



ST OSYTH PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Village Hall, St Osyth on Thursday 19th September 2019 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Chairman: Cllr. Sonia Grantham
Cllr's Mick Catt, David Cooper, Ray French, Mandy Kelly,
John Lockwood, Patricia Quay, Karen Sinclair, Michael Talbot,
Michele Thomas & John White

Cllr. Alan Goggin, Essex County Councillor (Arrived at 8.25 pm)

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Alma Blockley (Holiday)
Cllr. Julie Ward (Holiday)

MINUTES: Neil Williams

PUBLIC PRESENT: Four

OM-19-110 WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLORS:

The Chairman welcomed Cllr's Mick Catt and Patricia Quay to their first meeting of the Council.

OM-19-111 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

The Chairman advised Councillors, that under Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, they had a responsibility to declare any Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests in any matter to be discussed.

Cllr. Grantham declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in respect of Planning Application 19/00843/FUL.

OM-19-112 CHANGE OF AGENDA ORDER:

Cllr. White requested that as a member of the public had travelled from London to attend the meeting, Public Participation be brought forward to follow on from the review of planning applications. All agreed.

OM-19-113 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

	APPLICATION & ADDRESS	PROPOSAL
a.	19/00610/FUL Mr Parsons Land at Oakmead Road St Osyth	Construction of 4 No detached houses, access etc. (Revised description). The Parish Council would reaffirm its objections of 29 th May 2019, which are held on file by the District Council, and 27 th August 2019 respectively, the latter being: Further to the comments previously submitted,

		<p>the Parish Council would suggest that had the original application (16/01611/OUT refers) indicated the creation of multiple access points from and onto a private road it is doubtful whether the Officer dealing with this application, or indeed the District Councils Planning Committee, would have approved the Outline application.</p> <p>It is worthy of note that the original access to the land on which the applicant is proposing to build was via Point Clear Road, now the site of No: 262. Subsequently, this resulted in the applicant, having to access his property via Oakmead Road.</p> <p>The original Deeds of Transfer for properties in Oakmead Road and Alpha Road state that those owning properties on either road do indeed have a right of access; however, the Parish Council would question the applicant's legal ability to grant access to a third party.</p> <p>Additionally, the Parish Council is concerned that if approved, this could set a precedent for further development in an area which is outside of a Settlement Development Boundary, and would draw attention to the Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 & Beyond Publication Draft, paragraph 3.2.3.1, part of which states:</p> <p><i>'In general terms, development outside of defined Settlement Development Boundaries will be the subject of strict control to protect and enhance the character and openness of the countryside'.</i></p> <p>For the reasons stated above, the Parish Council strongly objects to this application.</p>
b.	19/00843/FUL Mr A Booth - Naglotech St Osyth Methodist Church Chapel Lane, St Osyth	<p>Change of use to offices.</p> <p>No objections.</p>
c.	19/01138/FUL Mr Lester 9 Longfields, St Osyth	<p>Proposed single storey rear extension, and extension and conversion of existing garage to form annex.</p> <p>No objections.</p>
d.	19/01141/OUT Mr J Hart Car Breakers Yard Cockett Wick Lane St Osyth	<p>Discharge of conditions 7, 8, 9 & 10 of application 16/01770/OUT (allowed on appeal APP/P1560/W/18/3202670) relating to contaminated land.</p> <p>As this relates to the Outline application, there are no objections.</p>
e.	19/01171/OUT	Variation of conditions 18 and 30 for application

