

SAMPFORDS' PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held 25th October 2018 @ 8pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Mr William Burton
Mrs Lynne Bowles
Mrs Rhian Chappell
Mr Gordon Deuce
Mrs Jane Lawrence
Ms Kath Thompson
Miss Wendy Peacock (Clerk)
Cncl Simon Howell

Apologies':

Mr George Smith
Mr Graham Keen

Members of the Public.

None

102 Public Forum

None

103 Apologies for absence

Mr Graham Keen and Mr George Smith

104 Declaration of Interest from Members

Jane Lawrence declared an interest, The Village Hall.

105 To approve Minutes from the last meeting held on 27/09/18

The minutes were agreed and signed as correct.

106 Matters Arising:

106.1 20 Is Plenty Signs

It was agreed by all to order 4 signs and then the PC will decide the best place to put them.

106.2 Hedges at top of Spare Penny Lane South

GD has been trying to contact with David Wise from UDC as it is their responsibility to keep the hedges maintained. No reply as yet so SH will contact him.

107 Correspondence

WB has been in contact with Simon Walsh regarding Spare Penny Lane North and there may be some progress on resurfacing the lane. Cncl Walsh will add it to the next Highways Agenda.

108 Reports from County and District Councillors

Please see End for Cncl Simon Walsh report.

Report from Cncl Simon Howell: -

SH has presented his accounts to the cabinet and they are looking good.

There is now a new licence regime for Homes of multiple occupancy within Uttlesford. There are now stricter rules on sizes of kitchens, bathrooms etc and houses will be inspected. Local Councils have been asked to report any houses that may be of multiple occupancy.

There are new rules on dog breeding. More than 3 litters per year and breeders will have to apply for a licence.

There is now a Local Heritage list of non-listed houses that are historic. I.e., Bull House, the Manse and the Baptist Church. This means that if planning is applied for, the Council will look into more detail. The PC are to recommend any houses in the Parish that they feel should be protected.

And finally, Cncl Howell will not be standing for District Councillor in May 2018. He feels that after 20 years it is time to move on. The Sampfords' Pc thank him for all his help, support and guidance over the last few years and wish him the best for the future.

109 Reports from Parish Councillors on their proposed area of responsibility

109.1 Play Area

There is a screw sticking out on the Zip Wire.

GD approached Rev Sue Johnson again regarding the Play area.

109.2 Grass Cutting and Trees

Chris Butcher has not yet removed the dead elm tree along by the pub so KT will contact him.

109.3 Publicity

The latest report will be published in the Ambo.

109.4 Website and IT, Including Broadband

RC and WP are attending a review meeting on Monday and if all goes well the website should be live by the next meeting.

109.5 Liaison with Village Organisations / Sport

There is an open house this Saturday (27/10/18) at the Baptist Hall for anyone to see the conversion.

Youth Club continues to be well attended and they have a few more activities organised. Halloween party next Wednesday, Scuba Diving, a night exercise coming up and they will also be hosting a Table Tennis tournament for Essex Girls and Boys Club. There is also another Karting day coming up.

109.6 Village Hall

The village Hall continues to run smoothly, and the Village Calendar winning photos have been chosen. Hopefully it will be ready for sale mid-November. **It was agreed by all Parish Council will sponsor £50 for the Village Calendar 2019.**

109.7 Sport

No new updates

109.8 Highways and Footpaths

No reports on Highways

The Foot path booklet has again been put on hold as no decision has been made on it.

The PC ask that anyone that walks the footpaths let them know if and where more signage is needed. The PC will then compile a list to send to ECC.

109.9 Planning Applications

None

110 Proposed dates for meetings 2019

17th January 2019

07th March 2019

18th April 2019 (Assembly)

09th May 2019 (AGM)

27th June 2019

26th September 2019

24th October 2019

111 Finance

The current account is £24861.84

Ratification for following cheque previously signed: -

None

Following cheques to be signed: -

100853	Mitie	TBC
100854	PKF Littlejohn	£48.00
100855	Community Heartbeat	£13.00

112 Further items for discussion.

The replacement rescue pack for the defib has arrived.

