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TO: ALL COUNCILLORS

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the **Parish Council** which will be held on **Thursday 13th September 2018** in the **Toot Hill, Village Hall**, Toot Hill, at **5.30 pm** to transact the business shown in the Agenda below.



Adriana Jones, Clerk to the Council

Members of the public and press are invited to attend this meeting

AGENDA

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

To **RECEIVE** questions from members of the public at **5.30pm**.

In accordance with an agreed procedure, the time allocated for public questions shall be limited to 10 minutes or such other period determined by the Chairman of the Meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE FROM COUNCILLORS

To **RECEIVE** any apologies for absence.

2. OTHER ABSENCES

To **NOTE** any absences for which no apology has been received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To **RECEIVE** any Declarations of Interest by Members.

Any Member with a personal interest in a matter must consider whether it is a Disclosable Pecuniary, Non Pecuniary or Other Pecuniary Interest, and declare it accordingly. A Member who is unsure as to how to declare their interest should seek independent advice

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To **APPROVE**, as a correct record, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th July 2018 as attached to the agenda.

5. DEATH OF MR ALAN BUCKLEY, PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR

Councillors are asked to **NOTE** the death of previous Councillor Mr Alan Buckley who passed away on 8th August 2018. Cllr Buckley had been an active member of the community for many years, and had served as a Councillor for this Parish for over 10 years. Cllr Jackson has suggested that in memory and recognition of his service to this community, a donation of £100 should be made to Macmillan Cancer Support, Alan's chosen charity. Councillors are asked to **CONSIDER** this suggestion.

6. A113 SPEED WORKING GROUP

To **NOTE** the following response to the suggestions put forward by the Working Group, and to **CONSIDER** how to progress:

- *An engineer visited site on 29th May 2018 and we measured the road outside no.19 edge to edge of carriageway as 5.6m. It was noted that the carriageway has just been resurfaced and glass studs embedded in the centre line. It is measured edge to edge as this is the extent of the*
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highway available for vehicles to utilise. There would not therefore be justification for removing the existing centre line.

- *The section from the gateway sign westwards for 312 meters - this should stay at 30mph and a proposal be put forward to put in double white lines and no overtaking signs/orders as this section of the road is wider than 6.1m. – Double white lines to prohibit overtaking are implemented when there is reduced forward visibility and overtaking would be considered dangerous as the driver does not have a clear view of the road ahead to see oncoming traffic or there is a history of accidents as a result of overtaking this location does not meet that criteria, therefore this is not something that can be considered.*
- *The section from the Woodman to the village gateway signs - At the moment this stretch is designated as a National Speed Limit section and it was agreed this should form a 40mph buffer zone with double white lines and no overtaking signs/orders as road is wider than 6.1m. An evidence gathering programme at Parish Level is taking place to gather the necessary information and data to support the suggestions including accidents, near misses, photographs, videos and other relevant reports. – This section of the road has previously been assessed under by the Speed Limit Review 2011 and again in 2017 as part of the LHP scheme request to look at the A113 speed restrictions. The response would remain the same as it was on these previous occasions that the geography of the road does not lend itself to a reduction in the speed limit and what is installed on site is in line with the Essex Speed Management Strategy. The key to a successfully observed speed limit is for drivers to appreciate the reasons why they are expected to adopt a lower speed whereas the layout along the A113 in the vicinity of the Woodman does not evidence a need for lower speeds.*

To install a speed limit that does not fit the profile can encourage faster speeds. The Essex Highways suggestion of implementing a 40mph buffer from the current western terminal point of the village to a point approximately 80metres south of the junction with Church Road would go some way towards ensuring that vehicles have slowed when the more populated parts of the village have been reached. As we discussed when we met in October this proposal however had been rejected by the residents so was not progressed further.

- *The national speed limit signs just beyond the gateway in a westerly direction are causing drivers to accelerate before they exit the village. These should be removed. – These terminal speed limit signs cannot be removed as they define the section of road where the speed limit changes. To remove them would also invalidate the 30mph speed limit as what is on the “ground” must be reflective of the Traffic Regulation Order in place.*

Councillors are asked to **NOTE** that the Clerk has written to Sarah Alcock advising of the two fatal accident that occurred w/c 3rd September, stating that this Parish Council is simply trying to avert a future accident.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

To **RECEIVE** an update on the Stanford Rivers Neighbourhood Watch Scheme if available.

