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Parish Council meeting of Monday 11th March 2019 at 8.00pm, Village Hall, Pye Corner, Gilston

PRESENT: Cllr Beazley, Bryant, Geddes, Orson, Christine Law (Parish Clerk), Cllr Buckmaster (HCC) and 3 members of the public.

The first part of the meeting was The Annual Parish Meeting

- a. Litter Picking – Residents are very concerned about the infrequent litter picks and areas missed from litter picks along the A414, Eastwick Lodge Roundabout and the C161 from Eastwick Lodge to Redricks Lane. Cllr Buckmaster explained that in response to Parish Council and residents' requests that he had attended a meeting on 13 February with our District Councillor and representatives of the East Herts Council contractors when these matters were discussed. See Cllr Buckmaster's report for details of this meeting. It was agreed that as the initial litter picks have now taken place along the C161 Cllr Buckmaster would follow up with the contractors to discuss litter picks of the remaining areas and proactive scheduling of litter picks
- b. Dog Waste Bin – It was asked if a dog waste bin could be installed on the private road in Gilston Park. The resident was informed that as this is a private road they would need to make this request to their management committee.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm which was then followed by the business meeting of the Parish Council

83) TO RECEIVED APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a) Cllrs, Hughes, Wightwick, Brunton (EHC).
- b) Cllr Brunton's written report is at the end of these minutes with Cllr Buckmaster's report.

84) TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR'S DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- a) None given.

85) MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- a) Minutes of the Parish Council of 12th November 2018 – these were proposed by Cllr Geddes and seconded by Cllr Beazley.
- b) Minutes of the Parish Council of 14th January 2019 – these were proposed by Cllr Bryant and seconded by Cllr Beazley.
- c) Then both sets were signed by Cllr Orson as a true record.

86) ACCOUNTS

- a) The Councils written accounts summary had been distributed before the meeting and were accepted by full council (Appendix 1). These were proposed by Cllr Geddes and seconded by Cllr Beazley.

- b) Village Hall hire – it was proposed by Cllr Geddes and seconded by Cllr Beazley that the sum of £240.00 be paid for the hire of the hall for 2018-2019.
- c) Clerk’s salary – the new NALC and NJC agreed pay scale will commence on 1st April 2019. Following advice from HAPTC the scale point of the clerks salary has been increased and the clerk’s salary will change from this date. This was proposed by Cllr Bryant and seconded by Cllr Beazley.

87) PLANNING AND ASSOCIATED APPLICATIONS

- a) South Lodge, Eastwick – two storey side extension. Awaiting decision.
- b) Nosey Barkers, Plume of Feathers – This has gone to appeal, awaiting decision.
- c) East Anglia Trials Park, Redricks Lane. This has gone to appeal, awaiting decision.
- d) A414 Corridor Strategy Consultation. The Neighbourhood Planning Group has submitted a response on behalf of the Parish Council and written separately to the Leader of HCC and the Highways Portfolio holder regarding significant deficiencies in the consultation process. The submission and separate letter will be published in the Parish Magazine.
- e) Stop the Quarry – Stanstead Abbots Parish Council has commissioned Strutt and Parker to respond to the proposals for minerals extraction on the Briggens Estate. East Herts Council have also responded strongly objecting to these proposals.
- f) Terlings update – Cllr Beazley reported that the Terlings Park Management Company has been established and a board of resident directors appointed. A list of outstanding works has been agreed with Chamonix Estates and Bloor Homes and is being progressed. The primary contact at Chamonix has now left and her replacement is to be appointed. Current issues that are concerning residents include requests for CCTV and improved lighting in response to thefts from vehicles.

88) PARISH PATHS

- a) Cllr Bryant and Orson have met with Nicholas Maddex the Access Project Officer Countryside & Rights of Way and the following was agreed.
 - i) P3 Grant is ending this year however HCC Countryside & Rights of Way is merging with Countryside Management Service and resources may be made available for rights of way construction projects in future.
 - ii) RoW Maintenance Schedule
 - (1) **Mowing or strimming** of footpaths has been reduced from 3 cuts to 2 cuts per year these being late May / June and August / September.
 - (2) Nicholas will provide PDF copies of the OS Definitive Map with footpaths colour marked. This PDF Map can only be used under license by the PC for RoW business and may not be otherwise published. Potential to publish map and mowing schedule on Parish Website [OS licence to publish required].
 - (3) PC to provide feedback and suggestion for any changes / additions to the mowing schedule by end of March
 - iii) There is a need for the PC to initiate regular walks across the parish footpath network and to report any maintenance issues to RoW via Parish Clerk. Potential for walker volunteers to replace waymark signs and possibly attend other training for other tasks. Nicholas to provide details of volunteer scheme and provision of waymarks.
 - iv) District Plan housing development - Neighbourhood Plan Group and RoW to coordinate requests to landowners for footpaths, bridleways and construction project improvements to be included under Neighbourhood Plan “early wins” heading.

89) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- a) Cllr Bryant reported
 - i) NPG meetings are held monthly, and the next meeting is scheduled for Saturday 16th March. All meeting minutes can be found on the HEGNP web site.

- ii) Places for People and City and Provincial Property are in the process of submitting outline planning applications and will be presenting their proposals at events to be held in Gilston and Hunsdon Village Halls as well as in Harlow. Details have been published in the parish magazine and website.
- iii) As reported under Planning and Associated Applications the NPG has responded to the A414 Consultation.

90) HIGHWAYS

- a) Cllr Beazley – had nothing to report.

91) NEW HOMES BONUS

- a) Defibrillators – Cllr Bryant has been investigating potential locations, funding and installation of defibrillators and will report progress at our next meeting.

92) VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- a) Cllr Bryant reported that AGM minutes are on the community web site with business meeting minutes to follow.
- b) The next meeting is on Monday 25th March and all residents are welcome.
- c) A subcommittee has been established to look at possible improvements to the village hall facilities and attracting new groups to use the village hall. This will be reported at the next meeting.

93) SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

- a) Cllr Wightwick not in attendance so deferred to next meeting.

94) FLY TIPPING

- a) A progress review meeting is scheduled for 22 March and will be attended by representatives of the EHC Enforcement Team, Parish Council, police and land owners.
- b) Nick Kirby the EHC Enforcement Team Manager has reported the following progress as at the end of January.
 - i) Since October we have issued 6 Fixed penalty notices for small fly tips / single black bags dumped in East Herts
 - ii) My team are currently preparing 5 cases for court
 - iii) We have investigated 34 cases with potential evidence. 24 of these cases are still ongoing (including 2 in Gilston, 1 in Eastwick area)
 - iv) Further publicity around fly tipping due to go out in March / April / May
 - v) Team have met with colleagues from Epping District Council and Welwyn Hatfield to investigate options for cameras before we purchase.

95) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Parish Council Elections – The meeting was informed that this was the last meeting of this council before the elections on Thursday 2nd May 2019. Councillors have been sent nomination papers that will need to be completed and returned to EHC.
- b) Eastwick and Gilston Parish Council need 7 Parish Councillors – 3 residents from Eastwick and 4 residents from Gilston. If any residents are interested in standing for the role of parish councillor, please contact the parish clerk for more information.

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

- a) None.

97) ITEMS COUNCILLORS WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE NEXT AGENDA

- a) None.

98) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- a) The date of the next meeting will be on Monday 13th May 2019, 8.00pm, Village Hall, Pye Corner. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council - followed by the business meeting of the Parish Council

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

District Councillor's Jan/Feb Report

General Business

There was a planning committee meeting on the 13th of February and the first of the District Plan allocated sites in Sawbridgeworth came forward. This gave the planning committee a good indication of the level of involvement a community could start to have on the master planning process. The residents had reservations and objections to the development (increased number of units, traffic and travel, etc) which were expressed to our planning officers and presented at committee. These concerns had been considered by the officers and where possible addressed through the statutory bodies. Unfortunately these issues, although expressed passionately before committee, had for the most part been answered through the planning process afforded to an already allocated site. This is important to us in our ward as it has proved a good indication of the limitations to the master planning process and the importance of the local communities having a clear indication (a wish list if you like) of their expectations as each allocated site comes forward.

There was a Harlow and Gilston Garden Town Members Board meeting on the 4th. Which was well attended by all authorities. The Garden Town Vision document was adopted and a presentation was also given by the organisation called 'Thinking Place' who were commissioned to carry out a survey as to how the concept of a garden town may be better understood by all local communities. I thought the feedback was very helpful and indicated that the bigger picture of the garden town was beginning to be accepted. The reservations we all have are the same for the south and east of Harlow where there are other major development areas associated with the emerging garden town.

