

PARISH MEETING

MINUTES

The Parish Meeting of Epping Upland was held in Epping Green Chapel at 7.00pm on Monday 24 April 2017.

001/16 Present: Cllr Ms A Pegrum (Vice Chairman)
Cllrs Mr D Buckle, Ms J Eldridge, Mrs A Jones, Miss P Jones
County Cllr Mr A Jackson
Rev Paul Walker
13 Members of the public

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

002/16 Welcome
In the Chairman's absence the Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

003/16 Apologies for Absence
There were apologies for absence from Cllr Mr J Barber DL and Cllr Mr B Miller.

004/16 Minutes
The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 25 April 2016, having been previously circulated and published, were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

005/16 Annual Report
The Annual Report comprising the Chairman's Report and Accounts for 2016/17 was given to everyone at the meeting and would be distributed to all properties in the parish.
The Vice Chairman read out the Chairman's Report. The Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer presented the Accounts. There were questions from residents regarding the budget and amount for the Playground which were responded to advising that the Council had limited funds but would seek external funding wherever possible.

006/16 Community Reports
Chapel – Rev Walker gave an update on the progress of the extension and Chapel facilities which included outreach. He advised that all planning permissions had been approved and that they were continuing to obtain funding.

007/16 Questions from the Public
Playground - there were several questions on the future of the playground and the budget. Councillors explained actions so far ie Playground Committee, savings through the budget, issues for funding. Rev Walker read out an email from Michael Chapman. There was discussion as to future plans and possibilities. Residents were asked to leave their details if they were interested in being on the Playground Committee.

Parking especially Elm Close – there was a request for assistance from a resident who was unable to attend the meeting but was concerned about a notice that had been put up by EFDC at the garages in Elm Close, and parking in Elm Close and The Magpies which would cause problems for emergency vehicles; EFDC Housing has said that nothing can be done. Councillors explained that there was little that the Parish Council could do. The previous scheme was not tenable due to the areas being common land and services running underneath.

Parking at the School – main issues and discussion were about drop off/pick up times

and parking on the pavement. County Cllr Jackson explained Essex County Council's view and history of the situation; the District Council has powers in relation to off street parking; other offences could only be dealt with by the police, matters could be reported on Essex Police's website as non-emergency crime. There were some ideas as to how parking could be alleviated perhaps a coach for the school, parking allowed on drives?

Condition of Pavements – can be reported to Essex County Council online.

Fly Tipping – can be reported to EFDC. Nothing was known as to prosecutions. Potential remedies were discussed.

There being no further business the Vice Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Chairman

Date