

GREAT YELDHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 7th July 2022 at 7.30pm, Reading Room, Gt Yeldham

Present: Cllr Philip Rawlinson (Chairman)
 Cllr John Marks
 Cllr Anne Burrows
 Cllr Mark Lovell
 Cllr Barry Sargeant
 Cllr Gary Theobald

In attendance: Tracy Wigmore (Parish Clerk)
 No members of the public present.

- 22/115 Welcome and apologies for absence**
 Apologies received from Cllr Burr, Cllr King and Cllr Reddin.
- 22/116 Declarations of Interest - None declared.**
- 22/117 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2022 were a correct record. All in favour. Chairman signed the minutes.
- 22/118 Public Participation Session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters of mutual interest.** None present.
- 22/119 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 van Dulken
- Appointed BDS's representative to Standsted Airport Consultative Committee (STACC) <http://www.stacc.info/>
 - Attended Suffolk's Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) had to evacuate due to outbreak of a fire on site. Collection rate cost for plastic is high; 50% goes to MRF other 50% to Colchester. Food recycling company based in Halstead.
 - BDC has received the final report from the Planning Inspectors setting out their conclusions on the soundness and the legal compliance of Section 2 of the Local Plan. The report concludes that, subject to main modifications set out, the Braintree Local Plan Section 2 2017–2033 is sound, legally compliant, and capable of adoption. The Inspectors' Report is available for public inspection on the Council's website: www.braintree.gov.uk/S2InspectorsReport
 - Horizon 120 – has received £7m grant towards the project. The Plaza completed in June 2022 will provide flexible workspace. Phase 2 will provide other on-site employee amenities e.g gym, cafe, retail, childcare provision. 9 companies have signed up. Hatcheries will be available to rent on a daily/weekly basis. <https://www.horizon120.com/>
 - COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) available to support those businesses affected by the pandemic but that are ineligible for existing support linked to business rates. <https://www.braintree.gov.uk/business/covid-19-additional-relief-fund-carf>
 - Strawberry Fields short pathway from the estate to the Recreation Ground to the west (Station View) no sign of it – will email Planning to investigate.
 - Queen's Platinum Jubilee - very impressive event with lots of positive feedback.
 - BDC Councillor Community Grant towards redecorating the inside of the pavilion, pleased to see progress made. Further grants available to decorate the outside.
 - MP James Cleverly Minister for Education

Cllr Peter Schwier

- E Scooter Travel pilot trials in 6 locations across the county including Braintree have taken place. The site in Braintree not so successful, scooters were given to individuals for about a month in Springfield site but there was not enough usage. Requires further data to see if the scheme has been successful, the trial will now be moved to Braintree town centre.
- Street Light Replacement Programme on target bring many benefits for both residents and the environment as they save on average around 60% energy usage and thousands of tons of carbon emissions involved in generating electricity, a better service and more effective use of taxpayer's money, as after 25 years the net savings estimated at £39 million.
- Reviewing Household waste – looking at how to increase weekly collection per household as it remains static at 1060 kilos per year, still high levels of waste going to landfill.
- Council Tax - 96% collection rate, very good considering Covid and Cost of Living crisis
- Fibre across Essex, 3700 additional homes connected compared to original targets.
- £750,000 support Essex tourism strategy with emphasis on coastal walks and supporting and continuing tourism in 'Love Local – Shop Eat Drink Visit'. Encouraging everyone to get behind the small business community in Essex and enjoy the benefits that come with local shopping, dining and visiting. By choosing local businesses, we can boost the economy, create jobs, support our communities and help meet net-zero targets.
- Cllr Theobald referred to the recent publication of Highways Highlight and the article on member led pot-holes initiative. The footpaths are very bad in Gt Yeldham and have been reported, for some time, on the Report It System but no repairs have been undertaken – who do we approach to have these reviewed/repared. Clerk to send details to Cllr Schwier.