	Mr R.A, T.R, D.R, A.I Sargeant St Osyth Priory The Bury St Osyth	11/00333/OUT to amend wording of condition 18 to 'Land as identified on drawing RW007-008 Rev D to be used for the relocated Bowmans Archery range shall be retained for that use with any ancillary buildings.' & amend wording of condition 30 to only include the following plans Site Plan showing Application Boundary - CC-0175-ABP010-6, Building Envelope/Use Plan - RW007-008 Rev D and Building Storey Heights Plan - RW007-009 Rev E. No objections.
f.	19/01227/TCA Mr E Dowman Endways 45 Mill Street St Osyth	1 No. Cedrus deodava - fell. The Parish Council refers this application to the TDC Tree & Landscape Officer for consideration.
g.	19/01250/FUL Mrs S Stenning The Cafe 70 Tower Estate Point Clear Bay	To rebuild new cafe after extensive fire damage. Whilst the Parish Council has no objection to the application itself, an observation was made as to the choice of material. Councillors would prefer to see a more robust material rather than wood.
h.	19/01292/TCA Mr T South 31 Clacton Road St Osyth	1 No. Willow - pollard. The Parish Council refers this application to the TDC Tree & Landscape Officer for consideration.
i.	19/01293/TCA Mr T South 36 Point Clear Road St Osyth	1 No. Holm Oak - reduce by 40%. 1 No. Holm Oak - fell. The Parish Council refers this application to the TDC Tree & Landscape Officer for consideration.
j.	19/01329/FUL Park Holidays Limited Seawick Sales Office Beach Road St Osyth	Construction of new sales building (B1) and associated parking (following demolition of existing sales building). No objections.
k.	19/01232/NMA Mr S Wilkins Rough Heath Cottage Rectory Road St Osyth	Non-material amendment to application 18/01311/FUL to move door from right side to centre of elevation. Information only – no comment required.
l.	19/01265/OHL UK Power Networks Wellwick Farm Colchester Road St Osyth	Diversion of a section of high voltage electricity line between Colchester Road and Wellwick Farm. Information only – no comment required.

OM-19-114 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- a. As requested by Cllr. White, a member of the public addressed the Council in respect of occupancy on the Bel Air Chalet Estate. They continued that as an owner of a property on the estate, which had 326 dwellings, they, together with other owners were subject to leases which prevented winter occupation of their respective properties; yet despite this, there were an increasing number of properties being used all year round, the occupants of which were being housed by the District Councils Housing Department.
 - i) The chalet owner continued that there were concerns as to who would be accountable in the event of a flood, as the Development Company responsible for the site had already been fined £30,000.00 for allowing properties to be occupied during the winter.
 - ii) A conversation ensued during which Cllr. White informed the Council that the matter was exacerbated by the fact that two of the District Council departments, Housing and Planning respectively, were governed by different legislation. He continued that whilst the Planning Department was tasked with ensuring compliance regarding breach of occupancy, the Housing Department were expected to house those in need, regardless of location.
 - iii) Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would write on behalf of the Parish Council to both the District Council and Giles Watling, Member of Parliament for Clacton on Sea, expressing concern as to the futility of the matter in addition to the perceived conflict of interest facing the District Council.

Three members of the public subsequently departed the meeting at 7.55 pm.

OM-19-115 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. Tendring District Council (TDC) weekly Notification of Decisions (Determinations) from 9th August to 6th September 2019.
- b. Correspondence from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the dismissal of Planning Appeal APP/P1560/W/19/3226562 (TDC 18/01669/FUL) land at Heath Road, St Osyth.
- c. Correspondence from Tendring District Council regarding the North Essex Local Plan Technical Consultation.
- d. Correspondence from Tendring District Council in respect of Planning Application 19/01171/OUT, St Osyth Priory.
- e. Correspondence from TDC regarding a hearing in respect of Planning Appeals APP/P1560/C/18/3214046 & APP/P1560/C/18/3214047 (TDC 19/00043/ENFORC) St John's Plant Centre, Earls Hall Drive.

- f. Correspondence from TDC regarding a hearing in respect of Planning Appeal APP/P1560/W/18/3202282 (TDC 19/00044/REFUSE) St John's Plant Centre, Earls Hall Drive.

OM-19-116 ST JOHN'S PLANT CENTRE:

The Clerk informed the Council that the hearing with regards to the Planning Appeals in respect of St John's Plant Centre was scheduled for Tuesday 1st October 2019, beginning at 10 am at the District Council Offices, Weeley.

- a. The Chairman enquired as to whether any Councillors were prepared to speak on behalf of the Council. Cllr. White responded that he was likely to be representing the District Council. Cllr. Grantham, who stated that she would attend, asked Cllr. White if he could also represent the Parish Council, to which the latter stated that he could see no reason why not.
- b. Although not related to the Planning Appeal, the Chairman enquired if Cllr. White was able to provide a list of the approved planning applications throughout the District, for developments which had already begun and for those which had been approved but were yet to be commenced.

