



TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Full Council Meeting

Minutes of the ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH OF TAKELEY held in the Old School
Community Centre on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 7pm

Speakers:

Cllr Paul Burnett – Stansted Airport Watch, Takeley 10K, SJH
Eric Rogers – Takeley Sports & Social Club
Neil Lemon – Takeley Cricket Club
Suzanne Jones – Takeley Scouts
Anne Regeli – Helen Rollason Cancer Charity
Linda Cole – Takeley Christian School
Graham Thompson – Takeley History Society

Attendees:

TPC Councillors – Pat Burnett (Chairman), David Daykin, Phill Bodsworth, Paul Burnett,
Darren Berwick and Anila Banerjee
Cllr Maggie Sutton (UDC)
Cllr Susan Barker (ECC)
Locum Clerk – Ian Brown
7 members of the public.

Item	
1.	Chairman's Welcome Cllr Burnett opened the meeting and welcomed guests.
2.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllrs Terry Good and Jim Backus.
3.	Minutes of the 2022 Parish Assembly The minutes of the meeting held on 18 th May 2022 were agreed as a true record of the meeting (proposed by Cllr Pat Burnett and seconded by Cllr Patricia Barber).
4.	Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr Pat Burnett reported that the major event for the parish council was the success at appeal to prevent housebuilding at Warish Hall. Weston Homes has re-applied for permission in separate smaller areas. Stansted Airport has erected some no parking signs around the village to prevent airport fly-parking and she thanked Cllr Maggie Sutton for all her work in liaising with the airport. Essex Highways will be improving the B1256. Stansted Airport has permission to build a solar farm close to the airport. Weston Homes has permission to build 8 homes on the area used for staff car parking and the car park behind their building will be extended.



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	<p>The youth club has had several taster sessions and hopes to establish a regular club soon.</p> <p>The permanent clerk was appointed on 1st December.</p> <p>Gigaclear is providing a free broadband service for the community building in their community hub scheme.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan group has identified 3 areas to designate as conservation areas and the Parish Council has funded work to designate Smiths Green.</p> <p>Regular services provided in the Community Centre also include the Citizens Advice on Thursdays and Fridays, and the Community Café, which is looking for a volunteer to supervise the café when Cllr Burnett stands down in September.</p> <p>In works around the village, tree and hedge cutting has been carried out, two new benches have been purchased and a new sign has been placed on the outside of the building.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Reports from District and County Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Susan Barker congratulated Cllr Burnett for her re-election as Chairman. She gave an overview of the services and responsibilities of the County Council, including road maintenance and children’s care and special needs services, free bus transport, libraries and community grant projects. There have been additional resources to support asylum seekers. She is Chairman of the Essex Pension Fund which is recognised as an exemplary scheme. She gave advice on how to report highways and potholes for repairs and she mentioned her support in organising meetings to liaise over future plans for County Council owned land at Warren and Parkers Farm and for future parking controls in Priors Green.</p> <p>Cllr Barker announced that her nomination of Cllr Jackie Cheetham to be an Alderman of the District Council has been accepted, to recognise 24 years’ service to the council. This will be presented in July. Cllr Cheetham was congratulated on this achievement.</p> <p>Cllr Burnett said that the two biggest issues in Takeley are potholes and parking.</p> <p>Cllr Maggie Sutton congratulated Cllr Jackie Cheetham.</p> <p>She is putting work into more airport parking schemes.</p> <p>The TouchPoint FoodShare was explained and that this will start as a pop-up sessions in May and free exercise sessions are also available.</p> <p>Youth Club sessions with start with 5 taster sessions starting from 9 and 10 years.</p> <p>Cllr Burnett reported that some of the year 6 children</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Reports from Local Organisations</p> <p>Cllr Cheetham - Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – The group started over a concern over the amount of development which was taking place without supporting services. She explained on how the legal document it will produce will help shape future development and a referendum. Over the past 2 years, Government grants have been received and have paid for consultant reports on heritage and landscape. It is hoped that it will help Takeley to get the facilities it</p>



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needs in the future. This work has also supported the planning appeal on Warish Hall and work for the Smiths Green Conservation Area. She also explained the extra protections that Conservation Area designation will provide. The next important step will be to receive replies from residents about the village survey which will be distributed to all residents, with support to help those who would have trouble filling the survey in online. Cllr Bodsworth explained the technical details on how to respond and invited volunteers for the door-to-door deliveries.