WP to forward the Stansted Airport local Fund Application to the Village Organisations.

The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on the 14th December at the church. The organisers plan to have a tree planted permanently in early 2019.

Date of next Meeting Thursday 17th January 2019 @ 8pm in the Village Hall

William thanked everyone for coming

Meeting Closed at 21:06

Report from Cncl Simon Walsh

County Councillor's Report Oct 2018

2019 Secondary School Admissions Open

As schools across Essex start their autumn term parents of Y6 pupils are being reminded that it will soon be time to apply for their child's September 2019 secondary school place.

From 12 September 2018 parents and carers can apply online for their child's Year 7 secondary school place. Applications must be made by the national closing date of 31 October 2018.

Applications can be made [here](#) with the website also holding information on different schools and their admissions criteria.

CLLr Ray Gooding, Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Education, said: "The start of secondary school is another exciting milestone in a child's academic life and therefore it is crucially important that parents get their application submitted on time.

"I would encourage parents to visit their preferred schools, carefully consider each school's admissions criteria and use all six preferences on the admissions application."

The 31 October deadline for applications is a national deadline and applications made after this are considered once all on-time applications have been determined. Applying late could reduce the chance of a child being offered a place at their preferred school.

Calling all young people – Registrations now open for Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Working together with schools and colleges throughout Essex, the Essex Youth Service is inviting young people in Essex to register for the Duke of Edinburgh's award this autumn.

As the world's leading youth achievement award, the DofE aims to engage, inspire and empower young people from every possible background, giving them the chance to develop skills for life, education and work.

The Essex Youth Service's mission is to provide all young people in Essex aged between 13-24* years old with the opportunity to start their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. *13 year olds have to be in current year 9.

A bursary is also available to support young people to complete the award. Funded by Essex County Council and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award it supports the guiding principle of the DofE Award being achievable by all, by supporting disadvantaged young people and those with additional needs.

Registering for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

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Are you inspired to push yourself mentally and physically, make friends for life, and experience adventure?

- DofE is available to all 13*-24 year olds across the whole of Essex. *13 yr olds have to be in year 9.
- Speak with the DofE leader at your school/college to get a place on the DofE programme, [OR](#)
- Register with the Essex Youth Service who offers the bronze, silver and gold award from their youth centres, located in: Braintree, Brentwood, Chelmsford, Colchester, Hadleigh, Harlow and Loughton. Registrations open all year round with no cap on numbers.
- Start your DofE adventure in autumn 2018 with an early bird offer running until end of September 2018 - Save £10 on your registration fee.
- To register for the award, to book a place at one of the October information evenings and to read more about the bursday, please take look [here](#).

Solar Together registrants offered big saving on panels

Almost 2000 residents and businesses have now registered for Solar Together Essex, the council's solar panel group buying scheme. These lucky registrants have now been offered an **average discount saving of 20%** in relation to market prices for solar panels.

Launched in July by Essex County Council, in partnership with iChoosr (the group buying specialist), Solar Together Essex offered residents and businesses the opportunity to take part in an online auction for high quality solar panels, saving money on both installation and future energy bills.

Following a successful auction process, the prices offered to registrants are between 18% and 22% below market prices indicated. Those that registered will now receive their offer letters and if they choose to go ahead, will be contacted by the chosen, trusted supplier, EEC Ltd.

Over the last 27 years EEC Ltd has specialized in renewable energy, security, electrical, plumbing and home improvements. Over the last nine years it has installed more than 15,000 renewable energy systems.

Cabinet member for Environment and Waste, Cllr Simon Walsh said: "It's great news that so many people registered for the scheme and even better news that they will be offered such a considerable saving."

"Increasing the number of properties in the county with solar panels is one way that we can encourage a greener and brighter future so it's encouraging that we will see more getting installed across the county."

"Also, for those that missed the auction, don't worry- it has now been extended until 19 October, so you too could benefit from these fantastic savings."

The scheme has also been running across Suffolk and Norfolk with more than 5,000 households across the three counties registering. The expected outcome of this scheme is a phenomenal 2.5 MW of installed solar power which will save some 880 tons of CO2 emissions.

For those that missed the auction, **registration has been extended until 19 October**. After registration, residents will receive a personal offer to get an understanding of the cost, and the potential discount that they could secure by buying through the group scheme. It is free to register and there is no obligation to buy.

To register and for more information please visit the Solar Together Essex [website](#).

Community Initiatives Fund

The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is a small grants scheme designed to fund community projects that:

- create, procure or develop new community assets
- enhance existing community assets
- enhance or develop initiatives that strengthen a community.

There are three parts to the fund:

- CIF (subject to a maximum application of £20,000 for any one project)
- CIF Response (subject to a maximum application of £15,000 for any one project).
- The Superfast Essex Community Wi-Fi Scheme (applications of up to £400 to enable local communities to provide a public Wi-Fi service via their community hubs).

Community Initiatives Fund

This is for capital funding only and eligible areas of expenditure could include, but are not limited to:

- community, social and recreational facilities
- village halls (including church halls)
- community shops (including general stores and pubs in some circumstances)
- community transport initiatives (not for a single-use group)
- land purchases
- playground equipment
- environmental works
- any related feasibility, design and planning work.

Communities Initiatives Fund Response

This fund is subject to a maximum application of £15,000 for any one project. Eligible projects for this funding are as described for the CIF. The difference is that applications for CIF Response funding will only be considered where the need is evidenced clearly by the applicant that funding is required for:

- projects that are time-critical (proof would be needed)
- projects where match-funding is time-limited

This fund will not be used to support the on-going running costs of established organisations.

How to apply

Full details of the fund, including the qualifying criteria and eligibility, can be found in the [guidance notes](#) which should be read before submitting an application.

To apply, the [application form](#) should be completed and emailed to CIF@essex.gov.uk.

CIF timetable 2018/19

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- receipt of completed application forms: Friday 26 October 2018
- judging panels' decisions: throughout November/December 2018

CIF Response timetable 2018/19

- Final receipt of completed application forms: Friday 22 February 2019

To apply, the [application form](#) should be completed and emailed to CIF@essex.gov.uk.

Superfast Essex Community Wi-Fi Scheme

The Community Wi-Fi Scheme, run by Superfast Essex and supported by CIF, is now open for applications.

Local communities can apply for up to £400 to enable the local provision of a superfast public Wi-Fi service via their chosen community hub.

Please read the [leaflet](#) and the [guidance notes](#) before completing the [application form](#). Information is also available on the [Superfast Essex website](#). Email your completed application form to cif@essex.gov.uk no later than Friday 22 February 2019.

All funding is subject to availability.

Essex surface dressing programme complete for this year

Over 250 miles of Essex roads have been improved this summer with surface dressing techniques which prevent potholes forming.

Surface dressing techniques future proof the road surface to prevent potholes forming but can only be done in warm, dry weather. This summer the 250 miles of road have been covered in 3,652 tonnes of binder and then 38,000 tonnes of stone chippings, which are rolled in to form a new top layer. The technique can be viewed at www.essex.gov.uk/surfacing

Councillor Kevin Bentley, Deputy Leader, Essex County Council and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, said: "With this work, other surfacing techniques and regular pothole-fixing crews, the number of potholes on our main roads has come down from 988 in June to 407. That's a major improvement for the safety and comfort of drivers and riders on our faster roads where most of the traffic is. We will now work to keep that figure low, while shifting our crews' efforts to fixing more potholes on local roads, whether in villages or town estates."

Councillor Bentley added: "However, I am not content with our progress so far, I want to accelerate the work, so I am pleased to report we've undertaken successful trials with different pothole-repair machines. When we have completed all the trials I will decide how we combine the various repair techniques to get the most potholes fixed providing best value for money for Essex residents."

Simon Walsh, October 2018

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