OM-19-117 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLVED: That having been previously circulated, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council of 15th August 2019 be verified for accuracy by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Thomas and seconded by Cllr. Cooper. All agreed.

OM-19-118 SUMMARY OF ACTION:

- a. OM-19-097 b. The Clerk informed the Council that he had drafted a response to the applicant and the respective Funeral Director, informing both of the Parish Councils decision with regards to the Memorial Application.
- b. OM-19-099 b i. The Clerk informed the Council that he had written to the PTFA regarding the grant payment, originally intended for the swimming pool.
- c. OM-19-102 b ii. The Clerk informed the Council that he had received plans of the utilities for Darcy Road and Manfield Gardens respectively.
- d. OM-19-102 c iii. The Clerk informed the Council that the purchase of a bodycam would be discussed later in the meeting.
- e. OM-19-103 d i. The Clerk informed the Council that having checked via the Essex Highways website, the hedge outside of 125 Clacton Road, was deemed to be the responsibility of the resident.
- f. OM-19-103 d ii. The Clerk informed the Council that he had reported the overhanging branch to Essex Highways and had notified Heddingham Buses that one of its vehicles had struck the tree. He added that the latter had appeared not to be concerned.

- g. OM-19-104 b iv. The Clerk reminded the Council that the pavilion decking had been discussed during the meeting of the Playing Field Charity.
- h. OM-19-106. The Clerk informed the Council that he would report on Mental Health First Aid training later in the meeting.
- i. OM-19-109 a. The Clerk informed the Council that the notice in respect of the criminal damage / theft in the Cemetery had been included in the Parish magazine.
- j. OM-19-109 c. The Clerk informed the Council that he had written to the owners of the boatyard concerning the removal of the crane from the south bank.

A conversation ensued during which the Chairman informed the Council that the Clerk would write again to the owners of the boatyard informing them that Essex Highways were intending to finish the replacement of the railings along the causeway, and that it would be in their interest to move the crane, in case the completion of the railings prevented this.

It was also requested that the Clerk liaise with both UK Power Networks and the Health & Safety Executive, over concerns that the jib could possibly damage power lines in the event of strong winds.

OM-19-119 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- a. A member of the public addressed the Council over concerns as to the condition of the site, on Colne Way, where a fire had occurred on 17th July 2019. They continued that the occupants of the burnt-out chalet were now living in a touring caravan on the site, the provision of utilities for which were unknown. Concerns were also raised as to the quantity of rubbish and debris on the site, which was now deemed by many to be a health hazard.

Following further discussion, it was agreed that the Community Warden should visit the area surrounding the site to ascertain any information which could be of benefit to the District Council.

The fourth member of the public departed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

OM-19-120 CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. Correspondence from a resident about the possible formation of a Community Volunteer group within the Parish, to assist with small community projects likely to benefit residents. Following a discussion, it was suggested that the idea be advertised in the Parish magazine in November 2019 and the spring of 2020. All agreed.
- b. Correspondence from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Trust regarding grant funding. The Chairman suggested that this request be considered by the Finance Committee at its next meeting. All agreed.
- c. Correspondence from a resident with regards to wheelchair access to the public toilets in Church Square. The Chairman informed the Council that she had already approached the District Council regarding this matter, which was being given consideration.

OM-19-121 FINANCE:

- a. Approval of payments for August 2019, as per the circulated lists were agreed by the Council.
- b. The following balances were noted and agreed:

Current a/c	£ 107,905.93
Deposit	£ 52,924.73

OM-19-122 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

- a. The Clerk informed the Council that although the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 18th September were yet to be typed, there was one matter which required the attention of the Council.
 - i) By way of a PowerPoint presentation during which a number of options were viewed, the Clerk informed the Council of the Finance Committees decision to recommend the purchase of a 'bodycam' for use by the Community Warden and Community Speed Watch group respectively.
 - ii) Cllr. Thomas enquired if it was possible to purchase a device from Essex Police. The Clerk responded that he had continually attempted to obtain a quote from the company which supplied the Police but given that the Council was only looking to purchase one device, it was unlikely that he would receive a response.
 - iii) Cllr. Lockwood remarked that whilst one of the models shown was suitable, it had a low resolution. He suggested that any device purchased should have a '1080' resolution, which meant that any footage recorded would be 'high definition'.
 - iv) The Chairman stated that the Clerk would investigate hd devices, but as the Finance Committee had agreed the purchase in principle, it was necessary for the Council to endorse the recommendation.

