

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 19th APRIL, 2017 at
LITTLEBURY VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00 P.M.**

Present: Jean Cowell, Joanna Hancock, Philip Marns, Peter Farnsworth, Jan Menell and Michael Christodoulides.

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Also Present: Tracy Coston (Clerk)

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.
Joanna Hancock	Trustee Littlebury Village Hall, Trustee Sophie's Fund, Trustee Littlebury United Charities, Parish of Littlebury Millennium Society, Uttlesford Citizens Advice, Friend of Holy Trinity Church, Friend of Audley End, member of National Trust.

1. Apologies for Absence: Ann Farrer, Michael O'Connor and Mike Scott.

2. Public Participation (15 mins):

Play Equipment: Concerns were raised about the play equipment at Littlebury Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that the play equipment is scheduled to be mended in May.

Jo Hancock will speak to the Recreation ground Committee to see if they are planning to become more active and if they will apply for the Stansted Airport Community Grant.

Railway Crossing Closure: The member of the public raised concerns about the proposed closure of the railway crossing in Littlebury.

3. Approval of minutes: Parish Council meeting held on 15th March, 2017: The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

4. Report from the District Councillor(s): The Local Plan consultation is continuing into June/July. Discussions are taking place about two new settlements.

The groundworks are starting on the new crematorium at Great Chesterford and it is planned to be open by the end of the year.

The police operating out of UDC is working well.

5. Matters/Actions arising from the minutes:

a) Parking on Walden Road/Mill Lane junction: Michael Christodoulides has been to speak to the owners of the cars to discuss the parking issues. The owners understand the concerns and they haven't had complaints from neighbours for parking there. There are also a number of other parking issues in other places in the village and if the PC should address all the issues. The PC are concerned that double yellow lines will just move the parking problems to another place in the village.

b) Fitting of defibrillator in Littlebury Green: The PC thanked Philip Marns and Andrew Figge for all their work in fitting the defibrillator. The Clerk will make sure that it is registered with the ambulance service.

c) Parish magazine: The magazine had an error and the PC report for March was not printed. It will be printed in the May magazine. Jo Hancock and Louise Johnson are collating the articles for Littlebury.

d) Broadband provision in the Parish: Mike Scott has been in contact with different Broadband providers for rural areas. Julie Redfern suggested that Mike Scott made contact with Cllr Ryles and S Jackson at UDC who are involved in Broadband provision in the area.

e) Sign at Peggy's Walk: The sign has been installed and residents are very pleased with it.

f) Posts at Littlebury Recreation Ground: The post has been installed.

6. Planning:

a) For Discussion:

UTT/17/0885/HHF Thistlewaite, Littlebury Green Road, Littlebury

Proposed changes to fenestration, doors and external finishing, garage conversion and associated works. Erection of new detached garage.

PC Decision: No objections

b) Decisions: None

7. Highways:

a) Highway issues in the Parish: ECC have emailed about a new on-line reporting system.

b) Reflector posts at Chestnut Ave: Philip Marns will organise for the new reflector posts to be installed.

c) Quiet Lanes: Clerk to chase up Highways for more information.

8. Recreation Ground:

a) Bench at Littlebury Green Recreation Ground: The PC thanked Philip Marns for installing the bench at the Recreation Ground.

b) Tree requiring tree surgery: The tree surgeon is going to inspect the tree.

c) Football net at Littlebury Green Recreation Ground: Clerk to purchase.

9. Finance

a) Approval of cheques

Receipts	
Julie Redfern (Councillors Allowance)	£ 919.29
Total Receipts	£ 919.29
Payments (April 2017)	
Tracy Coston (April)	£ 289.37
E-ON (D/D) April	£ 41.69
Glasdon	£ 676.80
EALC	£ 194.01
HMRC	£ 382.84
Hardy Landscapes Ltd	£ 393.60
Unipar	£ 225.60
Community Heartbeat	£ 33.60
Rob Cook	£ 30.00
David Day (Triangle plant reimbursement)	£ 47.94
Total Payments	£ 2,315.45

10. General Correspondence:

a) Letter from Network Rail: Jean Cowell has written an article for the magazine.

11. Area Report:

a) Triangle (outside Johns Farm): Jo Hancock has got a group of people together to maintain the triangle and they have £ 150.00 from Julie Redfern's Councillor allowance to spend on plants and mulch.

b) Bonfires in the village: The PC believe that there isn't any laws governing bonfires but a note will be put into the magazine asking people to respect their neighbours.

c) Parish Councillor resignation: Michael Christodoulides resigned from the PC due to him moving from Littlebury Green. The PC wished Michael well and thanked him for his work on the PC.

12. Date of next meeting,

The Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on 17th May, 2017 at 7.30 pm at Littlebury Village Hall, Littlebury.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

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