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Parish Council meeting of Monday 10th July 2017 at 8.00pm, Village Hall, Pye Corner, Gilston

PRESENT: Cllr Beazley, Geddes, Hughes, Orson, Wightwick, Christine Law (Parish Clerk), Robert Brunton (District Councillor), Eric Buckmaster (County Councillor), 4 members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- a. Fly Tipping – complaints were raised concerning the increased incidence of fly tipping particularly in the St Mary’s Church, Gilston area. The Clerk informed the meeting that East Herts Council only clears waste from roadside verges or Council property and if waste is tipped on private land it is the landowner’s responsibility to clear. There will be an item in the August magazine with more information for residents. The Clerk will speak to the land agent and tenant farmer to see if the Parish Council can help in any way.
- b. Gilston Area Workshop – there was discussion around what can be done to encourage more participation from residents in District Plan consultation workshops. It was noted that all meetings are publicised and outcomes reported. There was a suggestion that wider use of social media should be considered to improve visibility of events. It was asked if we can obtain a full set of the maps as presented at the last workshop to make available to residents. The Clerk will write to Places for People requesting A1 copies of maps and presentation material.
- c. District Plan Examination in Public [EIP] - The Parish Council expects to be represented and participate in the District Plan EIP but this is still to be confirmed as is the date for the EIP [likely October 2017].
- d. Terlings Park – for information only. It was reported that Bloor Homes and Miller Homes will be leaving the site by the end of July.

Business meeting started at 8.30pm.

19. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a. None received.

20. TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR’S DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- a. None given.

21. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

- a. Robert Wightwick was co-opted to the Parish Council.

22. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- a. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 8th May 2017 were proposed by Cllr Hughes and seconded by Cllr Beazley. The minutes signed as a true record by Chairman Cllr Orson.

- b. Minutes of the business meeting of 8th May 2017 were proposed by Cllr Beazley and seconded by Cllr Hughes. The minutes signed as a true record by Chairman Cllr Orson.

23. ACCOUNTS

- a. The Councils written accounts summary had been distributed before the meeting and were accepted by full council. (Appendix 1).
- b. Zurich Insurance- it was agreed to renew the council insurance for another year at the sum of £257.60.
- c. HAPTC Transparency Fund. The Clerk informed the meeting that a grant for £332.53 has been received.

Items a-b were proposed by Cllr Geddes and seconded by Cllr Hughes and agreed by full council.

24. PLANNING AND ASSOCIATED APPLICATIONS

- a. Gilston Area, North of Harlow – Request for a Scoping Opinion – This document has been reviewed and no comments made.
- b. 15 Channoeks Lane, Gilston – the applicant has taken this planning application to appeal and the appeal has been granted.
- c. 36 Pye Corner, Gilston – Two storey side and single storey rear extension – planning permission has been granted with conditions.
- d. 19 School Cottages, Gilston – the applicant has taken this planning application to appeal and the appeal has been dismissed.

25. STOP HARLOW NORTH CAMPAIGN

- a. Cllr Hughes stated that preparation for the EIP is underway but there is nothing new to report. Awaiting the dates of the EIP.

26. PARISH PATHS

- a. Nothing to report.

27. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- a. Cllr Orson informed the meeting that the Neighbourhood Plan needs to fit within the District Plan and until this is approved we cannot make more progress. The Neighbourhood Plan Group are continuing to meet and are engaged with the District Plan consultation process and working on preparation for the EIP on behalf of the Parish Council.
- b. The designated area for our joint Neighbourhood Plan with Hunsdon is defined by the parish boundaries of Hunsdon and Eastwick & Gilston. Hunsdon is facing a number of new planning applications for housing development in their village and will need to make faster progress on their Hunsdon Village Neighbourhood Plan than might be possible with the scope of the current designated area. Hunsdon village will therefore need to be treated separately to the District Plan proposal for the Gilston Area that overlaps both parishes and the villages of Eastwick and Gilston.

It was agreed to support the proposal to separate Hunsdon Village from the current Neighbourhood Plan designated area and to continue working with Hunsdon on the Gilston Area that overlaps both parishes. As the villages of Eastwick and Gilston are contained [currently] by Green Belt there are not the same immediate issues with planning applications in this area and no other action is needed.

28. HIGHWAYS

- a. Cllr Beazley informed the meeting that she has met with representative from Highways and is waiting for their response on the following matters:
 - i. Improving speed calming measures through Pye Corner.
 - ii. Provision of speed calming measures through the village of Eastwick.
 - iii. Provision of lighting on the footpath from Terlins Park to the Dusty Miller.
 - iv. Extending the 50mph limit on the A414 from the Acorn Street junction to Eastwick Lodge roundabout.

29. VILLAGE SIGNS

- a. Cllr Orson informed the meeting that progress is being made on the artwork and will report in detail at the November meeting.