22/120 Planning Applications – Received as at 01/07/22

22/01674/LBC Removal of porch to the existing rear door; removal of rear external door and window; new rear window and patio doors; new internal partition to form Wc. | 2 Thatched Cottages, Leather Lane, Great Yeldham. |Consultation End: 26/07/22
RESOLVED that the Parish Council had 'No Comments'

22/121 Planning Decisions as at 01/07/22

22/00552/HH Retention of 1.8m boundary fence adjacent to highway. Canie Hall, Toppesfield Road, Great Yeldham. **PENDING**

22/01025/TPO Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 24/10 - Poplar (T1) Fell the tree. Poplar Cottage Leather Lane Great Yeldham Essex CO9 4JA. **GRANTED PART REFUSED - Consent is Granted for Poplar to be Monolith to approximately 4 – 5m.**

22/01292VAR Removal of Condition 2 (Agricultural Occupancy) of permission HALR/511/68 granted 20.05.1969 for: Erection of farm managers house. I Poole Farm House, Poole Street, Great Yeldham. **GRANTED**

22/01355/ELD Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use - Use of existing caravan as independent residential accommodation. LOCATION : Caravan Rear Of The Tractor Shed Nuns Walk Church Road, Great Yeldham Essex CO9 4PT. **PENDING**

22/122 Mens Shed

Update by Cllr Lovell. (Location Plan circa). The group will be meeting with UK Power networks to investigate feasibility to take power from the post rather than electricity coming from pavilion; this will involve burying extensive cable lengths. Need to investigate the estimated power usage required and the cost of a direct power supply. The plan illustrates the preferred location site for the shed. Next week visiting Benfleet

and Rayleigh sheds to obtain understanding of what's involved, set up/operational cost, problems, power consumption, operating/managing a Shed. The Parish Council will receive a grant of £5,000 to set up the project which will fund the purchase of 2 containers, removal and transport and electricity connection.

RESOLVED: That the preferred site for the Men's Shed is located at the Recreation Ground near the Skate Park, illustrated on the Location Plan attached to the agenda. All in favour.

22/123 ROSPA – Annual Inspection

The annual safety inspection reports for play equipment located at Bowtells Meadow and the Recreation Ground were received. (Rpts Circa). Areas identified as medium/high risk included Swings, Skate Park, Zip Wire and Adult Rower – Clerk to organise repairs to equipment where indicated. Caloo to undertake repairs to the Zip Wire and Rower. Surfaces in Play Park and Skate Park need replacing but very expensive will need to explore funding sources. Wet Pour had been recently vandalised, area had been fenced off with notice - monitoring the situation. Handyman to undertake repairs to the wet pour surface. Rubbish bins vandalised at the skate park. Article in 4VM regarding the incidents, highlighting the cost of repairs and replacements to taxpayers.

For note

22/124 Clerks Report

Councillors to review actions list, update and report progress to date. (Rpt circa).

- 4 Minutes First Aid Training: Re-organised to 12th October 2022
- Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Year Ended 31 March 2022 completed and returned to external auditor. Notice of public rights and publication of unaudited annual governance & Accountability posted to website/notice board. Review completed by September 2022
- Local Council Award - website updated to comply with criteria, need to register with NALC to reapply for re-accreditation.
- Clerk to shorten the format of the report.

For note.

22/125 To approve the monthly invoices and accounts due for payment (rpt circa). The list of payments was presented. **RESOLVED: that payments of £8922.45 be approved. All in favour.** The Accounts for Payment were signed by Cllrs Rawlinson and Marks.

22/126 Receipts and Payments for the period ending 30th June 2022 (rpt circa).

The Clerk presented the Receipts and Payments report. There were no queries or comments **RESOLVED: That the report be approved. All in favour.**

22/127 Information Exchange/Communication Received/Next Agenda Items Only

- Great Yeldham Post Office: Service will be provided Monday mornings 9.30–11.30 am in the Reading Room, service will run via a mobile phone. Currently trialling in Weathersfield but not working properly, once technicalities sorted will run the service in the village.
- Request received by resident for additional drop kerbs to be installed outside the Nisa shop to the other side on Bridge St, this would assist in enabling their mobility scooter to travel to the cemetery/church. Cllrs considered the request but it was deemed that there was an adequate alternative route available. Cllr Marks to contact resident with the route.
- Princes Grants up to £25k available, possible projects included Heat source pumps/solar panels for Reading Room and Recreation Ground.

- Village magazine deadline changed to the 20th each month to ensure delivery by 1st of the month. Clerk to contact the distributors to highlight the importance of delivering by the 1st of each month.
- Queens Platinum Jubilee Event: very successful with over 300 residents attending, received lots of positive feedback from residents. In addition to the lottery funding of £2940, Rose Builders donated £500 to the event which was gratefully received by the Parish Council.
- Dean Family Fair will be at Bowtells Meadow opening from 19th-24th September 2022

22/128 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 4th August 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Future Meeting Dates:

- Thursday 1st September 2022
- Thursday 6th October 2022
- Thursday 3rd November 2022
- Thursday 1st December 2022
- Thursday 2nd February 2023
- Thursday 2nd March 2023