Eric Rogers – Takeley Sports and Social Club Chairman – 400 members with entertainment every Saturday and various other clubs in the club, which is open 6 days a week. The club membership fees and benefits were explained, including a subsidised bar.

Paul Burnett – Stop Stansted Expansion, now changed to Stansted Airport Watch – Thanks from the Parish Council to Martin Peachey for all the help and advice received. The airport is currently having a review on capacity and airspace and new routes, with a public consultation to follow publication of the proposed new routes.

Paul Burnett (Vice Chairman of the Committee) – Silver Jubilee Hall with local clubs and a pre-school as regular users and bookings including parties and two weddings. There was also an update on the refurbishment project.

Paul Burnett – Takeley 10k Committee - work for a race on 10th September which is 96% off-road and has up to 500 runners. Thanks was given to all volunteers over the past 13 years. Funds support the running costs and improvements at the Silver Jubilee Hall.

He answered questions on the 10k entries and an alternative route as they can no longer run through Hatfield Forest. This now goes around farmland, with kind permission from the landowner. The Parish Council and local businesses support the event.

Neil Lemon (Secretary of Takeley Cricket Club) – There are 2 adult sides playing against other local villages on Saturdays and Sundays and some evenings, with a youth team of approximately 25 on a Thursday evening. They have established a partnership with Active Essex for inviting asylum seekers which come in a minibus. Social events are held at the Silver Jubilee Hall and the Sports and Social Club. Grant funding will be sought for a new roller for the grounds. The club is happy for a fitness group from TouchPoint to run around the perimeter of their ground. Cllr Sutton gave some advice on grant applications and encouraged open their gates with the community centre, to join with community events.

Suzanne Jones - Takeley Scouts – With over 80 young people and they need more volunteers. There was a summary of recent events and spoke about grant applications to cover their increased running costs, particularly from the higher utility costs.

Anne Regeli – Helen Rollason Cancer Charity – raising funds to support people with cancer to have a better quality of life. Over £5,000 was raised in various



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	<p>events last year and over the past 20 years over £70,000 has been raised. They hold counselling, family support and other services.</p> <p>Emelyn Humphries - Head of the Christian School and Chapel – The chapel meets on Sundays and Wednesdays and a local group grows vegetables on an allotment space owned by the Chapel. The school has been running for 33 years and provides a small nurturing environment. It is supported by various open events, carol service and drama productions. They have a newsletter and FaceBook page. Cllr Pat Burnett praised the professional drama productions from the school.</p> <p>Graham Thompson - Takeley History Society – They have lost some key members and have been less active since closures for the Covid pandemic. They sell books in the community café and respond to questions for family genealogy research. The membership meetings are starting to invite guest speakers, with the July meeting to be held at the Sports and Social Club.</p> <p>Takeley Football Club – a representative reported on the youth teams and success in the league. Paul Burnett spoke about the working party for new plans to improve the Sports Field, which is used by the football club but is also open to other clubs and the general public. Cllr Sutton spoke about the new Uttlesford Planning Director who intends to engage with parishes and help them to get more financial contributions for sporting facilities, when housing developments are approved in the future.</p> <p>Pat Burnett – Ladies Circle – meeting weekly, with monthly speakers. The membership has doubled since it has moved to the community centre and to daytime meetings. Pat mentioned the cinema night, using the new screen and AV equipment in the community centre.</p>
7.	<p>Report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group This was included in the Parish Council report.</p>
8.	<p>Open Questions Councillor Sutton spoke of the benefits from people coming forward in the community. There were no questions for the Council.</p>
9.	<p>Date of the Next Meeting The next Annual meeting will be scheduled for May 2024.</p>

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed by the Chairman

Date