

PARISH MEETING

MINUTES

The Parish Meeting of Epping Upland was held in Epping Green Chapel at 7.30pm on Monday 25 April 2016.

- 1. Present:** Cllr Ms A Pegrum (Vice Chairman)
Cllrs Mr D Buckle, Ms J Eldridge, Mrs A Jones, Miss P Jones
District Cllr Mrs L Hughes
County Cllr Mr A Jackson
Rev Paul Walker
2 members of the Chapel Building Team

In attendance: Mrs V Evans – Clerk to the Parish Council
- 2. Welcome**
In the Chairman's absence the Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
- 3. Apologies for Absence**
There were apologies for absence from Cllr Mr J Barber DL and Cllr Mr B Miller.
- 4. Minutes**
The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 11 May 2015, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.
- 5. Annual Report**
The Annual Report comprising the Chairman's Report and Accounts for 2015/16 was given to everyone at the meeting and would be distributed to all properties in the parish.
The Vice Chairman summarised the Chairman's Report, highlighting the Playground, Allotments, Open Spaces, Burial Ground, War Memorial and Planning meetings. It was noted that Cllr Eldridge in her personal capacity would be hosting a fund raising event for the Playground on Saturday 2 July at her home, flyers giving details were available. The Chairman of the Council had sent his thanks to all those who had contributed towards the event so far and for future contributions as well as those on the day.
Cllr Jackson observed that expenditure had increased for 2015/16 and reserves, which it was noted was largely due to underspends on budget figures and contingencies.
Cllr P Jones joined the meeting during this item.
- 6. Questions from the Public**
Cllr Jackson commented on: planning comments to EFDC that were not actioned, not unknown for other parishes; the Local Plan and concerns about re-encroachment from Harlow; potential issues with the works required for M11 J7.
There was discussion on the Green Belt, some of which was held pending the update on the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan after the meeting.
Question regarding the Millennium Garden with a response as to its history, purpose now and discussion about its future.
Rev Walker gave an update on the Chapel adjustment project and talked through the plans and aims. Final plans were being dealt with by the architect and conservation officer. Funding was still to be obtained.

The Vice Chairman reminded that the meeting was to be followed by an update on the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan which would be facilitated by the Clerk starting with a presentation update giving opportunities for questions and informal discussion. It was noted that there had been a request for an EFDC officer to attend but due to resource limitations no one would be attending although our District Councillor was present.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Chairman

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