

Following an inappropriate remark from a member of the Council, the Chairman issued a warning that any further comments which are out of order would be reported to UDC.

16/101 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the recent newspaper articles have inflamed the village hall situation even more and, sadly, have divided the village. If a way forward is going to be found we need to work together.

16/102 To receive an update from the Parish Clerk

The Clerk reported that:

- No problems with the new Reservoir at Henham so far, but keeping in close touch with Henham PC.
- No reports of any problems in Church Lane
- The Police have been unable to supply information on the recent accident at the Fox crossroads.
- List of people trained on the defibrillator is unavailable, note to be put in Parish Pump stating machine must be returned as quickly as possible if used. New courses being investigated.
- Nothing to report from the Uttlesford Transport meeting on 21st October
- ECC working on the lane from Fellowes Farmhouse towards Wimbish.
- The Chairman of the RBL has expressed his thanks for the donation to the poppy wreaths.
- Roger and I attended the UDC Local Forum on 10th October. All councils present were very critical of the consultation process used in connection with the Local Plan. Changes has been made to the Enforcement department. From April 2017, UDC advised they will stop sending paper plans but following the response they agreed to reconsider.
- The deadline for Precept applications is 27th January 2017.
- Comments have been made about the drain at the edge of the pond which RF has in hand, and new LED lighting on a listed building. Listed building consent may be required and this will be taken up with UDC.
- The blocked pipe on Ivy Todd Hill is near the top of the list, but drainage issues causing flooding to property have to be given priority.
- Cty Cllr Walsh has advised that the four trial byways closed last winter now have a permanent winter closure. The footpath warden will be contacted regarding a formal request.

16/103 To approve an application to the Local Highways Panel for a new sign at the top of Church Lane

It was proposed that the application for a new sign (finger post type) should be approved, subject to exact location and support from Dist Cllr T. Knight

Proposed: RF

Seconded: EB

All agreed

The location will be inspected and, when agreed, this will be marked on a plan and forwarded with the application form.

16/104 To approve the cost of the autumn bedding for the flower tubs and baskets

Violas have been obtained from Springwell and planted by the Chairman. The invoice has not yet arrived but approximate cost will be £100.00 which it was proposed should be approved.

Proposed: AR

Seconded: EB

All agreed

16/105 To discuss and approve the Co-option Policy

A shortened version of the original co-option policy was circulated in advance of the meeting. It was proposed that the policy be adopted although it was recognised that this may need to be reviewed if it should become too drawn out.

Proposed: RF

Seconded: AR

EB agreed, SL abstained,
SW agreed with policy
but process too long.

16/106 To discuss planning applications received

The following applications have been received, no comments submitted:

UTT/16/2676/FUL - Old Mill House, Debden Green

Demolition of existing outbuildings and proposed erection of a detached 4 bedroom dwelling with associated access and parking.

UTT/16/2673/FUL - The Old Bakehouse, Henham Road

Proposed erection of a detached 5 bedroom house with associated garage and access.

The Clerk will inform UDC that the road naming on the plans is incorrect.

16/107 To discuss the 2017/18 Budget

This was deferred until December. In the meantime the Chairman will meet with Cllr. Andrew Tetlow and then present a draft for discussion at the next meeting.

16/108 To receive a report on Cllr Luck's Surgery held on 26th October

SL reported that the Surgery was arranged to hear comments relating to Debden and Uttlesford. EB asked how many Councillors attended and, as it was advertised as a Councillors Surgery, were the other councillors informed. SW attended and made notes, everyone had two minutes to speak and the main topics covered were UDC local plan, crime, parking, footpaths, bridleways, traffic issues at Debden Green, noise from car racing at Carver Barracks. One youngster expressed concerns about the future and there were many concerns regarding the village hall and the impact on community spirit.

The Chairman said it will be the VH Trust that will be responsible if the funding from the MOD is withdrawn, not the PC or RG Trust.

16/109 To respond to a request, signed by 23 residents, for an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Councillors

Four letters, signed by a total of 69 residents, plus letters from individual residents have now been received.

The Chairman advised that members of the public cannot call an extraordinary meeting but the Chairman, or two councillors, can convene one. The relevant extract from the PC's Standing orders was read.

SL felt residents are confused and do not understand the difference between the PC and the RG Trust. The PC is paying all the expenses and it is difficult to differentiate between the two; to wind up the Trust is a reasonable request. EB said there is an entire chapter on the website giving detailed information on this. Parish Councils can make provision for trusts and we do in fact agree a completely separate budget for the RG Trust and it has a separate bank account. It is not possible to wind up the Trust. Trustees can work with other trusts providing it is to the benefit of their trust.

To conclude, the Chairman said he could not call an extraordinary PC meeting based on these letters because the issues raised are not PC matters to discuss, nor do we have any influence on them. SL added that a resident has suggested that all members of the PC should resign. SW said that in her opinion an extraordinary meeting should be arranged because the MOD have informed you that the funding could be withdrawn but this has not been communicated. EB advised that Col. MacDonald made it perfectly clear that they do not wish to withdraw the grant and very much hope it will be possible to find a way forward.

16/110 To approve accounts for payment

Royal British Legion	£60.00	Donation for poppy wreaths
C. Griffin	£399.89	Net salary + expenses (October)
R. Forster	£25.00	Strimmer line
R. Forster	£6.99	Compost for tubs
Glasdon	£103.82	New dog bin

16/111 To discuss any Urgent matters of interest to the Parish

No matters were raised.

16/112 Items for the next agenda

No matters were received.

16/113 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 7th December, at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Signed.....(Chairman)

Dated: 07.12.16.