Eric and I attended a meeting with HCC and their associated road cleaning contractors at the Gilston Village Hall. This was set up at the request of the local parish council and residents who are very concerned about the level of litter accumulating on the C161 and the 414. We were able to get a better understanding of the health and safety limitations our contractors have to work under plus the scheduling processes required. We were assured that the verges of the C161 will be attended to and the grass cutting on the 414 should be taking place from April.

There was the first Ware development steering group meetings held on the 7th. Wareside parish council were represented and pushed the point about local community improvements plus school placements away from the actual development site. I thought the developers were trying to get as locally engaged as they could and have asked for 'specific community requirements' to be brought to them directly for consideration. As always there are no guarantees, but it's a good start.

I'll be working away most weekdays in March and not available during Purdah pre elections. It's been my privilege to serve as your ward member for the last four years and I wish you all the very best in the future.

Sincerely
Bob Brunton

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County Councillor report Feb/March 2019

Consultations still in progress

Minerals Local Plan Review

We'll be publishing the Proposed Submission Minerals Local Plan between 14 January 2019 and 22 March 2019.

This is the minerals planning document we will submit to the Secretary of State for consideration by an independent Planning Inspector. We publish this Regulation 19 Plan so we can invite comments regarding the 4 tests of soundness.

The timetable for producing the Minerals Local Plan is as follows:

Minerals Local Plan Timetable

Season	Year	Key stages
Winter/spring	2017/18	Draft Plan Consultation
Winter/spring	2019	Proposed Submission
Summer	2019	Submission to Secretary of State
Autumn	2019	Examination
Summer	2020	Adoption of Minerals Local Plan

There is a Non Key Decision about to be made by the Leader of East Herts Council regarding the response to Hertfordshire Minerals Consultation. It is out for members consultation and the decision will be made next Wednesday 13th. It concerns an objection to the inclusion of Briggens as a preferred option. Once the decision is made next week I'll forward you a full copy of the response.

Blue badge consultation

The government is proposing changing the eligibility criteria for the Blue Badge scheme to include people with non-physical conditions. This is part of their objective to ensure that those people with the greatest need have access to badges, whilst ensuring the scheme remains sustainable.

The consultation opened on 21 January and can be found online at [Blue Badge \(Disabled Parking\) Eligibility Review Consultation](#)

This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 18 March 2018.

Hertfordshire councils gearing up for growth

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Hertfordshire's growth over the next 12 to 15 years comes with a significant infrastructure requirement which a new study has found will cost up to £6bn.

The 11 councils in Hertfordshire are planning for the delivery of around 100,000 new homes in the county by 2031, and have commissioned a comprehensive study of the likely cost of the infrastructure that this development will need – such as transport, schools and healthcare facilities.

The key findings of the **Hertfordshire Infrastructure and Funding Prospectus 2018-2031 (HIFP)** are that by 2031:

- There will be around 100,000 new homes - an increase of more than 20% of the current total housing stock.

- There will be at least 107,000 more people living in Hertfordshire – and it is estimated this number could be closer to 175,000.
- There will be an extra 20% of traffic on all roads, and for example an additional 30% on the A414, if we don't take action. However, our Local Transport Plan (LTP4) is prioritising pedestrians, cyclists and public transport – key to encouraging less reliance on cars.
- Of the projected total infrastructure bill of nearly £6bn, only £1.4bn has already been identified or is being raised through funded schemes.
- At present, it is estimated that the contributions from developers and land-owners will cover less than 20% of this £6bn bill.

As with other parts of the UK, we are facing up to the challenge of how to accommodate a growing population. Hertfordshire's local authorities have set up a Growth Board to work together to support the delivery of good, sustainable growth in the county.

It will help us plan where we need to provide new infrastructure, and work with the wider development industry which will provide employment sites and facilities for residents.

The Growth Board will use this prospectus to prioritise infrastructure schemes, to secure support from central government and support a funding strategy.

To find out more about how we are planning for growth in Hertfordshire, please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hifp.

Trailblazing new Mental Health Support pilot being rolled out in Hertfordshire schools

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Thousands of children and young people in Hertfordshire are set to benefit from vital early specialist mental health intervention as part of a national pilot.

In November the government appointed Hertfordshire as one of just 25 areas to launch Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) – a key initiative to meet the increasing number of children and young people seeking support for mental health issues.

Two Hertfordshire schools are now set up as hubs for the teams, with a western hub based at St Albans Girls' School and an eastern hub at Rivers Education Support Centre in Hoddesdon, providing accommodation for meetings, supervision and administration.

