

- The operation of a catchment policy was not always possible, but as it was felt that priority for village children was important it might be possible to write a suitable clause in the constitution to cover this.
- It was thought that interest previously shown by the Genome Campus was probably waning.
- The provision of allotments would not affect the placement of a building.

Cllr. Altaparmakova was asked to prepare a paper covering the essential points and identifying possible issues for detailed consideration by the Council at a future meeting. It was noted that the S.106 agreement did allow provision of a pre-school on the site, but it would be important to ensure that the terms of that agreement were fully complied with.

MW would ask for a copy of Montessori's constitution to be made available.

Cllr. Redfern will try to ascertain ownership of the access road.

Ms. Wisbey was thanked by the chairman for her contribution to the meeting.

Colin Day in his capacity as Hedgerows monitor for the Council reported that he had been alerted to contractors on the building site adjoining the Rose Lane footpath cutting back the hedge. When questioned, the site manager asserted that the hedgerow was not protected and was to be cut back to allow the erection of a 2.2m close board fence. The arboricultural report states that the hedge is protected and that application must be made to UDC before any cutting back can take place.

The site manager was apparently under the impression that planning permission implied permission to cut back the hedge.

The enforcement team at UDC were asked to look into the matter but were under the impression that permission had been given.

Cllr. Redfern reported that UDC's officers had been unavailable for most of the day as they had been in conference, but it was understood that a visit had occurred and that the developers were acting reasonably.

It was felt that UDC's enforcement team were not sufficiently well informed on the application of the regulations in such cases and the PC was urged to maintain a close watch on developments.

It was suggested that the PC needs to be vigilant with planning applications especially where boundaries are concerned.

The chairman noted that the footpath in question was of vital importance to the character of the village and thanked Mr.Day for his vigilance and perspicacity.

A member of the public expressed thanks to members of the council for their support in connection with the planning application for development on Little Field.

15/133 Montessori Nursery

Covered as part of agenda item 15/132:

15/134 Planning

UTT/15/1789/FUL (Revised) Erection of 4 no. dwellings with detached garages

Location: Land At Smock Mill House Whiteways Ickleton Road Great Chesterford Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1NX

It was observed that two plans have been received and there was no information on the planning website to explain why they had been revised.

It was felt that the removal of one property from the application did not address the council's previous objections, more information was still required on the materials to be used and it was still highly questionable whether safe access was possible.

It was resolved to object again to the application.

15/135 Defibrillator.

In the absence of Cllr. Rowan, it was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting

15/136 ECC Local Bus Network Review

As there were no changes proposed to routes through the village, it was resolved not to make any response to the review. It was suggested that a note be posted to the village Google group offering to pass on residents' comments if requested.

15/137 Unity Trust Bank plc

The following resolutions were made in respect of the Council's decision to open accounts with Unity Trust Bank.

1. The Council wishes to open an account with Unity Trust Bank plc ("The Bank") and produced to the meeting a copy of the Bank's terms and conditions for operating an account;
2. The Bank's terms and conditions are approved and we appoint the Bank as its Bankers;
3. The Bank's terms and conditions may vary from time to time and we agree to be bound by them;
4. The Mandate for the operation of the bank account(s), payment instructions and banking services be approved and be provided to the Bank by persons authorised to do so in accordance with the Bank's procedures;
5. The Bank is entitled to rely upon this Mandate until it receives a later Mandate amending it.

The Unity Trust Bank application forms were signed by councillors as signatories to the accounts

15/138 UTT/15/0643/DFO Bartholomew Close

It was reported that the application had been deferred at the UDC committee meeting.

Neighbours and representatives of the PC and had met UDC's Development Manager Nigel Brown on site, who reported that he had taken over as lead officer for the application and would be recommending that it be refused unless amendments were made.

No date had yet been fixed for the case to come back before the committee, but it was not on the agenda for the October meeting. The application would come back for comment after amendment.

It was not known at this stage whether access via the Bellway development would be sought or possible.

15/139 Allotments

It was reported that the former owner of the land had agreed to meet Cllr Gregory. It was agreed that either Cllr. Newcombe or Cllr. Witney would also attend the meeting.

The PC had requested transfer of ownership of the land from UDC but had not yet received a response. Cllr. Redfern reported that there was to be a UDC Cabinet meeting next week at which the matter would be discussed. It was suggested that the draft transfer be examined by Cllrs. Newcombe and Witney before it was finalised. Cllr. Redfern agreed to request a deferment until the November meeting to allow this.

Cllr. Tricerri reported that the original list of residents interested in renting plots had now dropped from 20 to 16 people. She had spoken to a number of these with a view to establishing a management committee. The money allocated for rabbit fencing would need to be spent soon in order to meet the requirements of the grant conditions. UDC had been requested to treat the weeds on the site, but it was not clear whether or when this would happen. It was suggested that the PC should try to find someone to carry out the work and pass their name and contact details to Andrew Taylor.

Cllr. Tricerri was asked to request the new committee to advise the PC of the members' names and a copy of their draft constitution along with quotes for any work required.

15/140 Neighbourhood Plan.

There had been no meeting of the Steering Group this month hence there was little to report.
Two potential new members of the group had come forward.
The next meeting was scheduled for the first week of November.

15/141 Local Plan.

It was reported that the first consultation period would begin on October 22nd and the call for sites data should be made public at the beginning of December.
It was noted that the requirement for the district was for 568 houses per year for the 18 years.
The PC and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would both have the opportunity to comment on the plan.
Cllrs. Hall and Newcombe were requested to prepare a response to the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.

15/142 Finance

The receipts and payments made since last meeting were noted without comment..
It was noted that a draft budget in readiness for the application for next year’s precept would be required by the end of the year. The clerk agreed to prepare figures for consideration at the next meeting.

15/143 Matters for further discussion.

It was suggested that Bartrams be asked to quote for the supply and planting of suitable replacement trees for Horse River Green as they offered preferential pricing to local councils.

The clerk was asked to seek clarification of the deposit guarantee applicable to Unity Trust accounts.

The clerk was asked to send a message of thanks to Paul Rutter for donating signage for the play area.

15/144 Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 11th November at 7:30 in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9:40pm

Signed (Chairman).....

Date: 11th November 2015