**ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (held by telephone conference) on 7th April 2021**

**Cllrs. present (remote attendance):** Cllr. F. Belgrove (Chairman), Cllr. Osborne, Cllr. Wiggins, Cllr. Hammick, Cllr. Clark, Cllr. Scott, Cllr. Claremont-Brown, Cllr Broom and Cllr. L. Belgrove.

**Also present (remote attendance):** Parish Clerk, Cty. Cllr. Goggin (arriving late due to attending another meeting prior) and 1 member of the public.

 **Minutes**

**Announcement(s):**

1. The Chairman officially announced that the County Council and Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Elections will be held on May 6th.
2. Announcement that (subject to resolution and vote) there will be an in-camera item on tonight’s agenda.

**04.21.1814 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. Housden and Cllr. Swash.

**04.21.1815 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Broom and Cllr. Claremont-Brown declared an interest in any matters involving Brett Aggregates as they live close to the works.

**04.21.1816** **Minutes of the last monthly meeting**

The minutes of the meeting from 3rd March 2021 were accepted.

**Action: Clerk to publish minutes on the council website.**

**04.21.1817 Public Forum**. No matters raised.

**04.21.1818 Finance**

i) April Finance report was approved.

ii) The following grants were approved:

Alresford Beavers £300

Alresford Fete Organising Group £170

Alresford Colne Rangers FC (Combined grant) for Men, Women and Youth teams) £1500

**Action**: **Clerk and RFO to action payments.**

**04.21.1819 Planning:**

i)21/000296/FUL Single storey front extension 47 Crestlands

Comment: No objection

**Action: Clerk to update TDC Planning Portal.**

**04.21.1820 Annual Parish Meeting Report will be held by Zoom on 21st May 2021 at 7pm.**

**Action: Clerk to update website information.**

**04.21.1821 The Council resolved to appoint Mr. James Stimpson to be the contractor, to install the new bench and disabled viewing area at Alresford Creek.**

**Action: Clerk to instruct Mr. Stimpson.**

**04.21.1822**. **Environmental**

i) The Borehole on the playing field is now installed and in working order.

ii) Quotes are being sought for electric vehicle charging points for installation in the community car park

**The Council endorsed the findings of the Environment Working Party and unanimously agreed the following;**

i) Daffodil and other plant bulbs to be planted at village entrance points.

ii) A Village Award sign mounting display to be erected in the memorial garden Ford Lane

iii) Trees to be provided for Alresford Primary School

iv) Landowners to be encouraged to obtain grants for hedge and tree planting

v) A Visual audit of PRoW’s to be undertaken by Councillor’s

vi) Additional Working Parties to be formed to deal with Climate Change issues and Well being.

**04.21.1823 Grass Cutting**

**The Council approved additional areas to be attended to by our contractor;**

i) Wivenhoe Road to Marsh Farm (£30 each month)

ii) B1027 Between Wivenhoe Road and Station Road (£50 per month)

**Action: Clerk to contact J’s Garden Services**

**04.21.1824 Mineral and Waste review**

The Council appointed Cllr. Clarke, Cllr. Broom and Cllr. Claremont-Brown to compile a response to the review.

**04.21.1825 Superfast Broadband issues Wivenhoe Road.**

A cabinet (BT) had been installed but difficulties had been encountered with the supply of an electrical feed to the cabinet. Essex County Council was seeking a resolution to the issue. The Chairman thanked Cty. Cllr. Goggin, Cllr. Scott and Cllr. Wiggins for their efforts regarding this matter.

**04.21.1826 COVID-19 update**

Face to face Parish Council meetings might resume in some form from June or July (subject to government rulings).

**04.21.1827 District Councillor’s report (Written Report) and 3 min verbal report**

See report. Appendix 1

**04.21.1828 Essex County Councillor Report (Written Report) and 3 min verbal report**

See report. Appendix 2.

Cllr. Osborne enquired as to whether Cty. Cllr. Goggin was still seeking a reduced speed limit for the B1027 in Alresford, Cty. Cllr. Goggin assured Cllr. Osborne that he was and that different criteria might soon be applied to decisions by Essex Highways relating to speed limits.

**04.21.1829 Council to consider reimbursement of conference call charges for the remote meeting**

Agreed.

**04.21.1830 PCSO report**

No report this month.

**04.21.1831 Resolution: It was resolved that the Council moved to the in-camera session for PART B of the meeting.**

**PART B**

**04.21.1832 Crime and disorder reports.**

**04.21.1833 Councillor’s were given an opportunity to raise any matters they felt should be brought to the attention of the council.**

**04.21.1834 Meeting Closed at 21.05**

Chairman/Vice Chairman signed:…………………………………… Date:…………………………

**District Councillor report – April 2021**

**Tendring**

There are new grants for businesses available from the 1st April from TDC.

Ian Davidson continues to email out the latest Covid information.

Ann attended the pre Resources and Services Committee meeting with a talk from Andy White about council owned buildings due to a meeting clash.

We attended an All Members Briefing on TDC’s Freeport East status. Freeport east will bring jobs, growth and many opportunities and potential for the local area. Also we had a talk from Pam Green CCG on Covid, mental health and suicide rates.

**Alresford**

We continue to give out recycling boxes and deliver medicines to residents.

We continue to have questions from residents of the TW site which we have passed on to TDC Planning where they are looking into the planning conditions.

We have received calls from residents with regard to speeding along Wivenhoe Road and potholes.

The pothole in Cox has been completed following a lot of complaints from both us and residents.

We have been contacted by Alresford residents with reference to the Chase being rebuilt (in the Parish of Elmstead Market). At present this is an ongoing issue for enforcement and should be finalised once we have the outcome.

The planning application for the listed wall and swimming pool at Alresford Hall which was approved.

We have enquiries with reference to the convenience store on the Main Road.

We have been approached by Environmental Services about having a Tetrapak dumpster because Alresford is in a good location for recycling Tetrapaks.

We have received enquiries and complaints about the bin at the corner of Cockaynes Wood. Residents are leaving poo bags around the outside of it rather than putting them in the bin so creating a health hazard.

We have had issues with residents in the Council properties with regards rubbish.

We have had complaints about rubbish and excrement being left at the White House Beach area of the Creek.

**Essex County Council report/notes – April 2021**

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| **1.** | **ECC Budget meeting. 23/02/21.****More details received** | Total budget for 21/22 is **£2,014 MILLION.**Council Tax amount = £717 MILLION | Basic rates frozen. Similar to previous 6 years out of 10 years | **Education = £691M****Adult Care = £635M****Children = £156M****Environment =£93M****Public Health =£64M****Infrastructure & roads = £67M!** |
| **2.** | **Local resident complaint.****Copies sent to Chairman and others.****Article in local newspaper.****Broadband supply & access issue.** | Spoke to AG about non reply from CEO at ECC. | AG spoke to CEO. Letter of apology sent. Problem with non-secure email.Response within 24 hours when advised directly. | **Change of policies from ECC. Further & separate negotiations taking place.****AG was also asked to comment on planning issue. Advised not ECC or Alresford responsibility.**  |
| **3.** | **Surface water** | Pleased to see that surface water disappeared as quickly as arose. | Next step is to nominate drains & gutters to be cleaned from pictures. Make sure no ditches identified. Ford Lane, Wivenhoe Rd, & Coach Rd. | **Pleased to note that no flooding threat to life or property apart from Point Clear.** |
| **4.** | **Alresford bridge repair** |  | Noted for 5 days February | **Completed I am advised?** |
| **5.** | **Member locality grant** | AG Submitted  | Mobile CCTV + pleased to chat seat in AlresfordOver my division 6 submitted. 3 “pleased-to-talk” benches + a booth! | **Awaiting acceptance.** |
| **6.** | **Colne School****Brightlingsea.** | Expansion | Extra 300 places. Expansion agreed at Cabinet – AG endorsed. | **LHP part. Zebra crossing at last. LHP Meeting** |
| **7.** | **B1027 speed review** | Local Highways panel meeting March 18. | Item from ECC budget meeting. EXTRA £200K per year for next 3 years.Should take budget for 21/22 to £560K plus revenue funding | **AG submitted 5 sites for positive action, plus 2 further sites for “planning watch”. Alresford in one of each.****Still awaiting return of speed & volume surveys.** |
| **8.** | **Covid Injections in Alresford** |  | Heard good stories about visits to Holland & Clacton | **Good reports from most. ECC responsible for track & trace** |
| **9.** | **B1027 speed review.****Follow up discussion.** | Highway Clinic Meeting Cllr. Kevin Bentley. To discuss issues raised including B1027 speed | **Trying to change “criteria”. From National to Hertfordshire.** |  **Kevin Bentley in favour. Mentioned at full council.** **AG in favour and supports.** |
| **10.** | **Frating Book store. Main road** | Works started last 3 weeks ago  | Improved bus stop and right turn options. Management advised. | **Completed on time and within budget. Less inconvenience than expected.** |
| **11.** | **Possible AG’s last meeting as ECC** | Many thanks for support from Councillors over 6yrs, especially Chairman. Important thanks to Clerk who works amazingly hard for the village | It has been a lot of fun and I feel that much has been achieved by working together. | **I hope to be back!****I only want one job.** |