RESOLVED: That St Osyth Parish Council purchase a '1080 hd' bodycam for use by the Community Warden and Community

Speed Watch group respectively. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Lockwood and seconded by Cllr. Cooper. All agreed.

OM-19-123 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

The Chairman reminded Councillors of the need to adhere to their allotted time for delivering their respective reports.

- a. **Blooms in St Osyth:** The Chairman reported that the summer plants were soon to be removed and winter blooms planted.
- b. **Highways Working Party:** The notes of the meetings of 11th September 2019, having been previously circulated, the Chairman invited comments or questions from those present. None were forthcoming.
 - i) The Chairman thanked the Clerk for the extensive notes, which she informed the Council were necessary for the drafting of the Management Plan for 2020/2023. The Chairman reminded the Council of the need for each Committee, Working Party and Councillor with a specific responsibility to review the Management Plan and submit their respective proposals.
 - ii) At the request of the Chairman the Clerk gave an overview of the meeting of 19th September 2019, with Jennifer Gudka and Chris Pound, Essex Highways, during which the Clerk and Chairman raised a number of concerns in respect of the Devolution pilot scheme. The Chairman added that the Clerk would be writing to Cllr. Kevin Bentley, Essex County Council Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, to request additional funding, given that only 14 Town or Parish Councils were taking part in the pilot.
- c. **Martin's Farm Country Park:** The notes of the meeting of 31st July 2019 having been previously circulated, the Chairman invited comments or questions from those present. None were forthcoming:
- d. **Playground, Youth & Open Spaces Working Party:** Cllr. Sinclair informed the Council of the visit, on 22nd August 2019, to Thorrington Parish play area to view the outdoor gym equipment. By way of several PowerPoint slides, Cllr. Sinclair was able to show Councillors the equipment, which members of the Working Party felt was of very good construction and would be well used if located at Cowley Park.

OM-19-124 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. **Essex County Council:** Having arrived at 8.25 pm, Cllr. Goggin gave an overview of the following:
 - i) That the Parish Councils submission for repairs to the footways in Norman Close, as part of the Member Led Repair Programme had been approved. Whilst Cllr. Goggin was unable to provide a date for the commencement of the works, he was able to confirm that the footways had been marked up and that the work would definitely be completed within the current financial year.

- ii) That at the meeting of the Local Highways Panel on 12th September 2019, it had been confirmed that the District Council had paid its allocation of £50,000.00 for the financial year 2018/2019, which would be put towards the provision of new equipment for the Highway Rangers.
 - iii) That he had, earlier that day attended the Using Sediment As a Resource (USAR) briefing, during which time those present had received a presentation on the use of dredged material in the restoration of mudflats and saltmarshes.
 - iv) That as a result of a conversation with the Clerk over concerns raised by the contractor who had been requested to carry out the repairs to the footways along Darcy Road and Manfield Gardens, as part of the Devolution pilot scheme, it had become apparent that the contractor did not meet the criteria set by Essex Highways. Cllr. Goggin added that he expected more devolution of services to follow.
 - v) In response, the Chairman informed Cllr. Goggin of the meeting with Jennifer Gudka and Chris Pound, stating that the lack of information on the part of Essex Highways was a contributing factor to the delay in works, as more information was required. Cllr. Goggin responded that all participating Councils were aware of the fact that anyone undertaking work as part of the scheme had to have the requisite qualifications.
 - vi) The Clerk informed Cllr. Goggin that during the brief which he [the Clerk] had attended with the Chairman, the primary focus of the representatives of Essex Highways had been Health & Safety issues, such as Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome (HAVS), manual handling and the use of Personal Protection equipment (PPE), rather than providing the specifications of work, the lack of which was proving to be a flaw in the scheme.
- b. **Essex Police:** Having been previously circulated, the Council reviewed the Crime statistics for July 2019.
- i) Cllr. Kelly informed the Council of offences in Point Clear by location and where practicable the status of the investigation.
 - ii) Cllr. Cooper informed the Council of offences in St Osyth by location and where practicable the status of the investigation.
 - iii) The Clerk presented the Council with statistics relating to St Osyth Beach, inclusive of the holiday parks and Bel Air Chalet Estate, for the period of July 2018 to July 2019, during which a total of 398 crimes had been reported, of which 210 had occurred on the Chalet Estate. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to both Essex Police and the District Council, highlighting the number of offences occurring on the Bel Air Chalet Estate.

