

**GREAT YELDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm, Reading Room, Gt Yeldham**

**Present:** Cllr Philip Rawlinson (Chairman)  
 Cllr Georgina Burr  
 Cllr Phil King  
 Cllr Mark Lovell  
 Cllr Gary Theobald  
 Cllr Barry Sargeant

**In attendance:** Tracy Wigmore (Parish Clerk)

1 member of the public present.

Nagaratnam Pirabakaran and Ian Woodcock from Essex Highways

Alex Leader from Rose Builders

- 21/159 Welcome and apologies for absence**  
**Apologies received from Cllrs Burrows and Marks.**
- 21/160 Declarations of Interest**  
**None declared.**
- 21/161 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council**  
**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were a correct record. All in favour.** Chairman signed the minutes.
- 21/162 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters of mutual interest.**

Resident expressed concerns regarding the proposed plans for 2 new prisons in Weathersfield and the impact the proposal will have on surrounding villages and Great Yeldham specifically Toppesfield Road which will be affected by increased traffic flow. The Ministry of Justice are seeking public views on the proposals which ends on the 8th November 2021. The resident stated that there was an adverse reaction to the proposals from most parish councils in the area and there seemed to be a lot of feeling that councils need to come together to oppose the proposals and plan next steps. The Chairman stated that the proposal was at an early stage in the process and that the PC would consider joining a 'group' if an invitation was extended; any planning application would consider by the PC through the 'formal' Local Planning Authority consultee process.

Resident expressed concerns regarding the recent Planning Application 21/02179/FUL - Fishing Lakes, Great Yeldham Hall, Toppesfield Road - Retention of 2 x caravan units for use as a temporary dwelling for Fishery Manager (revised location) and proposed fish hatchery. Concerns that the plans have been submitted incorrectly; the units are still in the same position. How can retrospective planning be submitted when the caravans and hatchery have not moved; the Application in the resident's opinion was incorrect. The Chairman stated that the Planning Application was received too late to meet the agenda deadline but the Parish Council would consider the points made; the Parish Council would respond to the local Planning Authority by the consultee end date of the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

- 21/163 Invitation to Cllr Peter Schwier, Essex County Council and Cllr Richard van Dulken, Braintree District Council to address the meeting on matters of mutual interest.**

Cllr Peter Schwier

- Essex Energy Switch – due to increase in energy prices, switch did not go ahead as prices were above the fixed variable tariff
- £600k was allocated for the half term free school meal vouchers
- Activate – 12,000 active Essex places were made available
- Budget – concerns regarding inflation costs there will be significant changes made to the budget to reflect the increase in costs.
- Vehicle Activate Signs can now be purchased by Parish Councils, the new VAS/SID application process is now available online via Essex Highways.
- Highways Highlights – October Edition: The Safer Essex Roads Partnership are working with Anglia Ruskin University on a research project into cycle safety and how drivers interact with cyclists on the road.
- A planning application has now been submitted for Chelmsford North East Bypass as part of a £250m investment, which also includes a new railway station at Beaulieu.

Cllr Van Dulken

- Ministry of Justice public Consultation on proposals for 2 new prisons in Weathersfield ends on the 8th November 2021.
- Fishing Lakes, owner has submitted a new application. Cllr Van Dulken to speak to Planning Officers how the new application impacts on the existing applications and enforcement notices.
- Councillors Community Grant Scheme - funding still available.
- Horizon 120 Business Park, very impressive 3 storey building underway. More information at [Horizon 120 Business Park News Page](#)
- Reviewing Budgets and Council Tax proposals - the Council is under great pressure, trying not to burden residents more than the council needs to.

21/164

**White Hart Bridge Deck Replacement**

Presentation by Nagaratnam Pirabakaran and Ian Woodcock from Essex Highways. Key points:

- Survey undertaken in 1991, 2006, 2017 and 2018 capacity is now 18T when completed will be 40T with a 120 years life span.
- 16 week traffic control (manual operation during peak hours) automatic traffic out of hours. Road has to be kept open.
- Divert services BT, County Broadband, Anglian Water UK Power Networks.
- Anticipated start date April 2022, work expected to last 4/5 months.
- Land owners on both sides of the carriage way have been consulted.
- Safety barriers will be erected on pathways (will be replaced but with existing width). Reconstructing flood arches replaced with concrete.
- Foundations will be checked once work commences will thicken if required which will extend the work programme timetable.
- Churchfield Bridge planning to reconstruct in 2023; so many issues seeking permission from Environment Agency for water ways. Works had to be postponed due to works required on the White Hart.
- Chain Bridge on Church Road, foundations need underpinning, works scheduled for 2025.

Document can be viewed at <https://greatyeldhampc.co.uk/white-hart-bridge-deck-replacement-essex-highways/>

- 21/165 ROSE Builders Ltd - Land South West of Church Road/Nuns Walk, Great Yeldham**  
Presentation from Alex Leader, Sales and Marketing Director.
- A traditional family-run firm of builders, contractors and developers established circa 1896. Are keen to engage with the local community.
  - An archaeological investigation of the site commenced in August 2021 and was completed in five weeks and uncovered remains dating from the Mesolithic/Neolithic, Iron Age and Roman periods. Findings have been sent away for cataloguing, will take several months for a report to be concluded. Findings to be displayed in village with a presentation by arachnologists. Article to be published in 4VM.
  - Nuns Green development is a collection of thirty three 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses and bungalows. Development on course, show house will be completed by May. Front section on road will be 13 allocated affordable housing the district council will allocate on housing need. Development should be complete by spring 2023. ng by fully complete spring 2023.
  - Transfer of Bowtells Meadow to the PC by the occupancy of the dwelling, spring 2023. Other improvements include: Bus stop improvements, Resurfacing the footpath past BT Exchange to end of site, Contribution to School Transport for Free School Bus. Liaising with St Andrews School –organising competition for pupils to take photos of the local area to put in the marketing brochure/welcome pack; facilitate day out on site for pupils.
  - Proposed street names: Oak Tree Green, Nuns walk and Nuns Green
- The Chairman thanked Mr Leader for the presentation.

