

PARISH MEETING

MINUTES

The Parish Meeting of Epping Upland was held in Epping Green Chapel at 7.00pm on Monday 23 April 2018.

001/17 Present: Cllr Ms A Pegrum (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mr D Buckle
Cllr Ms J Eldridge
Cllr Mrs A Jones
Cllr Miss P Jones
Cllr Mrs S Sharma
County Cllr Mr A Jackson
Mrs L Gardiner (All Saints Church Epping Upland)
Rev P Walker (Epping Green Chapel)
Mr J Poole (Epping Green Community Association)
Mr M Peachey (Stop Stansted Expansion)

In attendance: Mrs V Evans – Clerk to the Parish Council

002/17 Welcome

In the Chairman's absence the Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Vice Chairman advised that the Chairman was very sorry not to have been able to attend the meeting this evening due to a long standing prior commitment.

Councillors introduced themselves.

003/17 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Mr J Barber DL, Revd L Batson and Mr P Stevenette.

004/17 Minutes

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 24 April 2017, having been previously circulated and published, were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

005/17 Annual Report

The Annual Report comprising the Chairman's Report and Accounts for 2017/18 was given to everyone at the meeting and would be distributed to all properties in the parish.

The Vice Chairman highlighted items from the Chairman's Report: Planning and pointed out that the comments from the Parish Council are not always upheld by EFDC but the Parish Council seeks to do its best for the parish; Playground is open; Local Plan where there were no major development proposals affecting the parish but building was taking place on the boundaries; sale of Copped Hall Estate and possible effect on land owned; Allotments; War Memorial refurbishment and additional inscription; Burial Ground issues with rubbish but overall it is a credit to the parish and is calm and attractive; Open Spaces – especially parking on the greens and looking for solutions; Speedwatch – still need more volunteers. The Vice Chairman stressed that the Council does try to act in the interests of everyone in the parish and encouraged residents to come to the Council with any problems. She also thanked the Clerk who does a tremendous amount of work for councillors and the parish.

The Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer presented the Accounts and responded to a question regarding the Playground.

006/17 Community Reports

Epping Green Chapel – Rev Walker gave an update on the Chapel and Community Hall works which had started. They were not in a position financially to do everything at once and works were being done in phases which he talked through. The church community would continue to function. There was a question as to timeframe. Rev Walker advised that some works had to be done as some funders required to see progress; affects funds for match funding. The Chapel is a landmarked building in the Local Plan. Village Memories Day 14/15 July 2-4pm. The Vice Chairman thanked Rev Walker.

All Saints Church Epping Upland – Mrs Gardiner advised that she was a Deputy Warden at the church and gave a report on the church’s activities and aspirations. The Vice Chairman thanked Mrs Gardiner.

Mr Poole arrived

Epping Green Community Association (EGCA) – Mr Poole gave an update. The EGCA is trying to regenerate interest in the Doorstep Green; the track is to be resurfaced and is used by the School. They are looking into funding for outdoor equipment and may have to fund raise. The water problem on the road has been sorted. Working parties for works will be taking place over the next months. As new people come to the village EGCA is trying to create more awareness including memberships. Last November’s Fireworks helped the fund raising. Mr Poole was asked if there were any events planned and he advised that not yet except for summer. There were still some people walking dogs which was politely discouraged. There was discussion as to other possible uses. The Vice Chairman thanked Mr Poole.

Bay Tree Farm – adjacent to Rose Cottage Plants will be offering teas for charity on the August Bank Holiday weekend.

007/17 Questions from the Public

There were no specific questions as they were covered in other items.

008/17 Speaker from Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE)

The Vice Chairman welcomed Mr Martin Peachey from SSE.

Mr Peachey thanked the Council for the invitation and apologised that Brian Ross was unable to come. Mr Peachey detailed his own background in aviation and SSE, and gave an update on the response by SSE to Uttlesford District Council. He gave a presentation on the history of the airport, Manchester Airport Group’s planning application, concerns regarding noise, local air quality, effect of climate change, lack of transparency, impact on environment, the possible inappropriateness of UDC making the decision at it was such a wide reaching application. The Government policy on airports is expected out in the summer.

There was general discussion with questions covering number of movements, heavy freighters that were large and old, environmental effects including traffic on the ground and effect on the M11, associated noise problems eg travel to airport at 4am, economic impact, ruling on night flights, alternatives eg smaller airfields, air space, air satnav and how used, lack of consideration for local people.

The Vice Chairman thanked Mr Peachey and there was appreciation from those present.

There being no further business the Vice Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Chairman

Date