

TERLING AND FAIRSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Terling and Fairstead Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7.30pm, at The Square & Compasses, Fuller Street

Present:	Mrs S McNamara (Chairman) Mr. Mr S Thatcher Mrs S Alder	Mr R Dixon Mrs L Sime Mrs P Bird
Cllr Playle (from Minute 26.78)		
F Killby – Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer		
3 members of the public		
26.75	<i>Apologies for Absence</i> - were received and accepted from Cllrs Halfhide, Long, Webster, Tugwell and Barker.	
26.76	<i>Declaration of Interests</i> – None declared.	
26.77	<i>Meeting Open to the Public</i>	
	Planning Application (21/03111/FUL at the Oak Piggeries, Waltham Road, Terling. Members of the public were the applicant, his daughter and son in law who wish to build a house within the red line site boundary. The supporting planning statement in the application sought to demonstrate their need to live within the site as dependent relatives of the applicant. A pre-application advice was sought from BDC in July 2020.	
	RD explained that the proposal was outside the village envelope and as such was in open countryside. There are specific BDC policies applied to new housing in the open countryside and the Parish Council could not support the present application.	
	RD suggested that an application for an annex which demonstrated a local residency requirement to support relatives would be in accord with BDC policy(ies) and he suggested the applicant look at other consents for annexes granted in the parish (with Parish Council support). The Parish Council also had concerns as to the access dimensions and sight lines onto a road with a 60mph speed limit. These needed to be demonstrated by the applicant. The Parish Council had no comment as to the design of the proposal. RD stated that it was always the ambition of the Parish Council to assist all parishioners with their planning aspirations and was available to assist if invited to do so.	
26.78	<i>Minutes of Last Meeting</i>	
	It was proposed by LS and seconded by PB that the Chairman should sign a copy of the minutes of the meeting of 26 th October 2021 – with the following amendments - 26.66 RD asked if councillors had any issues with the new digital phone connection as a parishioner's phone does not seem to be working. 26.67 – Fuller Street Flooding/Water Leak - There is still an issue between Hillside Garage and the Old Stores on the opposite side of the road after a van went into the ditch damaging works already done. 26.74 – ST reported that the Ranks Green litter pick was not quite as well attended as normal, unanimously approved.	
	Cllr Playle joined the meeting.	

26.79 ***District and County Councillors' Reports –***

Cllr Playle – carried out a visit to the parish with the Local Highways Liaison Officer and met with SA to look at the issues in Fuller Street, including the flooding, the loose drain cover and the erosion of the verges by Brookside Cottages, he will follow these up with the Officer. He also looked at the work of Gigaclear by the stream on Braintree Road which leaves the pipe exposed with water coming over it.

ECC vehicle activated signs can be installed if the Parish Council is happy to install these, Cllr Playle will forward the details, but the cost is around £3,000-4000. Speed surveys were carried out some years ago in Fuller Street, Ranks Green and in various locations in Terling which, apart from Fuller Street did not show speeding, but it was felt that some of the locations did not demonstrate the true picture. Cllr Playle also reminded the meeting that there are a number of surveys, including the A12 widening, libraries and Transport for Parish Council comments.

RD stated that there is a proposed Essex-wide 20-mph initiative (near schools) which would be good for local roads. The possibility of a school crossing was discussed but it was felt that it would be needed on too many roads and that the 20mph limit would be far more effective.

The request for new salt bins has been submitted, Cllr Playle still has £1,500 of his Locality Budget to allocate if the Parish Council has any projects that need funds.

RD queried the proposed timetable clash for work on the North-East bypass and Longfield Solar Farm access. Cllr Playle is still waiting for a response to his questions. He has also requested an update on the flooding at Oakfield Lane and Hull Lane.

26.80 ***Chairman's Report –***

SM reported that Dave Gomer is happy to take over the role of Tree Warden.

26.81 ***Finance***

Copies of Receipts, Payments, Bank Reconciliation, Budgets and Forecast for the current financial year were distributed prior to the meeting to all councillors. ST proposed that the following cheques/direct debits be approved for payment, seconded by SA, unanimously approved.

5 Nov	BACS	F Killby	Salary	771.71
5 Nov	BACS	F Killby	Expenses	360.27
5 Nov	BACS	Inland Revenue	PAYE/Tax	259.53
5 Nov	BACS	Essex Pension Fund	Clerk's Pension	288.96
5 Nov	BACS	A H Jiggins	Handyman Services	225.11
5 Nov	BACS	Lord Rayleigh's Farms	Grass Cutting	60.00
5 Nov	BACS	James Todd	Payroll Services	31.20
5 Nov	BACS	Comm Heartbeat	Defib Parts	72.00
5 Nov	BACS	Fenland Leisure	Rocking Horse Seat	26.80
5 Nov	BACS	R Dixon	Brass Plaques	97.98
5 Nov	BACS	E.on	Street Lighting	88.59

5 Nov	BACS	PC Callout	Computer Service	65.00
18 Nov	DD	British Telecom	Clerk's Phone Line	53.64
18 Nov	DD	EDF Energy	Electricity Recreation Ground	23.00

Clerk clarified that laptop repairs were for the Parish Council laptop and that the clerk's phone line is for Terling and Fairstead Parish Council and not used for any other business or parish councils.

It was agreed that the annual subscription for the Rural Community Council of Essex be renewed at a cost of £72.60 including VAT.

Ex – Agenda Item – RD proposed and SA seconded approval of the annual Parish Council tractor insurance at a cost of £95.20, unanimously approved.

