

# MINUTES OF CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 4 AUGUST 2008

(Key to votes: P: Proposed S: Seconded F: For the proposal A: Against Ab: Abstained D.Int: Declared an interest).

- 1 **PRESENT:** Chairman Edward Oliver, Vice Chairman Richard Carter, Edgar Abrahams, Ron Couchman, Des Abrahams, Mike Patmore and Rebecca Stanford, and 13 parishioners. Apologies received from Nigel Cook, Brian Barrow, Philip Smith.
- 2 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**  
Edgar Abrahams: Prejudicial interest in P3 financial matters, as receiving funds.  
Prejudicial interest in the Cricketers Access as a friend of the owner  
Prejudicial interest in UTT 1449 as adjacent landowner.  
Prejudicial interest in UTT 1154 as adjacent landowner  
Prejudicial interest in UTT 0082 as adjacent landowner.  
Interest declared in matters concerning CVH and JF as the Chairman of both organisations.  
Ron Couchman: Prejudicial interest in UTT 1154 as a neighbour, but said he would make representations on this.  
Edward Oliver: Personal interest in Lower Hill Green grass regime as his wife is Chairman of the Wildflowers Group/recommendations.
- 3 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**  
Mrs Gill reported on the Parish Plan progress; the collating was under way with the response level excellent at 54%. Mr Howland asked the policy on the FOI Publication Scheme. Miss Angus said she objected to UTT 1154 and gave her reasons. Mr Lomas commented on the Parish Footpaths Scheme. Mr S Cooke asked if the JF Committee was informed of the EPFA subscription; that the Parish News item was incorrect on the Council's neutrality regarding Stansted, and if the Hill Green Horse Pond would now be cleared out. Mrs Oliver had again circulated copies of her Wildflowers Group proposals, and details of the ECC Verges Cutting proposals for Councils.  
Mr Murdoch requested that his updated proposals were assessed properly as he had been unable to speak last month, and Mr Rowley reported he had been in contact with the Biodiversity officer who was away at present; also that the Dick Ball Meadow was looking exceptionally good. Mrs Cooper said the Stansted meeting was now arranged.
- 4 **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting of 4 August 2008 were approved and signed.
- 5 **MATTERS ARISING:**  
a Parish Notice Board for village events – Ron Couchman had no costs yet, but suggested sizes etc.  
b Christian Centre layby – no further updates from Highways.  
c Druce footbridge: The work was completed, and the Council agreed to adopt the footbridge now, the Clerk to write to the Environment Agency. Dumping of 2 old water tanks in the Stort was noted; Richard Carter to check.  
d Village Tour – being arranged.  
e Emergency Plan – a copy was given by Mike Patmore to Ron Couchman.  
f Sustainable Homes Plan – Rebecca Stanford reported on this.  
g Storage of documents – prices of safes were around £7-800. Councillors to suggest locations.
- 6 **FINANCE**  
The Financial Budgets were circulated, together with the list of invoices for payment. The Year End accounts had gone to the Audit Commission, but no reply yet. It was confirmed the Clerk should purchase the Hard Disc backup system and instal this as required.  
Invoices to be paid:
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| Harts Direct & post via Clerk | Inkjet refill, Minute Book paper               | 45.73  | 6.81 | 000962 |
| Harts Direct via Brian Barrow | NL printing July                               | 27.00  | 4.02 | 000963 |
| CVH                           | Hire charge, July                              | 14.00  | -    | 000964 |
| Jubilee Field Ctee            | Donation from Tim Gingell of grasscutting fees | 325.00 | -    | 000965 |
| UALC                          | Subscription                                   | 25.00  | -    | 000966 |
- 7 **PLANNING:**  
Appeal: UTT 0545 Talks, Ash Tree Market Gardens. To be dealt with by written representations.  
Appeal: Funstons re using their site for new/used Machinery and Tractor storage and sales.  
Appeal: UTT 0159 BF Contracts. Appeal against the refusal for 7 houses at Barlee Close.  
UTT 0661 The Moat House, Mill Lane. Alterations. No objections.  
UTT 0882 Roast Farm Barn, Roast Green. Conversion of outbuildings. Approved.

