



GREAT HORKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2024
IN GREAT HORKESLEY NEW VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Those present:

Cllr Arnold (Chairman)	Cllr Burns-Langton (Vice- Chairman)
Cllr Baker	Cllr Banks
Cllr Jarvis	Cllr Mead
	+ County Cllr Lewis Barber in attendance

24/082 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24/083 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Sudbery and Cllr Tempest.

24/084 Co-Option of Councillors

It was resolved to co-opt Caroline Wescomb-Cross onto the Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office is still to be signed by the new member as they were not present.

24/085 Declaration of Interests

No member declared an interest with respect to any item on the agenda.

24/086 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th October 2024 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

24/087 Have Your Say – Public Open Forum

On behalf of the Village News editor, Cllr Jarvis asked if a pdf version of the Village News could be put on the Council website. Cllr Arnold advised that he had looked into how this could be done but would refer this back to the Clerk to investigate further.

24/088 Reports from Members and Officers of Other Authorities

Cllr Barber reported that:

- He is continuing to chase Cllr Cunningham for an update on changing the speed limit along the derestricted section of the A134.
- Works on the surface water issues underneath the A12 bridge on the A134 is due to take place in November or December but a specific date has not yet been set.
- Investigatory work on flooding in School Lane will start on 2nd December.
- Investigatory work on flooding in Old House Road is underway.
- Repairs to potholes on Coach Road and along the A134 are due to take place from 29th November to 3rd December.

24/089 Finance

- (a) The Statement of Accounts as at 31st October 2024 was noted and Cllr Jarvis checked and signed that balances reconcile with those on the bank statements.
- (b) The October payments list was approved in accordance with the 2024/25 Budget.
- (c) The draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 12th November 2024 were noted.

24/090 Planning & Highways

- (a) The following Planning Application was discussed, and **it was unanimously agreed** to notify the Planning Authority that GHPC does not wish to comment on the proposals.

242259

El Paraiso, Brick Kiln Lane

(expires 27/11/2024)

Proposed single storey rear extension

- (b) Cllr Barber reported that the Coach Road/London Road crossroads was included in the casualty reduction scheme for Colchester's Local Highway Panel and did have funding for this year, but other schemes overran, and so it was removed. Due to recent incidents at the junction, it has now been put back into the budget for this financial year and an engineer will visit the site soon and draw up proposals to make the junction safer based on the causes of the accidents there. No action is required from the Council at this time.
- (c) **It was unanimously agreed** (proposed Cllr Arnold) to pay for a speed survey to take place in the bottom of the dip in the 30mph section on Ivy Lodge Road, after discussions held at the previous meeting. The cost will be taken from Council reserves.
Cllr Banks asked that investigating the causes of a series of serious accidents in various locations along the A134 in the parish (particularly around the mini roundabouts at the end of Tile House Lane, Ivy Lodge Road and Coach Road) to see if there was a common cause, be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- (d) There is no further action to be taken ahead of the exhibition of the proposal to develop land north of Coach Road.
- (e) The draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 8th November 2024 were noted.
- (f) Other issues were discussed under item 24/088.

24/091 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report to date was noted, including a list of resolutions agreed at earlier Parish Council meetings and any progress.

24/092 Village Warden

The Village Warden's report to date was noted.

24/093 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 7.30pm in Great Horkesley New Village Hall.