26.82 ***Environmental and Footpaths***

Rats – Mill Lane – nothing to report

Parish Map – nothing to report, SM to action.

Water Quality - River Ter - RD met with representatives from the Environment Agency at the River Ter, he now has details of a laboratory who will carry out tests for water quality, he will supply prices as soon as possible to the Parish Council.

Repair of Noticeboard opposite school - Clerk has a very reasonable quote but will verify that the product is oak, not cedar.

New Noticeboard Fuller Street – Clerk is still trying to get quotes for this.

Signs for Village Hall Bins - SM has fixed laminated signs to bins.

One of the large glass panels of the Owls Hill phone box needs replacing. Clerk to action.

26.83 ***Estate Liaison*** – Clerk to request drawings from F Strutt regarding the extension of the grain stores at Great Loyes.

26.84 ***Health and Welfare***

Defibrillators – still nothing from Essex Community Fund, the Fairstead defibrillator has been repaired, RD to check if the out of action sticker has been removed.

Purchase of Brass Plaques for defibrillators and buddy bench – These have been fitted, thanks to RD for arranging this.

Playground – The Parish Council has been awarded the full £10,000 for the purchase of a new climbing frame, thanks to JL for her work on this.

Benches at Terling Ford Licences – no update, clerk to chase.

Oak Tree Survey – Playground – no update, clerk to chase.

Emergency Plan/Disaster Plan and Longfield Solar Farm - Telephone Tree Test - There will be a random test in January which will include contacting Braintree District Council.

EALC Health & Welfare Report – RD attended a recent meeting but there is nothing to report.

26.85 ***IT & Publicity –***

Gigaclear Update – Clerk provided the following from C Cutler - Gigaclear is now available to most of the Parish but he urges people to examine packages in order to get the service they need, ie telephone line, line speed and guarantee of performance. The Clerk also thanked C Cutler for upgrading the computer and repairing/resetting the printer.

26.86 ***Planning and Highways***

21/02910/FUL & 21/02911/LBC: Conversion of chapel (Use Class D1) to 1 x 2-bedroom dwelling house (Use Class C3): Terling United Reformed Church, Church Road, Terling The property is now off the market, the change of use application is still pending.

21/03111/FUL: Erection of 1 x 3-bedroom two-storey detached dwelling house with associated detached cartlodge for parking, and alterations to existing access to form shared access with existing dwelling: Oak Piggeries, Waltham Road, Terling – see Minute 26.77.

21/03437/HH: Single-storey rear extension: Ford Cottage, Braintree Road, Terling – After examination, it is likely that the Parish Council will not object to this planning application.

The Cedar House and Prem Nivas planning applications have been approved, RD pointed out there is still no provision of works on planning applications, ie no restriction on hours of work.

Waltham Road/Oakfield Lane flooding – see Minute 26.70

River Hill water leak – Clerk is still chasing this.

Fuller Street flooding/water leak – SA reported that the leak is now back, it is likely this is spring water.

Road Repairs – PB reported that after a conversation with a Highways representative, the gully at the side of the road at Norrells Corner has been filled in. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Playle for arranging a temporary repair of the pothole on the Hatfield Road, even though it is outside the Parish and his Ward.

Local Plan – RD is going to attend the consultation which runs from 6th December to 24 January 2022.

Directional Signs – nothing to report

BDC Delegated powers – no update from BDC

Highways Devolution Scheme – no response to Clerk's email requesting further information, clerk to chase.

Traffic Calming Gates – These have been agreed and are in hand, no date for installation as yet.

ANPR system – no update on this.

A12 Widening Further Consultation – RD attended the seminar, his major concern is the lack of information on temporary diversions and access into Hatfield Peverel and the lack

of dialogue between Highways England and Essex Highways. The Parish Council has until 11.59 pm on Sunday 19 December to respond to this consultation.

26.87 ***Recreation Ground***
Hatfield Peverel Youth Team will be using the ground for training in January at a charge of £25.00 per session. They have some equipment to donate to the Parish Council.

26.88 ***MUGA Court/Tennis Court*** – The Parish Council has met with representatives from the Tennis Club. MT to obtain quotes for a MUGA Court.

26.89 ***Longfield Solar Farm*** – The Parish Council has submitted comments after the last Statutory Consultation, no response to date.

26.90 ***Open Spaces Action Plan*** – this was reviewed with some minor changes and will be submitted.

26.91 ***Bulb/Tree Planting Initiative*** – SA would like some bulbs for Fuller Street.

26.92 ***EALC Climate Crisis Conference – 27th January 2022*** – SA and RD attended this in 2021, but as there is no public land in the Parish, the proposals are not applicable. It was suggested that JL might like to attend.

26.93 ***Councillors' Reports, including Village Hall Report, School Report and Church Liaison***
SA – reported that Future Airspace have emailed information on new proposals to increase traffic at Stanstead. Of the two proposed plans ie use one route for take offs/landings or stagger the process, SA felt the latter would be the most beneficial for the parish.
RD – new Blixes Farms planning application – he will be meeting with the applicant to discuss this matter and asked councillors to attend.

26.94 ***Clerk's Report***
Scalpings for The Dismals - Clerk to get a quote for the maximum delivery load (17 tonnes) and will check if this can be stored at Lord Rayleigh's Farms.
There are a number of consultations outstanding, including A12 Widening, Future of Libraries and Transport in Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk.

26.95 ***Information exchange / next agenda items –***

26.96 ***Date of next meeting, including committees:*** 7.30 pm, 18th January 2022, Terling Village Hall, 7.30 pm, 1st March 2022, Terling Village Hall
Meeting finished at 09.10 pm