- c. **Footpaths:** The Clerk informed the Council that Sarah Potter, ECC Public Rights of Way (PRoW) officer, had confirmed that funding was now available for materials for use in the repair of Footpath 5, and that the repairs would be carried out by volunteer members of the Parish Paths Partnership.
- d. **Planters & Litter Bins:** The Chairman informed the Council that responsibility for planters and litter bins was to be divided between Cllr's Ward and Catt, the latter assuming responsibility for refuse and litter bins.
- e. **Tree Warden:** Cllr. French informed the Council that the growth on the lime tree outside 138 Clacton Road had been cut back, and that as previously mentioned by the Clerk, the vegetation in front of 125 Clacton Road was originating from the property.
- f. **Tendring District Association of Local Councils (TDALC):**
Cllr. Talbot gave the following report:

The Tendring District Association of Local Councils (TDALC) does not meet until Wednesday 25th September 2019. I reported on the meeting of 24th July at the last August meeting of the Parish Council.

The Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) last met on 5th September. The meeting ran in the usual order, but with reference to the Annual General Meeting, held earlier today, and a deep examination of the financial report in preparation for the AGM. It was agreed on the financial officer's report that we would be recommending a 3% increase in subscriptions. The Chief Executive, Joy Derby, spoke about her future, saying that she wanted to make an announcement at the AGM. We discussed this in confidence, and then continued the agenda, including an updated report from the Police, containing the latest countywide statistics. The meeting finished around 12.45 pm.

The EALC held their AGM today (in fact I only got home at five to six this evening). It was an excellent meeting with very good speakers. At the morning session our CEO in giving her report said that after careful consideration she had tendered her resignation giving six months' notice. This was unexpected news for all delegates (except the Executive Members who had been informed on 5th September, as above). As you would expect there were a number of impromptu words of thanks coupled with regret, as Joy has advanced the interests of the Association a great deal, to the extent that people nationally will often refer to Essex as an example of 'this or that.'

We had speakers dealing with Children in care, the Health and Wellbeing programme, Rural broadband and its expansion in Essex and a very interesting talk on Parishes using 'public media' to get their messages out into the community with the advantage of it being able to report an item immediately. This was a very good AGM.

- g. **District Councillor's Report:**

- i) Cllr. White enquired as to whether the crime statistics received by the Council could be divulged to the public. The Chairman confirmed that they could, as they were already in the public domain.
- ii) Cllr. White reported that Councillors at the Annual General Meeting of the District Council had been critical of the new waste collection service.
- iii) Cllr. Talbot subsequently gave the following report:

The main topic of discussion in the District, as I reported last month, continues to be the new Waste and Recycling contract. Even now we still have properties that have had no contact from the service at one end of the scale and at the other recycling figures we could only have dreamt of, with a 96% increase in food waste, a 61% increase in plastic bottles and tins, when compared to the same week in 2018.

This matter is the subject of an internal meeting on 26th September 2019, which I have called in my capacity as the Portfolio Holder responsible for waste, to gather together those officers 'at the coal face' to pick their brains for any ideas to ease the current problems.

The new 'Corporate Plan 2020 to 2024' has been published internally for comment from members, before submission to the two Overview & Scrutiny Committees and subsequently public consultation, after which the plans will be put before the Full Council for approval on 21st January 2020. This Plan is to set the Council's aims and objectives until 2024 and so is a very important document.

The Council has bid and been included in the governments "Future High Streets Fund" which should provide some funding for alterations and improvements to Clacton town centre. We have a Working Party preparing plans for the centre to be ready to go.

