

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY, 2016 at
LITTLEBURY VILLAGE HALL, LITTLEBURY AT 8.00 P.M.**

Present: Jean Cowell, David Heales, Jan Menell, David Heales and Peter Farnsworth.

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Also Present: Tracy Coston (Clerk), Julie Redfern

Jan Menell Friends of Holy Trinity Church, Trustee of Littlebury United Charities,
Jane Bradburys, School Governor at Gt. Chesterford School.
Jean Cowell Millennium Society, Friend of Holy Trinity Church,
Village Hall Trust, English Heritage, Trustee of Littlebury United Charities.

1. Apologies for Absence: Ann Farrer, Michael O'Connor and David Barton

2. Public Participation (15 mins):

Alan Johnson: Neighbourhood Watch: Alan Johnson attended the meeting to canvas for a new co-ordinator for the village and delivering the Observer (NHW Publication), which is sent out four times a year. A weekly bulletin is sent out by Neighbourhood Watch and which just requires interested people to sign up for it.

Littlebury has four small neighbourhood watch signs in the village and the signs can be updated to larger signs on a reflective plates at a cost £ 30.00 each.

To get the scheme up and running in Littlebury a village co-ordinator & other helpers are required. Newport has a very well managed scheme with 25 co-ordinators.

It is a proven fact that where Neighbourhood Watch exists the crime is lower.

Local Plan Consultation: The consultation has closed. The next meeting at UDC is 27th January, 2016. There is one more consultation to be organised and UDC hope to get the Local Plan submitted by March 2017. More sites were put forward than required.

Wellcome Trust has plans for a 25 year development.

3. Approval of minutes: Parish Council meeting held on 18th November, 2015. The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

4. Vacancy on Parish Council: The PC has received a resignation from Dennis Prior. The PC thanked Dennis Prior for this work on the PC. The vacancy will be advertised.

5. Matters/Actions arising from the minutes:

a) Christmas Tree at the triangle: Thank you to David Heales and helpers for putting up the Christmas tree. Lots of lovely comments were received from local residents. The Christmas tree for next year will be ordered in March from Springwell Nurseries.

b) Defibrillator training: Clerk to organise another training session with Paul Doe.

c) Catmere End pond: Two quotes have been received for £ 2,000 or £ 4,000, which the PC considered to be too much money. Clerk to speak to the Young Farmers to see if they will consider helping with the project.

d) Admissions at Great Chesterford: The Governors have agreed to remain at 30.

e) Litterpick: National Clean for the Queen: Julie Redfern offered to find out the details.

f) Bench at Recreation Ground: David Heales and Michael O'Connor will discuss the bench in due course.

6. Highways:

a) Highway issues in the Parish: No new issues have been reported.

b) Condition of footpaths in Littlebury: No further information has been received and the railings have still not been fixed.

c) Grit bin at Littlebury Green crossroads: The PC agreed for a new grit bin to be purchased and the Clerk will ask Rob Cook to take away the old bin.

d) Signage for footpaths in Littlebury Green: Clerk to report the footpath posts again to ECC Public Rights of Way as the posts have fallen over on the path from Howe Hall to Catmere End.

e) Peggy's Walk: A local resident has requested a 'No Through Road sign' at the top of Peggy's Walk as vehicles use the road and then have to turn around. Clerk to request a sign from ECC Highways.

7. Recreation Ground:

- a) **Posts at Littlebury Recreation Ground:** On hold at present.
- b) **Moles at Littlebury Recreation Ground:** Clerk to speak to the contractor for a progress report.
- c) **Replacement of bench at Littlebury Recreation Ground:** On hold at present.

8. Finance

a) Approval of cheques

Payments (January 2016)	
Tracy Coston (December)	£ 290.52
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E-ON (D/D) December	£ 35.73
P Dudley (Verges)	£ 2,744.03
E-ON (D/D) January	£ 35.89
Information Commissioner Office	£ 35.00
HMRC	£ 179.20
UDC (Election)	£ 103.37
Broadmead Leisure	£ 498.00
UDC (Green Skip)	£ 968.94
Rialtas (Account Software)	£ 33.30
Rob Cook (Annual Inspection)	£ 470.00
David Heales (Christmas Tree Expenses)	£ 370.90
Total Payments	£ 6,055.40

- b) **Precept discussion and calculations:** The PC agreed a precept of £ 27,500.

9. Planning:

a) For Discussion:

UTT/15/3801/HHF Hill View, Strethall Road, Littlebury

Demolition of garage and erection of two storey extension (renewal of planning permission UTT/12/6073/REN)

PC Decision: No objections

10. General Correspondence:

- a) **Littlebury and Wendens Ambo News:** Betty Newbold has informed the villages that she will be unable to carry on with the magazine. Jan Menell attended a meeting last night about the magazine with Wendens Ambo PC and Church members to discuss plans for the magazine. Action points from the meetings are for prices to be obtained from local printers and for more revenue to be raised from advertising. It was also discussed to produce a community magazine.

11. Area Report:

- a) **Barn Dance:** The PC approved the use of the recreation ground on 11th June at Littlebury Green for a barn dance.
- b) **Catmere End Traffic Survey:** A good response was received. Ann Farrer to report at the next meeting.

12. Date of next meeting,

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 17th February, 2016 8pm at Littlebury Village Hall, Littlebury

Meeting ended at 9.45 pm

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