- UTT 0994 B F Contracts, Barlee Close. A further application for 6 houses. No news.
- UTT 0960 Camlea, Arkesden Rd. Amended loft design – UDC had approved the higher building.
- UTT 1044 Brice's Farm – rebuilding. Amendments to UTT 0284. No news.
- UTT 1118 Eisdell, Tudor Cottage, Middle St. Rooflight in rear extension. Approved.
- UTT 1449 Devlin, Brocking Croft, Roast Gn. Division into 2 houses. No objections. (ECA & RC left the room).
- UTT 1154 Webb Inv., Paddock adj. South Mill. New detached dwelling. Objections as previously; dangerous access, outside planning envelope, over-viewing of cottages nearby. (ECA & RC left the room).
- UTT 1239 Moore, 16 Pelham Rd. New porch. No objections.
- UTT 0400 BAA – Second runway at Stansted. No comments at present. The Council agreed to log in as wishing to comment at the Public Inquiry in the spring, and if the public meeting on 11 Sept does not support this view, this could be cancelled.

Planning breaches:

It was agreed that the Clerk should check the current status of all outstanding matters, and request some progress.

- a. Barn and lake at Starlings Green: Under review by UDC.
- b. Parking at The Druce: Logged in as ENF.253.05.
- c. Jojacks Farm: Under review.
- d. TPO Tree in Sidestream woodland: No news on the trench being filled in.
- e. UTT 1708/05, The Wheelhouse; confirmed by officers following inspection that there was no breach.
- f. ENF.18.08 Fox & Hounds: Container in the car park. Awaiting the Council's request for further action.
- g. High Elms grasscutting; Passed to Inter-County via Jon Cooke to check the position.

8 HIGHWAYS

Watery Stones work completed and re-opened. Suggestions for a dropped kerb when the new CCC layby is constructed. Ideas requested for any items under the £1M grant available for Highways work.

9 CORRESPONDENCE The list had been circulated and all correspondence was in the file to read; see list for details.

Mr C Barker, two further letters regarding the Fox car park container, and the planning decision anomaly.

Mrs Baker – two letters concerning the school allocation – agreed the Council had no say in this.

Mrs Cooper – SSE Public Meeting notice. Also further information on Telephone Box retention.

R Couchman – letter objecting to UTT 1154. Objections letters also from Mr A Row and Miss Angus.

R Couchman – draft letters to be sent to Highways agreed.

R Couchman – Request for FOI Scheme and Emergency Plan. The Commissioners had no record of the Publication Scheme done by Simon Cooke, only that it had been registered, and the Council had not been given a copy at the time either but had some notes from Mr Cooke. Agreed to get the Model scheme for consideration at the next meeting and the councillors to process this until the new system comes into operation in January 2009.

Mr Murdoch – revised proposals for Lower Hill Green grasscutting. Mrs Oliver – further proposals also, and details of the ECC proposals for Councils to cut their own verges and be compensated by ECC. To be assessed.

RCCE – BKV results. Essex Environment Trust report. EALC information and notices. SSE update on runways.

The remainder of the correspondence and brochures was as listed, and in the file.

10 ACCESSES AND GREENS

- a. The Cricketers access – The resolution to go into Committee was reconfirmed (P:EO, Sec: RWC, F: All).
- b. Lower Hill Green – the Chairman said a Working Party of Richard Carter, Mike Patmore and Rebecca Stanford would be set up to assess the proposals from the various parties and put forward the best regime. Ron Couchman said it should be confirmed formally that Mr Murdoch could cut the sightline; the Clerk confirmed this had been done. It was agreed that Tim Gingell should spray off the docks and nettles now, and again in the spring (P: RWC, S: MP, F: 5, A: 2).

11 P3 SCHEME AND FOOTPATHS Rebecca Stanford updated the Council; the volunteers meeting will be in October.

12 VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Haynes Barlee – the donation this year was to Wilbraham. The Chairman had attended the JF meeting. The village hall was installing a hearing loop for those hard of hearing

13 RISK ASSESSMENT – Final document being prepared, incorporating changes made to Deeds storage section.

14 ALLOTMENTS The ragwort was again prolific, and Mike Patmore agreed to look at this and see if it could be removed. The Hill Green grass cuttings had been burnt.

15 SPEED LIMITS COMMITTEE - Amended report and Minutes from previous meetings awaited.

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that the Clerk could dispose of the years of old Planning applications.\_  
Ron Couchman requested copies of FOI documents, but had not inspected what the Council held to date, and it was confirmed again that these were available and that he should contact the Clerk to read them as to copy the entire files would be very time-consuming. The Clerk said it could be arranged for Harts to copy files following inspection if the Council wished. \_\_\_\_\_

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday, 1 September 2008. The meeting then went into Committee.

MEETING IN COMMITTEE on 12 May 2008 TO DISCUSS THE CRICKETERS ACCESS

There had been no agreement received, and the Council regrettably voted that it had no choice but to pursue the legal process as advised by NALC to resolve the situation. (P: RWC S: MP, F:3, Ag: 2, Ab:1. Des Abrahams said he would now declare an interest and take no further part in the discussions).

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.