



GREAT HORKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 2023
IN GREAT HORKESLEY NEW VILLAGE HALL AT 9.20PM

Those present:

Cllr C Arnold (Chairman)	Cllr G Baker
Cllr M Sudbery (Vice- Chairman)	Cllr A Banks
	Cllr J Burns-Langton
	Cllr L Williams
	+ 3 members of the public

23/019 Introduction by the Chairman

The Chairman explained that this extraordinary meeting was arranged to discuss and vote on urgent decisions only.

23/020 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr Mead was absent.

23/021 Declarations of Interests

No Councillors declared an interest in respect of any item on the Agenda.

23/022 Matters Raised at the Annual Parish Meeting

It was unanimously agreed (proposed Cllr Arnold) to make formal representation to Highways (Essex Parking Partnership) to put restrictions in place opposite the bus stops on Malvern Way and Keelers Way.

It was unanimously agreed (proposed Cllr Arnold) to see if it is possible for the Village Warden to clear the overgrowth at the junction of Malvern Way and Keelers Way.

It was unanimously agreed (proposed Cllr Sudbery) that the Clerk will respond on behalf of the Parish Council to the latest consultation on the pylons proposal, in consultation with Cllr Sudbery.

It was unanimously agreed (proposed Cllr Arnold) to explore the possibility of the Parish Council taking ownership of the village green, and investigate costs for the ongoing maintenance of it.

The Clerk will remind County Cllr Barber of the state of the footpaths and potholes on Keelers Way.

23/023 Village Hall Committee Terms of Reference

Updated Terms of Reference for the Village Hall Committee had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

It was unanimously agreed (proposed Cllr Arnold) to approve the Terms of Reference for the Village Hall Committee.

23/024 Removal or Renovation of Play Area Sand Pit

Cllr Banks confirmed that Colchester City Council have some funds available to either repair the sand pit in the village play area, or remove and replace it with another play item.

It was unanimously agreed (proposed Cllr Arnold) that the Clerk, with the assistance of Cllr Banks, will consult with families in the village and at the primary school to gather opinions on the sand pit and bring the results of the consultation to the July meeting of the Council. The Clerk will notify Colchester City Council that the Parish Council are consulting with residents and will advise of the outcome after the July meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.53pm.

No other business was conducted at this meeting.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council is scheduled to take place on 21st June 2023.