- h. **Website:** Cllr. Lockwood informed the Council that he was continuing to make alterations to the website, which included a section on walks within the Parish.

He continued that he would add a number of walks from a Village Guide, a copy of which was subsequently shown by way of a PowerPoint slide, which was held by Toosey Print.

Cllr. Lockwood also reported that he was keen to digitise the books of the late Phyl Hendy, so that they could be viewed on the website.

- i. **Community Speed Watch:**

- i) At the request of the Chairman, Cllr. Cooper gave a breakdown of the statistics:

Between 15th July 2019 and 16th September 2019, there were 20 occurrences of drivers speeding in the village, with an average speed of 37.5 mph.

1. Clacton Road:
18 recordings with an average speed of 38.1 mph

Total for St Osyth: 18 recordings (average speed of 38.1 mph)

2. Point Clear Road:
2 recordings with an average speed of 37 mph

Total for Point Clear: 2 recordings (average speed of 37 mph)

The highest recorded speed was 45 mph.

5 Vehicles were observed travelling in excess of 40 mph.

- ii) Cllr's Cooper and French informed the Council of an incident on 4th September 2019, during which they had been subjected to verbal abuse and threatening behaviour from a motorist who had stopped to confront their legitimacy to carry out Community Speed Watch activities.

Cllr. Cooper informed the Council that the incident had been reported to Essex Police, and that he had earlier that day received an email from the investigating officer informing him [Cllr. Cooper] that he would receive an update as to the progress of the investigation within 28 days.

OM-19-125 REPORTS FROM NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES & TRUSTEES:

- a. **St Osyth Almshouse Charity:** Nothing to report.
- b. **St Osyth Playing Field Charity:** Nothing to report.
- c. **Point Clear Community Association:** The Clerk informed the Council that the association's Annual General Meeting had taken place, and that Cllr. Blockley would report anything of relevance at the October meeting.
- d. **Village Hall Management Committee:** Cllr. Thomas informed the Council that the next meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) was scheduled for October.
- e. **St Osyth Priory & Parish Trust:** The Chairman reported that the PTFA Picnic in the Priory on Sunday 15th September 2019 had been very successful, with over 800 people visiting between 12 pm and 4 pm. The Chairman continued that some 300 people had paid to climb the Abbots Tower, which had taken the total amount raised to just under £2,000.00

Cllr. Lockwood stated that there were some very good photographs on social media and that there seemed to be a lot of interest in a future similar event.

The Chairman concluded by informing the Council that all those attending had taken their rubbish home, which had resulted in a third of a bag of rubbish being collected.

OM-19-126 MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING:

The Clerk informed the Council that he was looking to arrange a Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training course towards the end of October or beginning of November 2019, and that he would notify the Council once he had any information of relevance.

OM-19-127 TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL SPECIAL EXPENSES:

The Clerk informed the Council of the request from the District Council to consider applying for special expenses if there was likely to be any change in the functions on which expenditure was incurred. It was proposed by Cllr. Talbot and seconded by Cllr. White that no special expenses were needed. All agreed.

OM-19-128 NIGHTLY CLOSURE OF DUMONT AVENUE PLAY AREA:

At the request of the Chairman, the Clerk, by way of several PowerPoint slides showed the Council photographs of several dogs inside of the play area, the sign for which clearly stated that no dogs were allowed inside.

The Chairman continued that following a number of occasions whereby dog owners had allowed their animals to foul in the play area, a resident of Dumont Avenue had contacted the Chairman to say that they were willing to lock the play area gates in the evening and unlock them the following morning. Cllr. Quy stated that she would also be willing to assist as and when necessary.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council approve the locking of the Dumont Avenue play area overnight, so as to prevent dog owners utilising the play area. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Sinclair and seconded by Cllr. White. All agreed.

OM-19-129 MAINTENANCE OF VERGES:

The Chairman informed the Council of the meeting of 29th August 2019, with representatives of the District Council, namely Ian Taylor, Head of Public Realm and Trevor Mills, Open Spaces Manager, during which the frequency of cutting and the appearance of the verges maintained by the District Council was discussed. The Chairman continued that both Ian Taylor and Trevor Mills had indicated that they wished to deliver an improved service, despite a reduction in both budget and staff.