- 21/166 Casual Vacancy – Co-option to Parish Council**  
No applications received. Cllr Burr report that there was a candidate interested but was unable to attend the meeting, review in January 2022.

**21/167 Planning Applications – Received as at 28/10/11**

21/02952/TPO	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 6/11 - T2 - SPRUCE - 80% Dead -Fell, T3 - SPRUCE - Crown lift to 60cm above flagpole on one side, T4 - SPRUCE - Crown lift to 60 cm above flagpole and to establish 2m lateral clearance. shorten single root by 60cm back from monument Root touching edge of monument slab, given presence of other trees and their intertwined roots, to shorten one root should not have a significant effect on trees integrity   28 Ridgewell Road Great Yeldham Essex CO9 4RG. <b>RESOLVED: No comments</b>
21/02991/TPOC ON	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Magnolia (T1) Crown reduction of 1-2 metres to control size and balance the shape.   Turner House North Road Great Yeldham Essex CO9 4QD. <b>RESOLVED: No comments</b>
21/02970/HH	Erection of single-storey side extension to north west elevation linking existing outbuilding to main dwelling, single-storey side extension to south east elevation and double garage.   Bailiffs Cottage Cherry Lane Great Yeldham Essex CO9 4HH. <b>RESOLVED: No comments</b>
21/03099/FUL	Erection of a two-storey medical centre with allocated parking.   Land North Of Osier Way Sible Hedingham Essex. <b>RESOLVED: No comments</b>
21/02992/HH	Erection of two-storey side extension   Long Barn At 37 Tilbury Road Great Yeldham Essex CO9 4JG <b>RESOLVED: No comments</b>

- 21/168 Planning Decisions -To note any decisions received as at 28/10/21**
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| 20/01603/HH      | Creation of off street parking and the provision of two dropped kerbs. St Crispins Leather Lane. <b>PENDING</b>   |
| 21/01636/HH      | Demolition of storage unit and single-storey section of existing dwelling. Erection of single-storey link and two-storey extension. Tollgate Cottage, Poole Street, Great Yeldham. <b>GRANTED</b>   |
| 21/02445/HH      | Proposed two-storey rear extension and internal alterations. Roosters, 17 Butlers Way, Great Yeldham. <b>WITHDRAWN</b>  |
| 21/01350/TPOC ON | Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - T1 - White Hornbeam Tree - Reduce/prune 3 - 5 foot. The Old Rectory, Church Road, Great Yeldham. <b>GRANTED</b>  |
| 21/02615/TPO     | Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 24/2010 - Complete removal of 1 Poplar Tree because of considerable concern from the neighbouring property owners due to the risk of considerable damage to their property. 47 Butlers Way, Great Yeldham, Essex. <b>PENDING</b> |
| 21/02856/HH      | Proposed changes to existing garage and a new double garage. Spaynes Hall, Cherry Lane, Great Yeldham. <b>PENDING</b>   |
- 21/169 Mens Shed**  
Update by Cllr Rawlinson. Feedback from Essex Mens Shed Network (EMSN) indicated that they are currently concentrating on existing sheds any support with new sheds has been deferred. The ideal base for a new shed would be on a concrete base, location would suit Recreation Ground. Need to obtain a container as a starter shed have spoken to ROSE builders but they have no spare containers. Until containers can be sourced the project will not be able to progress. Power tools can be obtained via EMSN. First phase would be to consult with residents on proposals and to explain how the project works. Cllr Sargeant stated they he may be able to source 2 x 20ft containers at a cost of £750 each plus cost of transportation. Update to be provided at the next PC meeting.
- 21/170 Draft Budget/Precept 2022/23**  
Report prepared by the Finance Working Group (Rpt circa). The Clerk reported that Braintree District Council will advise Council Tax Base figures early December, therefore it would be prudent to hold a PC meeting in early January to approve the Budget/Precept for 2022/23.  
**For note and comment.**
- 21/171 Clerks Report**  
Councillors to review actions list, update and report progress to date. (Rpt circa).
- Installation of Cemetery Car Park completed
  - Installation of Outdoor Exercise Equipment completed
  - Notice Board has been delayed due to Covid outbreak in factory.
  - Dog Bag Dispenser installed outside side gate of St Andrews Primary School
- For note and comment.**
- 21/172 To approve the monthly invoices and accounts due for payment.**  
The list of payments was presented. **RESOLVED: that payments of £26,607.67 be approved. All in favour.** The Accounts for Payment were signed by Cllrs Rawlinson and Sargeant.
- 21/173 Receipts and Payments for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**  
The Clerk presented the Receipts and Payments report. There were no queries or comments **RESOLVED: That the report be approved. All in favour.**

**21/174 Information Exchange/Communication Received/Next Agenda Items Only**

Agenda Items:

- Mens Shed Update
- Budget/Precept 2022/23

Information Exchange:

- Christmas Tree and Carol Service to be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 4.30pm with St Andrews School choir, children will be crafting tree decorations, drinks served outside exploring options with mobile catering company.
- Emergency Plan: pallet of salt received from ECC. Need to review the number of sandbags required, Cllr Rawlinson to speak to Handyman. Would be advantage to have 50 spare sandbags. Gritting machine already for winter
- Remembrance Day: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 10.50 am at St Andrews PCC. Parish Council Wreath has been ordered.

**21/175 Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.14 pm