8. CLERKS COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

To **RECEIVE** the oral report of the Clerk on matters which may be of current interest to Members and which require a formal update, and to **RECEIVE** such correspondence and communication as the Clerk may place before the Council, including:

- Local Defibrillator list – attached to agenda
 - Community Special Constables Briefing – note section regarding Special’s in the community (attached to the agenda)
 - Police and Fire Conference 2018 - 20th November 2018 Time: 09:00 - 15:00 - Lunch & Refreshments provided Venue: Foakes Hall, Great Dunmow, Essex Discounted Price: £25 - This year the keynote speaker is Essex Police & Crime Commissioner Roger Hirst other speakers include the Chief Executive Jo Turton of the Essex County Fire & Rescue Service. There will be time to put your questions to the panel with panel members: Police & Crime Commissioner Roger Hirst, Police Chief Constable B J Harrington, Special Constabulary Superintendent Simon Anslow, GTRET Ian Gennery, Essex Police head of roads Adam Pipe and Chief Executive of Essex County Fire & Rescue Jo Turton
 - Epping Forest Community Champions
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- Letter from Local Residents concerning overgrown hedge 10 London Road
- Email request financial support / grant for the cutting of the Churchyard
- Singing in the Wilderness – EFDC Museums, Heritage and Culture team and St John's C of E Primary School, Buckhurst Hill are hosting an event to celebrate the life and work of local artist Walter Spradbery at St John's C of E Primary School, High Road, Buckhurst Hill, IG9 5RX, When: Saturday 29 September Time: 3pm – 7pm, Free Event
- Bin intrusion into roadway
- Grounds contractor asked to clear White Bear Path

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Changes to planning considerations at District Council Councillors are asked to **NOTE** that following a period of consultation, on 31st July, EFDC full council approved changes to the delegation arrangements that apply to all planning applications. A copy of the document which details these changes is attached to the agenda. A further update will be given at the meeting.

b) Councillors are asked to **CONSIDER** the following matters:

1. To CONSIDER any planning applications submitted to the Parish Council for comment as detailed below			
EPF/2271/18	12 Epping Road, Stanford Rivers, Ongar CM5 9SQ	Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Two additional dormers to front roof slope. http://planpub.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/NIM.websearch/ExternalEntryPoint.aspx?SEARCH_TYPE=1&DOC_CLASS_CODE=PL&FOLDER1_REF=613658	
2. To NOTE any planning applications that have been responded to via the Clerks delegated powers			
EPF/1520/18	Willow House 131 London Road Stanford Rivers Ongar Essex CM5 9PP	Rear dormer/loft conversion including Juliet balcony (renewal of lapsed consent EPF/910/13). NO OBJECTION	
EPF/2036/18	Clunes House Mill Lane Stanford Rivers Ongar CM5 9SF	Construction of an open, 3 bayed barn to store sheep, pigs and equipment NO OBJECTION	
EPF/1870/18	16 Epping Road Stanford Rivers Ongar CM5 9SQ	First floor extension and two storey infill extension to rear. NO OBJECTION	
3. To NOTE any planning applications upon which EFDC do not normally accept comments			
NIL			
4. To NOTE any enforcement actions or appeals.			
<p>APPEAL – Against refusal Application No: EPF/1393/17 Landvest Developments Limited 153a London Road Stanford Rivers Ongar Essex CM5 9QF Residential scheme comprising 5 no. residential dwellings with associated off-street parking, garden space and external landscaping.</p> <p>The Parish Council fully supports the District Council's objection to this application. The site in question is located on a locally notorious stretch of road with extremely poor visibility splays. The applicant states there are 'significant opportunities for walking' and that the application complies with local plan policy ST2 (which seeks to ensure that new development is designed to provide safe, pleasant and convenient access for pedestrians and cyclists), however there is not a pedestrian pathway at this location and as such the Parish Council fails to see how this provides 'safe pedestrian access'. In fact, pedestrians will have to walk on the road when they exit the site to gain access to any other parts of the village. In addition, 6.4 states that 'the site benefits from a good level of accessibility, borne out by its access to a wide range of destination by public transport (bus, cycle and walking)'. We have addressed walking, however it should be noted that no public bus service goes past this site, and this is something the Parish Council has been trying to secure for some time without success. This is not a sustainable site. The proposed development also represents inappropriate development in the Green Belt, and is by definition harmful.</p>			

