

residents' behalf if informed of the name of offenders and the date and place of the incident.

[Cllrs. Francis and Gregory left the meeting at this point, and Cllr. Rolfe took the Chair]

A brief résumé was given of the village shop's recent history in which it was mentioned that the Parish Council had circulated a questionnaire in the village asking for comments and suggestions about the shop and its facilities. The results of this and the PC's subsequent report had been discussed with the owners.

The shop has been on the market since last year, although it is understood that no offers have been received at the asking price.

It was noted that the PC has not been in formal communication with the owners of the shop as this would not be appropriate for a private business.

The possibility of establishing a community-run shop in the event of a buyer not being found was discussed, and it was understood that, in principle, the freehold owner of the shop would not object to this.

It was understood that irrespective of possible changes in the shop, the Post Office would continue to operate and would seek alternative accommodation if necessary.

The necessity to ensure provisions were available to those residents without access to transport was discussed, and the arrangement of visits from a locally operating mobile shop was considered.

It was noted that a newspaper delivery service operated in Saffron Walden, and contact would be made to try to extend its catchment area to the village.

The comment was made that residents should be encouraged to operate the "use it or lose it" principle if it was wished to retain the facility of a shop in the village.

13/122. Continuity of Post Office

To discuss options available, within the remit of the parish Council, to ensure the village has a functioning shop/Post Office

This discussion took place as part of the Public Forum, minuted under **13/121**.

[Cllrs. Francis and Gregory returned to the meeting, Cllr. Francis resuming the Chair]

13/123. Planning

To consider any comments to be returned to Uttlesford District Council (UDC) on the following applications:

Ref. No: UTT/13/1562/FUL Temporary retention of mobile security building
Location: New World Timber Frame/Graveldene Nurseries London Road Great Chesterford Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1QW
 Resolved to submit "No Comment"

13/124. Finance

The journal of receipts and payments made since last meeting and the 2013-14 first quarter management accounts were noted without comment. The next quarter's accounts should be supplemented by graphs which should give a clearer understanding of the figures.

13/125. Temporary Scout Building

To consider the provision of a temporary building on the Recreation Ground to accommodate the 1st Essex Scouts.

It was resolved not to grant the request as it was felt that there was not sufficient space available. It was reported that the Community Centre would offer the Scouts a concessionary rate for use of their facilities.

13/126. Ash Dieback Survey

It was resolved to approach a specialist contractor for advice and costings for a survey. **ST**
The clerk was requested to circulate details via the village email group and the Broadsheet. **AC**

13/127. Parking Problems

To consider action in response to residents' concerns about unsafe parking in Church Street and congestion around the School.

Further to the discussions in the public forum, it was noted that congestion often occurred when funerals were taking place, as many of those present were not villagers and therefore unaware of the need to leave sufficient space for buses to pass. It was suggested that local funeral directors be made aware of the problem and the Church wardens requested to place bollards as was the usual practice for weddings. Cllr. Hall agreed to write letters. **DH**

With regard to congestion at school times, it was agreed to write to the school requesting a policy of regular requests to parents to question the necessity of car use and to consider the adoption of parental "seeing in" scheme as practised by some other schools. **JR/AC**

Cllr. Rolfe understood that Dunmow has had similar problems in the past, and he undertook to contact them for suggestions. **HR**

13/128. Dog Fouling

To consider action to reduce the problem of dog fouling in the village.

It was resolved to revive the campaign to remind owners of their responsibilities and to display more signs in the worst affected areas.

It was also resolved to encourage residents to report offenders to Uttlesford District Council's dog warden who would be able to pursue legal action where appropriate.

Contact details to be published on the website, email group and notice board. **AC**
Publicity materials to be obtained from the Keep Britain Tidy campaign. **JW**
Cllr. Rolfe was to seek advice about the possibility of enacting a byelaw. **HR**

13/129. Grant Applications

To consider suitable subjects for grant funding applications.

Suggestions currently under consideration included:

Uttlesford Community Grant	Refurbishment of Horse River Green.
Essex Community Grant	Resurfacing of the Multisports Area
The Wellcome Trust	Play Equipment
	Resurfacing of the Multisports Area
	Refurbishment of Horse River Green
	Community Centre improvements.
	Trees

13/130. Highways Panel Projects

To consider possible projects for submission to the Highways Panel.

The possibility of providing a footpath in Jacksons Lane from the crossroads to Meadow Road was suggested, although it was noted that the last time this was considered it was rejected as too expensive. Cllr. Rolfe is to consult the chairman of the panel to seek advice on the required process.

13/131. Open Spaces Review

To consider possible work to improve open spaces in the village.

To consider possible locations for fruit trees.

Suggestions for sites requiring improvement included:

Horse River Green - area to the right outside the Rectory.

It was noted however that it was not certain at the time of the meeting that this was owned by the Council.

Recreation Ground - land behind the former site of the bottle bank.

It was suggested this be either trimmed regularly or turned into a wild flower area.

Fagg End.

The beds were in need of attention, although flower planting was considered unsuitable owing to the lack of water. Shrubs or bulbs were suggested, and regular weeding is required.

The clerk is to arrange for more regular weeding to be carried out..

AC

Pilgrim Close Play Area.

It was reported that the pergola had sustained damage. It was decided to remove the roof and to level the posts. Cllr. Tricerri is to arrange for the work to be carried out and to buy wood stain for other woodwork in the area.

ST

Rose Lane - bank on the right hand approach.

Roundabouts on the northern approach to the Village.

It was thought this might fall within the remit of UDC's Highway Rangers.

Various possible sites for fruit trees were suggested, but none was considered suitable.

Tree planting along the B1383.

Cllr. Rolfe will speak to a resident who was understood to be investigating this.

HR

Artificial grass below the swings in the Play Area

It was noted that Barchams Trees plc offered considerable discounts for councils.

13/132. Litter Bins

To consider suitable locations for two new litter bins received from the Wellcome Trust.

It was resolved to site one in the Community Centre car park and to retain the other for use when an existing bin needed replacement.

13/133. Multisports Resurfacing.

To consider choice of materials for the Multisports resurfacing.

Three companies have been approached for quotes; these are still awaited.

13/134. Items for Information

1. 12/35. Council Standing Orders

Review is underway.

2. 11/85. Allotment Proposal

On hold until an appropriate piece of land can be secured.

3. 13/30 Proposed Cycle Path

No change since last month..

13/135 Matters for further discussion

To consider topics for possible discussion at future meetings

Councillors were requested to contribute pieces for the next newsletter.

ALL

13/136. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 14th August 2013 at 7.30pm in the Sports Lounge at the Community Centre

Meeting Closed at 9:40 pm

Signed (Chairman).....

Date: 14th August 2013