Each of the two MHSTs will support between 10 and 20 schools with a population of around 8,000 pupils, working in conjunction with a designated mental health lead in each school. Eight new workers are currently being trained in evidence-based interventions and other members of the team are being recruited. These teams will be fully operational from December 2019.

It will further improve links between mental health services and schools to ensure children, parents and teachers know where they can get support and help for young people with mental health concerns.”

The two teams of support workers could include youth workers as well as mental health practitioners, providing evidence-based support in community venues, not just schools. There are also plans to roll-out parent education programmes.

The two MHSTs would work across the range of educational settings including special needs schools, Education Support Centres (ESCs) and Further Education (FE) colleges, and test how teams can work with other services and build on the wider transformation of mental health care for children and young people.

Workers will be employed by Hertfordshire mental health services provider Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (HPFT), once they complete their training later this year.

A fast-track programme to train the next generation of social workers is looking for new recruits in Hertfordshire.



Step Up to Social Work is a national government initiative which funds graduates and career changers to retrain for a rewarding career supporting children and families in need.

Since its launch in 2010, hundreds of people throughout the country have completed the programme – with 65 graduates qualifying locally.

The scheme offers students a bursary of just under £20,000 to support them whilst in training on the 14-month programme

Notification of Bishop's Stortford North School Sponsor Competition – 18 February to 12 April 2019

Hertfordshire County Council has launched a competition process to find a sponsor to deliver new school provision for children and young people aged three to eighteen at Bishop's Stortford North. The aspiration is for the new 6 form of entry (f.e.) secondary school and two primary schools, a 2 f.e. and a 3 f.e., to be run as a new and innovative all-through learning village.

To find out more please go to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolplanningBSN where you will find the specification, the county council's assessment criteria and application form.

Council Tax and Budget Plans for 2019/20

Protecting vital frontline services, sound financial management, and responding to the needs of Hertfordshire's growing population are the key aims of our proposed budget for 2019/20, which will be considered by the council's Cabinet on Monday 21 January.

The draft budget, which sets out our spending plans for the new financial year, includes a 2.99% increase (the maximum we're allowed charge) for our element of council tax. prioritising areas that matter most to residents, including extra investment of £8million in our local road network – that's the roads most people live on and country lanes;

- supporting vulnerable people, including investing Hertfordshire's social care workforce to attract and retain people in vital caring roles
- funding to ensure we play a leading role in Hertfordshire through its most significant period of growth since the Second World War new towns era. This includes providing new schools places, transport improvements and contributing towards housing needs through our property company, Herts Living

The proposed Council Tax for Hertfordshire County Council 2019/2020 which forms around 75% of the council tax bill will be as follows:

Band D

Basic £1,264.15

Adult Social Care Precept £95.79

Total £1,359.94

This is an increase of £39.48 over last Year

Some Highlights: delivering and protecting key frontline services, but also investing in key areas, which matter most to our residents. We have set aside an additional £8million for our local road network, which makes a total investment of £37million over five years. In addition we have earmarked £66million for our local schools this year and almost £250million over the next four years, to provide much needed school places for our children and young people."

The budget also includes:



- nearly £30million of additional funding this year for vital adult and children’s social care services, of which more than £11million will provide support for our increasing population of adults living with learning disabilities, with a further £4m to deliver joint projects with local NHS organisations;
- funding of some £4million to ensure that people working in important social care roles contracted by the council are paid over and above the National Living Wage
- significant investment of £330,000 to tackle domestic abuse, through the creation of a new dedicated team
- around £2million to help us transform our services to best meet the needs of residents now and in the future

Grants Awarded 2018/2019 from my grants locality budget:

Applicant organisation	Date applied		Purpose
Sawbridgeworth Guides	08/04/2018	y	door for guide hut
St Andrews Primary Stanstead Abbots	21/03/2018	y	Towards Trim Trail
Virtual School in relation to the Children Looked After	22/05/2018	y	virtual school children looked after
Pins and Feathers Theatre Group EH		y	Pins and Feathers suffragists play
Widford Parish Council	23/05/2018	y	Sawbo and Hunsdon bus shelter move
Hunsdon Scouts	01/06/2018	y	tent
Aspects	19/07/2018	y	Crucial crew work in schools
Grove Cottage BS	19/06/2018	y	Special Needs Nursery
Als Adventures in Wasteland BS and Sawb	18/06/2018	y	environmental musical for schools
Youth Create Sawbridgeworth	26/06/2018	y	youth create summer scheme to set up helpline and introduce
Domestic Abuse Helpline	26/06/2018	y	champion support training
Sawbridgeworth Local History Society	04/07/2018	y	WW1 book
Home Start- Hertfordshire	13/04/2018	y	help for families
BS Sinfonia	05/08/2018		support for concerts
Carers in Herts	05/08/2018	y	workshops for Carers
Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	15/08/2018	y	Essex & Herts Air Ambulance
WaRESIDE Parish Council	28/08/2018	y	Goal posts for football play area
Sawbridgeworth allotments and gardens	03/10/2018	y	cups and awards
Sawbridgeworth Town Council	12/10/2018	y	ww1 commemoration book
Hertford and ware Air Cadets	15/10/2018	y	Funding cadets to attend a camp
Hunsdon Parish Council	25/10/2018		
Breathe Easy Group BS	19/11/2018		classes and t shirts
SYPRC Sawbridgeworth	07/01/2019		towards flooring