APPEAL – Against Refusal**Application No: EPF/2937/17****Founthill Land - Ltd Land at School Road Stanford Rivers Ongar Essex CM5 9QS Erection of 4 no. four bedroom semi-detached dwellings**

The Parish Council supports the objection of the District Council. The Parish Council OBJECTS to this application on the basis of overdevelopment in the Green Belt, in that this is NOT 'infill' development this is also outside the village envelope

APPEAL – Against Refusal**Application No: EPF/3141/17****Mr P Marigliane -Lilac House 6 London Road Stanford Rivers Ongar Essex CM5 9PH New dwelling within the residential curtilage of Lilac House and associated car parking for the new and existing dwellings.**

The Parish Council supports the District Council with their objection. The Parish Council OBJECTS to this application on the basis that the plans do not clearly identify that there is sufficient turning space to allow vehicles parked in each of the allocated parking spaces to exit the property forward facing. In addition, this is an extremely narrow stretch of road, and the plans do not clearly identify that there is sufficient room for vehicles exiting the site to do so safely and without being a danger to other road users. It should be noted also that this site is within the Green Belt, and the test of 'infill' would need to be applied. Should the District Council be minded to grant permission, consideration MUST be given to the potential hazards that would be created by construction traffic / vehicles that would be used at the time of the build, which could be dealt with by way of condition so as to not cause any obstruction or danger to what is a priority 1 route. Construction Traffic must not be permitted to stop / park on the road whilst making deliveries, or for waiting. In addition, any pre-commencement conditions imposed by Highways should be rigorously adhered to.

5. To **NOTE** any other planning matters.

10. MEMBERS REPORTS

To Receive Brief Reports from Members and to **RECEIVE** any questions emanating from those reports

- Chairman's Report
- Vice Chairman's Report
- District and County Councillor Reports
 - *Highways Newsletter August*
- Parish Councillors Reports

11. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Councillors will recall that historically the Parish Council hasn't been specifically involved with any parish remembrance services vents held within the Parish, and at a previous meeting it was agreed this should change going forward. The Clerk has contacted Rev Neil Taylor asking what services will be held this year, and it is hoped an update will be available at the meeting. Councillors are asked to **AGREE** if, and whom, would like to be involved this year.

12. FINGER POSTS

Councillors are asked to **NOTE** that the finger posts have now been erected.

13. COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cllr Adams raised the issue of the Parish Council organising community events at the July meeting, and it was agreed this would be placed on the September meeting for further discussion.

14. EALC AGM AND CONFERENCE

The EALC 73rd Annual General Meeting and Essex County Council and EALC joint Conference Event will be held on 20th September 2018, doors will open at 11am and the EALC AGM will commence at 12 noon. The Clerk is attending this event, and Councillors are encouraged to do so.

15. TOOT HILL VILLAGE SHOW

The Parish Council had a stand at the Village show this year, promoting Neighbourhood Watch and associated schemes, as well as raising awareness about Faraday bags. Councillors will receive an update on the success of the event.

16. POLICIES

This will be rolled over to the next meeting.

17. NEWS AND VIEWS

Councillors are asked to advise the Clerk of any news items they would place in News and Views for the upcoming edition.

18. FINANCIAL REPORTS**a) Approve payments, and to note the current status of accounts:**

Reference	To	For	Amount
BACS	Adriana Jones	Clerks Salary August & September	£720.00 (paid monthly)
BACS	HMRC	PAYE August & September	£180.00 (paid monthly)
D/D	Public Works Loan Board	Toot Hill Village Hall – Loan payment	£1,603.63
BACS	Viking Direct	Stationery – stamps and Envelopes N&V	£382.66 (£5.78 VAT)
BACS	HCI Data	Domain name renewal 2 years	£84.00 (£14.00)
	Catalyst Printing	Newsletter – extra cost printing, plus September edition	£212.00
BACS	EALC	Planning Briefing	£55.00

Bank Balances as at 31st August 2018

Unity Current Account	£ 3,310.80
Unity Deposit Account	£ 29,373.56
Barclays 90832650	£ 0
Barclays 00443549	£

19. TOOT HILL VILLAGE HALL

Councillors to receive an update to include:

- Letter from hall user

20. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS/EVENTS

Councillors are asked to **NOTE** the dates of the next meetings:

- 8th November

21. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**22. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS**

There IS currently ONE confidential item to be considered

23. GIGACLEAR

To **NOTE** the response from Gigaclear, and **CONSIDER** how to respond.