North side Dunmow Road adjacent to park bench on Smiths Green</p> <p>2649254 Blocked storm drain on North side Dunmow Road at end of Broadfield Road</p> <p>2649255 Blocked storm drain on North side Dunmow Road adjacent to 2 Morgan House</p> <p>2649256 Hedge overhanging footway North side Dunmow Road between 2 Southview Villas and New House. Needs urgent attention before spring growth starts.</p> <p>2649257 Hedge overhanging footway North side Dunmow Road between Sherwood House and Woodside View. Needs urgent attention before spring growth starts.</p> <p>Existing reports relate to blocked drains as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>outside telephone exchange</i> • <i>end of Parish Way</i> • <i>close to pedestrian crossing near Copper Beech Drive</i> <p>Where there are existing reports that have been inspected the message on the ECC web site states:</p>	

	<p>"Current status: Inspection Outcome.</p> <p>We have investigated and risk-assessed this issue. Every report we get is treated as very important and we aspire to repair all highway defects in good time. Essex is a large county and across a network covering more than 5000 miles of road, more than 1500 structures and 127,000 street lights, we need to prioritise how we spend your council tax money to best effect for all residents. At present we prioritise our principal road network, the repair of the worst pot holes and other safety critical work such as flooding and bridge repairs. Our recent inspection of this issue has prioritised it as not as serious as some of the other defects we are aware of, so we have recorded it and will consider it when we are planning future works in the area. This does not mean that this issue is not important to us; we will repair it just as soon as is humanly possible given the constraints explained.</p> <p>It will be regularly monitored through future scheduled inspections to see if it has worsened. A future inspection may result in its current prioritisation being changed if there has been significant deterioration."</p> <p>The following maintenance was also noted as a separate matter:-</p> <p>Reference Number: 2624149 Issue: defective surface cover Location: THE STREET</p> <p>Current status: inspection outcome ECC reported that they have investigated, risk assessed and recorded this issue and are in the process of scheduling works.</p> <p>PLANNING</p> <p>Patricia Barber represented Takeley Parish Council on Stop Stansted Expansion Planning application on 17th January 2020.</p>	
20/538	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FINANCE</u></p> <p>Councillors unanimously approved the cheque transactions for the month, as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Councillors agreed they would re-organize the finance meeting and a new date will be circulated in due course.</p> <p>The Council noted the hire forms have been sent out to hire bookings. The community café is up and running and the Old School House office is being utilized.</p> <p>Councillors agreed they would discuss opinion on the following recommendations:- toilet roll holders, picture hanging, official opening date ref: ribbon cutting and any appropriate guests. Any other facility issues on Weds mornings. (all welcome to attend).</p>	

	Cllr JB's business plan proposals was enclosed in packs. Cllr PH highlighted the work he is undertaking.	
20/539	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY HALL</u></p> <p>Insurance has been organized to cover the community building.</p> <p>Hirers are making enquiries – Breakfast club, Art Group, Pilates, birthday parties etc. New booking form and electronic scheduling diary has been set up.</p> <p>Graham Mann Caretaker's start dated noted as 27th January, 2020. Explanation of how the fire-alarm work has been given and this will be tested weekly. New keys ordered, plus other items for the office such as bins were approved.</p> <p>Miscellaneous items have been moved upstairs and to the outside store. Filing cabinet has been refilled in office following office rearrangement. Shelves installed upstairs by Cllr Peter Hewett and Cllr Richard Cheetham. Both clerks have moved all the boxes and files to the landing area upstairs with help from Cllr Hewett.</p>	
20/540	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT ISSUES</u></p> <p>Patching at Bambers Green Road was noted.</p>	
20/541	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TPC TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Takeley Parish Council approved and noted the recommendations/comments of the planning committee members held on the 2nd Weds of the month at 10:30 am in the Old School Community Centre)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Members of the public may view applications online at Uttlesford at any time and note any responses the parish council have made. Hard copy of minutes can also be requested from the Clerk.</p> <p>It was suggested that as the emerging Local Plan had been found unsound and the Parsonage Road Appeal had been granted in the countryside protection zone that the parish council would look again at the various options available ie Neighbourhood Plans, Parish Plans or Design Statements. It was noted that a paper would be put together highlighting the various options that the council could take outside the local plan adoption and that the matters would be reviewed by council members at a separate meeting.</p> <p>The current situation reflects a planning framework based on the existing UDC 2005 plan and the National Planning Policy Framework. The council are concerned that the the National Planning Policy framework does not make specific reference to the Countryside Protection Zone and that without the local plan being adopted the considered 20 homes initially identified for the area up to 2032 will rise significantly, as windfall sites will take more precedence.</p>	
20/542	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FOOTPATHS & TREES</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">No reports on footpaths and trees were given.</p>	

The Meeting closed at 9:45 pm

The next meeting of Takeley Parish Council will be held on
Thursday 5th March 2020 at 7.30pm at the Old School Community Centre

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Clerk to Takeley Parish Council

Julia Peachey