running total

Hertfordshire Normandy Veterans wanted for Voyage of Remembrance

The Royal British Legion has announced plans to take 300 Normandy veterans to France on a fully funded tour to mark the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings. The voyage will take veterans who helped liberate France during the Second World War to a series of commemorative events on both sides of the channel, at no cost to themselves.



Hertfordshire Armed Forces Covenant Board works to support the active and retired Armed Forces community living and working in Hertfordshire. This includes raising the profile of the Armed Forces and celebrating and honouring the commitment and sacrifices they have made. We know there are around 36,000 veterans living in Hertfordshire and it is important to us that they feel supported. The Boudicca, a 28,000 tonne ship with 462 rooms and the capacity to carry over 880 passengers will depart from Dover on 2 June, 2019. The trip will firstly take in the commemorative events in Portsmouth and Poole before crossing the English Channel and arriving in Normandy, on 6th June, exactly 75 years after the D-Day Landings. The journey is being funded by the Royal British Legion's LIBOR grant in conjunction with the Ministry of Defence and Arena Travel. Priority will be given to veterans who participated in the D-Day Landings, with the remaining spaces allocated to Normandy Veterans via a ballot. Each veteran will be able to bring one carer who will also be fully funded.

Visit the Royal British Legion's website for more information and to apply for a place on the MV Boudicca <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/community/d-day-75/>

The eligibility form must be completed and returned to Arena Travel by Monday 4 March, 2019.

A414 Flytipping and Litter Picking

Flytipping and litter is an ongoing problem. Bob Brunton and I had a meeting on 13th Feb with a member of staff from East and North Herts shared service, along with two Urbaser staff. We are told that regulations stipulate that safety measures need to be in place in order to litter pick. They need an appropriate vehicle to be in place 1 ½ metres from the carriageway and clearly it needs to be within distance of the pickers not only to protect them but to allow them to deliver the bags of rubbish. Unfortunately there are very few places on the A414 where a vehicle can stop, off the carriageway. They therefore make use of the scheduled night time road closures that are in place to enable Ringway to do the grass cutting, following them as they go. This process will start from April, we are told.

Ringway have been liaising with HCC to seek a permanent resolution to the issue of fly tipping at this site. Unfortunately, despite placing concrete obstructions, the fly tippers have chosen to deposit a load in the entrance to the area. Ringway will therefore consider further options with HCC.

Harlow & Gilston Garden Town has secured an additional £715,000 of capacity funding from Homes England.

This announcement represents a confidence in, and commitment to, the ambitious plans that will transform the Harlow & Gilston area, providing much needed homes, jobs and infrastructure for existing and new residents.

Substantial work has already been carried out by the partnership to develop some strong foundations in order to achieve the Garden Town vision, including:

- Adoption of the Garden Town Vision
- Adoption of the Garden Town Design Guide
- A draft Transport Strategy for consultation in the summer
- A study on the delivery of Sustainable Transport Corridors
- Ongoing consultation with residents, business and stakeholders
- Site Specific masterplanning
- Preparation of a Garden Town wide Infrastructure Delivery Plan

- Establishment of a Quality Review Panel.

Old River Lane Proposals

The Planning application for a multi storey car park at Northgate End was approved this month. This is for around 540 spaces and is intended to free up the surface car park in the causeway for a regeneration of Bishop's Stortford Town Centre. If approved by Council in March it will pave the way for a multi use Arts Centre, Residential premises of around 135, retail and restaurants, and new public realm. The Arts Centre will contain a 500 seat Theatre, 4 cinemas, food and beverage, studio, and Library.

Eric Buckmaster
Feb/March 2019