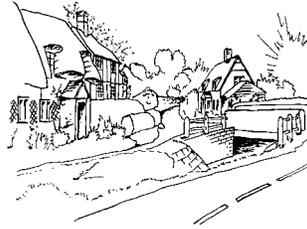


# ARKESDEN PARISH COUNCIL



## MINUTES of the MEETING of ARKESDEN PARISH COUNCIL held in Arkesden Village Hall on

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Those present:** Rod Higgins (Chairman), Robert Patmore (vice Chairman), Pat Palmer, Chris Coady, Steve Coltman (clerk) and Cllr Edward Oliver

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Dylan Pratt and Jane Chetcuti
- 2. Declaration of Interests:** None
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

##### **4.1 Stansted Airport Expansion**

Chairman and clerk had attended the public meeting and the clerk had presented the Parish Council's objections along the same lines as the original letter of objection. There was a presentation from MAG, which was very positive about the benefits to the area and did include a statement to say that they would **not** now be seeking to remove an existing condition that prevents lobbying for an increase in night flights. Several members of the public spoke in favour of the proposals but these were all people that either worked at the airport or who had businesses associated to the airport. There were no parish councils that were in favour of approval and their grounds for objection were similar to those presented by Arkesden PC.

The planning committee considered the application at a later meeting and approved it on a split 5-5 decision with the Chairman's casting vote carrying the decision.

There is still a possibility that the application will be "called in" for a decision at national level.

##### **4.2 Parking in Poore Street**

Chairman had spoken to the residents who were causing the problem and they had said that they were increasing the parking area in front of their property, which should give them two parking spaces. They were also seeking possible spare parking from neighbours. The Parish Council agreed to monitor the situation and also to try and clarify the legality of parking close to a junction.

#### **5. Planning Matters**

5.1 New Applications            None

##### **5.2 Determinations**

|                       |                |                                |          |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| 5.2.1 UTT/18/2524/HHF | Applebees      | Replacement shed               | Approved |
| 5.2.2 UTT/18/2459/HHF | Violet Cottage | Front Porch                    | Approved |
| 5.2.3 UTT/18/235HHF   | Wood Hall      | Retrospective for storage shed | Approved |

## 6. Playing Field

MFC had promised action on the goal posts and cutting the hedge. The problem of bird fouling still needs to be addressed but a solution used by other parish councils is cable ties on the top rail. PC agreed to pass on this suggestion.

## 7. Highways

It was agreed that a lower speed limit on Quicksie Hill would be very unlikely to get approval without a traffic survey to indicate speeding and an accident report, both of which would indicate that the road is safe for the speed limit currently in force.

Several questions have been raised about the installation of the fibre network through the village by Gigaclear. The latest information that the Parish Council has is that work is due to start in 6-8 weeks (from the middle of November). Current work in the surrounding villages indicates a preference for installation in verges and pavements with as few road crossings as possible.

## 8. Correspondence

As circulated

## 9. Finance

### 9.1 Balance

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Business Current Account | £6032.74 |
|--------------------------|----------|

### 9.2 Invoices

The following invoices were agreed for payment

|  |          |          |
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| BH Ground Maintenance – grass cutting (Oct.) | £ 306.00 | inc. VAT |
| Robert Patmore – clear stream                | £ 90.00  | inc. VAT |
| Steve Lovegrove – strim the graves           | £ 60.00  |          |
| Peter Holland – internal audit               | £ 164.00 |          |
| CPRE – membership                            | £ 36.00  |          |

### 9.3 Interim Budget

The clerk presented an interim budget for 2018/19 and also a proposed budget for 2019/20. The interim budget indicated that by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 that income and expenditure would be almost identical. The proposed budget was discussed and initial suggestions were to budget for £1000 towards a new parish project (e.g. village sign) and to reduce some come costs so that the precept would only need to increase by 3%. This would allow the Parish Council to remain in credit even if all the contingencies were spent.

Clerk would present a final version at the December meeting.

## 10. Further Discussion Points

10.1 Footpath sign still lies on the ground at the entrance to the footpath at the rear of “The Chapel”. Clerk agreed to chase this up.

10.2 The Chairman asked the councillors to consider their position for the elections in 2019. It would be helpful to know councillors’ intentions so that, if necessary, other residents could be asked to put their names forward.

## 11. Date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Steve Coltman (Clerk)**

**Rod Higgins (Chairman)**