

**Parish Council of Hempstead**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Hempstead Parish Council**  
**held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Present:** David Drane, Diana Frost, Laura Saxel, Mark Welbourn, Nicholas Turkentine, Alan Weedon, District Councillor George Smith and the Clerk.

**Prior to the meeting commencing Mark Welbourn was proposed by Nick Turkentine to preside as Chairman in Sean McCarthy's absence. This was unanimously agreed to by the Council.**

**The Parish Council meeting started at 8:02pm**

**36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Sean McCarthy and County Councillor Martin Foley

**37. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Reports from both the District and County Councillors had been received and distributed.

District Councillor George Smith made a brief report to the Council in regard to the ongoing Stansted Airport appeal. He also raised the encouraging news that funding will be available for highways projects from ECC Local Highways Panel. George Smith had spoken to Sampford's Parish Council regarding their Neighbourhood Plan contact, who will be passed the Clerk's contact details.

**38. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** –The Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were agreed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

**39. MATTERS ARISING**

None

**40. FINANCE**

The Clerk confirmed that as of end May £760, from a budgeted amount of £2300, had been paid in respect of grass cutting, with a further £330 currently awaiting online authorisation.

The Chairman signed 2 invoices for £330 each for grass cutting.

**41. PLANNING**

**Anso Corner Farm:** *UTT/21/1764/FUL. Demolition of 2 no. commercial units (with prior approval for conversion to residential) and the erection of 1 no. dwelling with linked parking.* Laura Saxel declared an interest as neighbour and did not take part in the discussion. It was unanimously agreed that NO COMMENTS REQUIRED

**The Old Bakery:** *UTT/21/1965/TCA. Felling of 1 no. Blackthorn in conservation area.* Uttlesford DC had already responded with NO OBJECTIONS

**The Bluebell Inn:** *UTT/21/1870/TCA. Felling of trees in conservation area – 1no. Cob Nut, 1no. Hawthorn and 1no. Damson. Remove lower limbs and remove dead limbs of 1no. Pine Tree. Remove ivy and reshape of 1no. Damson.* After discussion it was agreed that although the Parish Council do not have an objection to this application, there are concerns that the removal of trees could be pursuant to a planning application for construction on The Bluebell Inn's grounds. It was agreed that a neutral comment detailing these concerns should be submitted by the Clerk.

**Land at Treetops:** *UTT/21/1300/FUL. Construction of one 3 bedroom detached bungalow.* David Drane declared an interest and did not speak during the discussion. AWAITING DECISION

**Wincelow Hall Farm:** *UTT/21/1448/AG. Application for prior notification of agricultural development. Erection of storage barn.* Laura Saxel declared an interest. AWAITING DECISION

**Ruses Farm:** *UTT/21/0542/FUL. Extension and conversion of barn to form 1 no. dwelling.* REFUSED

**Cracknells Cottage:** *UTT/21/1334/HHF. Replace existing garage with cart lodge.* AWAITING DECISION

**2 Lakehouse Cottages:** *UTT/21/1036/HHF. Removal of conifer hedge and erection of timber fence.*  
REFUSED

**Newlands:** *UTT/20/2012/FUL. Erection of 1 no. one storey dwelling.* APPEAL REFUSED

#### **42. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Community Governance Review of Parishes** – The Clerk had circulated an email from Uttlesford District Council, which was discussed. It was agreed that no action need to be taken by the Parish Council.

#### **43. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND WELLBEING**

**Health and Wellbeing Plan** – Updated plan on Website.

**Neighbourhood Watch** – It was noted that there had recently been a tow bar stolen from a car in the village.

#### **44. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY**

**Road resurfacing** – The resurfacing of the road through the village, Hill Road and High Street, is currently scheduled for the second week of July. County Broadband work on High Street scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> July, before the resurfacing.

**Bridleway 26** – The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to residents of the barns at Ruses Farm and a response had been received; they will be investigating whether the required permission to divert the bridleway had ever been sought. The Clerk to confirm that the obstruction has been removed from the “proper” Bridleway route and will contact Uttlesford planning if required.

**Local Highways Panel** – The Council discussed what requests might be put to the Panel, including speed limit restrictions for Anso Road, Bumpstead Road and between Hempstead and Radwinter. It was agreed that Mark Welbourn would draft a request and bring to the next meeting.

#### **45. ENVIRONMENT**

**Tree Pollarding** – Laura Saxel has submitted planning request to Uttlesford.

**Box Hedging** – Hedge by the war memorial is badly affected by box moth caterpillars and may need removing, and replaced with something that is low maintenance. Decision to be made at a later date.

#### **46. FLOODING**

ECC Highways have confirmed that village drains will be cleared during the summer, which will include the drain between The Cobb and Bellropes, which is a continuing issue because of the spring.

#### **47. COMMUNICATIONS**

**Website** – The Parish Council information page to be updated.

**Newcomers Event** – Provisional date of 11<sup>th</sup> September, to be advertised in July’s newsletter.

#### **48. DEFIBRILLATOR**

The defibrillator continues to be checked on a regular basis. The Clerk will look into organising the training and contact volunteers to see if they are still interested.

#### **49. VILLAGE HALL**

The railings at the front of the Village Hall have been repainted.

#### **50. EMERGENCY PLAN**

Formal review to take place in January 2022.

**The meeting ended at 9:32pm**

**Future Meetings: 19 August at 8pm**