The Clerk informed the Council that during the meeting, Ian Taylor had agreed to the Parish Council obtaining a quote from a local contractor for the work undertaken by the District Council.

OM-19-130 ST OSYTH FERRY LANDING STAGE:

The Chairman informed the Council of the meeting of 6th September 2019, with William Coulet, Exo-Environmental and James Thomas, Brightlingsea Harbour Master, to discuss the proposed installation of a new landing stage to accommodate the Brightlingsea to St Osyth Ferry, for which the support of the Parish Council was being sought.

The Chairman continued that it had been a very productive meeting, before asking the Clerk to show several slides of the proposed landing stage and its intended location.

Pending the receipt of further information and plans, the Council agreed in principle to support the scheme.

OM-19-131 FURTHER MATTERS:

- a. Cllr. Kelly informed the Chairman that the street sign for Eastern Promenade had been uprooted and requested that the Chairman liaise with the Highway Rangers to reinstate the sign.
- b. Cllr. Goggin informed the Council of the Brightlingsea fireworks display planned for 9th November, requesting that it be advertised by the Parish Council. All agreed.
- c. Cllr. French informed the Clerk that cars were once again being parked on the verge to the front of Pump Hill garage, which was impacting on the visibility of drivers. The Clerk was requested to liaise with the District Council.
- d. Cllr. Thomas informed the Clerk that the 30mph speed sign at the Colchester Road entrance to the village was still lying on the ground waiting to be erected. The Clerk stated that having reported it a number of times, the response of Essex Highways was that it was not deemed a priority and would be scheduled as routine maintenance.
- e. Cllr. White informed the Council that he had received numerous complaints that heavy good vehicles were using the entrance adjacent to the White Hart, rather than 7 Mill Street, to access the West Field development. He continued that it had been reported that some vehicles were having to manoeuvre up to ten times before being able to fit through the entrance.

The Chairman responded that she would liaise with the Sargeant Family regarding the matter and that the Council should consider writing to them ahead of any further development on West Field.

- f. Cllr. Sinclair reported that parking was still an issue along St Clairs Road. The Chairman stated that a letter would be sent to all residents of the road, requesting that vehicles be parked in such a way as to be considerate to those needing to use the footways.
- g. The Clerk addressed the Council in respect of the new waste and recycling scheme, stating that despite the initial teething problems faced by the District Council, the vast majority of criticism received was now aimed at Veolia and not TDC staff. The Clerk continued that in addition to refuse and recycling collections, Veolia were also struggling to empty bins in areas such as Martin's Farm Park and along the promenade in

Clacton. The Chairman endorsed the Clerks comments, adding that she too was aware of criticism of Veolia rather than TDC staff.

- h. The Chairman concluded the meeting with a further welcome to Cllr's Catt and Quy.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.55 pm.

Summary of 'Action Required' from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 19th September 2019		
OM-19-114 a iii	Occupancy of Bel Air Chalet Estate	Clk to write to TDC & Giles Watling
OM-19-116 a	St John's Plant Centre Hearing	Cllr. White to represent SOPC
OM-19-116 b	Planning Permissions	Cllr. White to obtain details
OM-19-119 a	Colne Way	CW to review / Clk to write to TDC
OM-19-120 a	Community Volunteers	Advert to be placed in 2 x editions of Parish magazine
OM-19-120 b	E&H AAT Funding	Finance Committee to review
OM-19-122 a iv	Bodycam	Clk to research & purchase
OM-19-123 b ii	Highways Devolution	Clk to write to ECC
OM-19-124 b iii	Bel Air Estate Crime Statistics	Clk to write to Essex Police / TDC
OM-19-129	Grass Cutting Quotation	Clk to action
OM-19-131 a	Reinstatement of Street Sign	Cllr. Grantham to action
OM-19-131 c	Pump Hill Car Sales	Clk to liaise with TDC Enforcement
OM-19-131 f	Parking along St Clairs Road	Ltr to be sent to residents

Signature: *[Signed on Original]*
 SW Grantham
 Chairman

Date: