**ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (held by telephone conference) on 6th January 2021**

**Cllrs. present (remote attendance):** Cllr. F. Belgrove (Chairman), Cllr. Osborne, Cllr. Wiggins, Cllr. Hammick, Cllr. Clark, Cllr. Housden and Cllr. L. Belgrove.

**Also present (remote attendance):** Parish Clerk, Cty. Cllr. Goggin (arriving late due to attending another meeting prior) and 0 members of the public.

**Minutes**

**Announcement(s):**

1. PCSO Brandon was first on scene of a fatal accident locally just before Christmas and then a family bereavement soon after. Our thoughts are with her and her family during this difficult time.

**01.21.1752 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. Swash and Cllr./Dist. Cllr. Scott gave apologies.

**01.21.1753 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**01.21.1754** **Minutes of the last monthly meeting**

The minutes of the meeting from 2nd December 2020 were agreed. All in favour.

**01.21.1755 Public Forum** (members of the public and guests can submit written questions/statements). Time limit 3 mins per person. Item limited to 10 minutes.

Two residents gave written statements regarding their objections to the planning application for Alresford Hall (swimming pool). Cllr. F. Belgrove read out the statements.

**01.21.1756 Finance Report for December 2020**

Item 20 needed amending from 6th February to 18th February, spelling error to be corrected. Otherwise the Finance Report was approved. All in favour.

**01.21.1757 Planning:**

**i) 20/01634/FUL** Miss Leanne Green Proposed erection of 1.8m fence and change of use from vegetation land to private amenity space. Lee Oak Colchester Main Road Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8DD

Comment: No objection.

**ii)** **20/01754/CMTR** | TO ALLOW PERMANENT RETENTION OF ACCESS ONTO ALRESFORD ROAD: Continuation of quarry restoration to part agriculture, part nature conservation and part open water, without compliance with conditions 1 (approved plans), 49 (completion by 30th June 2020) and 50 (restoration by 30th June 2020) attached to planning permission ref ESS/43/19/TEN to allow for an extension of time to complete restoration. | Wivenhoe Quarry Alresford Road Wivenhoe Essex CO7 9JY – INFORMATION ONLY

**iii)** **20/01524/LBC & 20/01523/FUL** | Proposed swimming pool in the south side of the walled gardens. Proposed repair of walls, the raising of the east wall, a flight of brick steps, and the reinstatement of the original and new gates to the existing openings of the garden. (Part retrospective.) | Alresford Hall Ford Lane Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8AY

Comment: There should have been an archaeological survey, will there be one? Height of the wall has changed? Cllr. Osborne proposed (a more detailed objection to be constructed), Cllr. Housden seconded an objection would be submitted.

Cllr. Wiggins arrived at 8.00pm

**iv)** **20/01511/FUL** | Increase roof height by 450mm of previously approved application 19/01505/FUL. | 166 Wivenhoe Road Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8AQ

Comment: No objection.

**v)** **20/01588/FUL** | Removal of condition 1 of approved planning application 07/00846/FUL to enable the building to be occupied as two separate and independent dwelling houses. | Sherbro Colchester Main Road Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8AP

Comment: No objection.

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

**01.21.1758 Neighbourhood Plan update**

Cllr. Clark reported, before Christmas it was expected for the examiner to have concluded her review of the ANHP, but the examiner fell ill. The examiner had now confirmed she had started reviewing the ANHP. A site visit was to be undertaken but due to COVID-19 restrictions it wasn’t possible. A further update to be had by end of next week.

**01.21.1759 Bus shelter (The Pointer) Wivenhoe Road - Taylor Wimpey S106 settlement.**

It was proposed that, in principle, Alresford Parish Council accepted the following settlement so that the S106 commitments could be signed off; Real-time (electronic) travel information boards to be fitted and a sum of £5,000 to be paid to the Council in lieu of any proposals to alter the brick structure.

All in favour.

**Action: Clerk to inform Taylor Wimpey of the decision.**

**01.21.1760 Playingfield equipment inspections (continuation of item from Dec 2020 agenda).**

It was proposed that two professional inspections be carried out each year. Council to decide on firm/organisation to carry out work. Playquip cost £195 and ROSPA cost £208.20.

It was agreed to proceed with Playquip. All in favour.

**Action: Clerk to contact Playquip with decision.**

**01.21.1761 Consultations & surveys**

Council to decide which council members could assist with responses to:

1. Consultation on Transport for Colchester document – Cllr. F. Belgrove
2. Consultation/Survey on Colchester/Tendring Garden Community proposals (including link road) – Cllr. Wiggins, Cllr. Scott, Cllr. Osborne and Cllr. Clark
3. Other surveys that may be presented in January 2021 – Another Transport Survey which Cllr. F. Belgrove agreed to complete.

Cty. Cllr. Goggin arrived at 8.18pm

**01.21.1762 Instruction for Solicitor INFORMATION ONLY**

**i)** The Clerk in association with the Chairman had instructed Ellisons Solicitors to act for the Council (subject to quote) with regards to the land transfer conveyance to Alresford Parish Council of publicly accessed land at Staunton Gate. A quote from Ellisons will be forthcoming.

**ii)** The Clerk in association with the Chairman would be seeking advice from the TDC Monitoring Officer and Ellisons Solicitors regarding another legal matter (of a confidential nature) that required the Council’s attention.

**01.21.1763 Wivenhoe Road ‘entrance gates area’ suggested alterations (Cllr. Swash)**

Item deferred.

**01.21.1764 EALC Executive Consultation**

Council to respond to the consultation for Constitution changes. Cllr. F. Belgrove recommended that he and the Clerk put together a response and submit (with input from the rest of the council).

**01.21.1765 COVID-19 update**

Now in a National Lockdown, for more information please see the Gov.uk website National lockdown: Stay at Home - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

**01.21.1766 District Councillor’s report (Written Report) and 3 min verbal report**

See appendix 1.

**01.21.1767 Essex County Councillor Report (Written Report) and 3 min verbal report**

See appendix 2.

**01.21.1768 Council to consider reimbursement of conference call charges for 6th January 2021 meeting**

Reimbursement was agreed.

**01.21.1769 PCSO report –** no report due to holiday period.

**01.21.1770 Councillor’s to raise any matters they feel should be brought to the attention of the Council** (1 minute each councillor).

Cllr. Osborne – mobile cameras, where were we with them? Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council were waiting for grant approval. Handy Person seen litter picking outside of his working days/hours and it is greatly appreciated the effort put in trying to keep the village clean and tidy.

Cllr. Hammick – Concerns expressed for the increase in dog mess and litter in and around the village.

Cllr. L. Belgrove – Personnel Committee review, appreciate the time and work given by staff and

contractors.

**01.21.1771 Meeting closed at 9.01pm**

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

**District Councillor report – January 2021**

**Alresford Parish Council**

Happy New Year to everyone.

Tendring are still giving out support grants to businesses with the latest one that was announced yesterday although there may possibly be a delay in receiving them. Businesses are being encouraged to apply via the TDC website.

Ian Davidson has been emailing out the latest Covid information and details of Brexit and how it affects Tendring.

At Cabinet before Christmas Section 1 of the Local Plan has been approved. For Section 2 the Government has appointed two different inspectors to look at the plan and there will be a consultation coming out later this year for this part.

At Cabinet it discussed the amount of scam calls being received relating to Covid tests – please be aware.

Gary thanked TDC for grants that had been given to local businesses over the past 10 months.

Alresford

We have given out recycling boxes.

We have delivered medicines to residents.

We visited the new businesses in Alresford which have opened up recently.

Residents are complaining about the fact that the play area is still closed although we understand it should be opening soon!

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

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| **1.** | | **Full ECC Council.** | 8 December 20 | | Good motions for  1.pedestrian access  2.Tackling inequality in Essex  3.Ongoing support for residents & businesses.  4.Acknowledge support COVID to date & in the future. | | **AG spoke on item 4.**  **Mentioned Brightlingsea division including deliveries and role of local Councils & Councillors** | | |
| **2.** | | **Member locality grant** | AG Submitted | | Mobile CCTV + pleased to chat seat in Alresford  Over my division 6 submitted. 3 “pleased-to-talk” benches + a booth! | | **Awaiting acceptance.** | | |
| **3** | | **England Coastal footpath** | Mentioned at Dec meeting + request Cllr Belgrove | | Update. See notes below about stage 4 – going to stage 5. | | **The Secretary of State decision awaited** | | |
| **4** | | **Surface Water on roads** | Request from resident re water surface water. | | Quick check on ECC report page. Nothing I could find. If reported engineers will attend. Clean gutters. Often ditches on land. | | **As wettest December for 90 years not limited to Alresford** | | |
| **5.** | | **Christmas & half term holiday hunger initiative 30th** | Food for children normally on subsidized school meals. | | ECC use Govt funds [£6.3M]to fund direct foodbanks and agencies. Not massive take up in our area | | **New round of funds available. Any Alresford groups?** | | |
| **6.** | | **Essential Living fund** | In conjunction TDALC | | Clothing, furniture, food etc. | | **Funds available. Alresford request?** | | |
| **7.** | | **Colne School**  **Brightlingsea.** | Expansion | | Extra 300 places. Expansion agreed at Cabinet – AG endorsed. | | **LHP part. Zebra crossing at last. Meeting to agree 04/01/21 Part funded** | | |
| **8.** | | **B1027 speed review** | 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 08/12/20** | | **Trying to change “criteria”. From National to Hertfordshire. Kevin Bentley in favour. Mentioned at full council 08/12/20** | | |
| **9.** | | **MP’s Briefing. Bernard Jenkin & Will Quince** | | Views from Whitehall. Covid and BREXIT update 08/12/20 | Exchanged ideas & resident reviews COVID mainly.  Before decision made about Tendring tier 2! | | **Opportunity to listen but put views of residents and business’s** | | |
| **10.** | **Schools return** | | | Meetings over Xmas & New Year-several | | Portfolio-holder [RG] & Director [CK] of education. | | **Final decision taken from ECC control** |

**Stage of progress Coastal footpath.**

**Extract from web site.**

**Stage 4: Determine**

On 14 October 2020 Natural England submitted a collection of reports to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs setting out the proposals for improved access to the coast between Salcott and Jaywick.

The period for making representations and objections about the reports closed at midnight on 9 December 2020. The [reports](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-coast-path-from-salcott-to-jaywick-comment-on-proposals) are still available to view.

Objections are forwarded for consideration by an independent planning inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. The inspector will make recommendations to the Secretary of State in respect of each one.

Natural England may not make any further changes to the reports as a result of the representations and objections, but will make comments about them for consideration by the Secretary of State and, in the case of objections, the appointed person (an inspector from the Planning Inspectorate).

The Secretary of State will consider all the representations and objections before making a decision about each of Natural England’s reports. The reports in the collection may get approval at the same time. Some of them may need further consideration.

**Next steps**

**Stage 5: Open**

Once the Secretary of State has approved 1 or more of the reports, Natural England will start work with Essex County Council on preparing the route for public use.

The first step will be to contact owners and occupiers of the affected land to discuss the design and location of any new infrastructure which is required, such as signs and gates.

When preparations are complete, new access rights will be brought into force along the route and adjoining spreading room.