30. NEW HOMES BONUS

- a. The suggestions we have had to date are:
 - i. Notice board for Terlins residents at Burnt Mill Lane entrance to the site.
 - ii. Revision of the street furniture at Pye Corner especially the safety barrier.
 - iii. Clearing of weeds and the resurfacing of the footpath through Pye Corner.
 - iv. Traffic calming within the village of Eastwick.

31. ADOPT A KIOSK

- a. The Community Heartbeat Trust charity (CHT) help communities turn their adopted telephone boxes into medical centres, by using them as homes for Public Access Defibrillators. Cllr Hughes reported that he has made an application for the redundant phone box at Pye Corner and will do the same for the phone box in the village of Eastwick.

32. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. East Herts – Physical Activity Strategy consultation.

33. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

- a. None.

34. ITEMS COUNCILLORS WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE NEXT AGENDA

- a. None.

35. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

a. Date of next meeting is Monday 11th September 2017.

b. Apologies were given for this meeting by Cllr Orson and Cllr Wightwick

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

EASTWICK AND GILSTON PARISH			
ACCOUNTS 2016-2017			
Bank Accounts as of 31.3.2016		Balance as of 30.6.2017	
Current	£ 4,565.41	£ 2,322.22	
Reserve	£ 6,426.41	£ 16,459.22	
less uncashed cheques	£ -	£ -	
TOTAL	£ 10,991.82	£ 18,781.44	

Income and Expenditure for the period 22nd February - 30 June 2017

DATE PAYMENT MADE/RESOLUTION	DETAILS	METHOD OF PAYMENT	EXPENDITRE	INCOME	TOTAL BALANCE
22nd February	VAT refund	income		£ 551.41	£ 19,523.75
28th February	Nat West- Interest	income		£ 0.13	£ 19,523.88
1st March	Mrs Law - Salary	SO	£ 197.60		£ 19,326.28
7th March	Shogun Print	bacs	£ 198.00		£ 19,128.28
20th March	Shogun Print	bacs	£ 152.00		£ 18,976.28
23rd March	Village Hall	chq 564	£ 210.00		£ 18,766.28
30th March	SuffolkA LC	bacs	£ 60.00		£ 18,706.28
31st March	Nat West- Interest	income		£ 0.14	£ 18,706.42
1st April	Mrs Law - Salary	SO	£ 197.60		£ 18,508.82
1st April	Petty Cash	bacs	£ 200.00		£ 18,308.82
18th April	D Buxton - wm	bacs	£ 40.00		£ 18,268.82
25th April	Shogun Print	bacs	£ 175.00		£ 18,093.82
28th April	EHDC 1/2 precept	income		£ 2,450.00	£ 20,543.82
28th April	Nat West- Interest	income		£ 0.13	£ 20,543.95
2nd May	Mrs Law - Salary	SO	£ 197.60		£ 20,346.35
9th May	HAPTC	bacs	£ 365.90		£ 19,980.45
9th May	Mrs Law - back pay	bacs	£ 5.08		£ 19,975.37
25th May	Mr Orson - plants	bacs	£ 184.94		£ 19,790.43
25th May	D Buxton - wm	bacs	£ 40.00		£ 19,750.43
25th May	D Buxton - planters	bacs	£ 40.00		£ 19,710.43
25th May	Shogun Print - June	bacs	£ 152.00		£ 19,558.43
25th May	Shogun Print - An Re	bacs	£ 122.00		£ 19,436.43
31st May	Nat West- Interest	income		£ 0.15	£ 19,436.58
1st June	Mrs Law - Salary	SO	£ 200.14		£ 19,236.44
19th June	D Buxton - planters	bacs	£ 40.00		£ 19,196.44
22nd June	D Buxton - wm	bacs	£ 40.00		£ 19,156.44
23rd June	Shogun Print - July	bacs	£ 175.00		£ 18,981.44
30th June	Nat West- Interest	income		£ 0.14	£ 18,981.58
3rd July	Mrs Law - Salary	SO	£ 200.14		£ 18,781.44

GRANTS

PARISH PATH BENCHES			TRANSPARENCY CODE	
			Grant Received 24.12.15	£ 826.22
Grant Received			Computer - spent 2015/2016	-£ 728.98
29.8.2012	£	724.50	VAT reclaimed	£ 121.49
Spent 2014/2015	-£	441.48	Grant Received 13.6.16	£ 325.04
			Spent in 2016	-£ 325.04
Balance	£	342.17	Balance	£ 218.73

VILLAGE PLANTERS		
Grant Received 19.11.2014	£	5,000.00
Spent 2015/2016	-£	2,115.20
VAT reclaimed	£	219.43
Spent 2016/2017	-£	624.49
25.5.17 Plants	-£	184.94
Maintenance	-£	40.00
Maintenance	-£	40.00
Balance	£	2,214.80

