



ST OSYTH PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held via Zoom on Monday 26th April 2021 at 7.00 pm

PARTICIPANTS: Chairman: Cllr. Sonia Grantham, Vice-Chairman: Cllr. Aimee Bloskiey
Cllr's David Cooper, Ray French, Mandy Kelly, John Lockwood,
Patricia Quay, Karen Sinclair, Michael Talbot, Michele Thomas &
John White

Cllr. Alan Goggin, Essex County Councillor

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Julie Ward (Unwell)

MINUTES: Neil Williams (Parish Clerk)

PUBLIC PRESENT: Two

OM-21-001 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's Grantham and White declared Non-Pecuniary Interests in respect of Planning Applications 21/00489/FUL & 21/00491/LBC respectively.

OM-21-002 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

	APPLICATION & ADDRESS	PROPOSAL
a.	21/00240/FUL Brightlingsea Town Council Stone Point Point Clear Bay	Proposed new ferry landing stage involving a raised boardwalk that connects the seawall with the floating pontoon. No objections.
b.	21/00299/FUL Mr Coleman 9 Broadstrood, St Osyth	Erection of single storey rear extension. No objections.

Prior to viewing Planning Application 21/00351/FUL, the Clerk, with the permission of the Council, narrated the following statement on behalf of the applicant:

In your agenda tonight you will have before you the amended plan for the sub-division for a site to form a building plot for a one bed detached bungalow.

I ask you to consider that the planning designer has taken on board the comments and concerns for overdevelopment and street scene and has reduced the size of the proposed dwelling, removed the buildout fencing and relocated the one parking space away from No.26 James Gardens, so adjacent to No 25 James Gardens with Highways approval.

Therefore, there is no loss of any green landscaped frontage or any adverse impact on site lines, existing amenities or street scene.

So, I am hoping this amended plan will be a compromise on what is now proposed as a very modest bungalow situated in a location of small bungalows.

I believe there to be no objections from neighbours but there is support from one. Thank you.

<p>c.</p>	<p>21/00351/FUL Miss Foster 25 James Gardens St Osyth</p>	<p>Proposed erection of 1 detached bungalow, amended vehicular access and associated works (resubmission of refusal 20/01059/FUL).</p> <p>Whilst the Parish Council recognise that the applicant has reduced the size of the proposed dwelling, and that the revised plan (<i>drawing no. FGG-01 Rev. B</i>) of 9th November 2020 in respect of planning application 20/01059/FUL, which was deemed acceptable by Essex Highways remains extant, the Parish Council strongly object to this application for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application is seen as a gross overdevelopment of land originally intended to provide landscaped space between dwellings on what is essentially an open plan estate, thereby adding to the overall quality and character of the area. • Policy SPL3 of the emerging Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond Publication Draft (June 2017), seeks to ensure that all new developments make a positive contribution to the quality of the local environment, and are of a suitable scale and nature appropriate to the locality. • The Council would endorse the decision of the District Council in respect of planning application 20/01059/FUL, <i>which the Council consider to be relevant to the application in question, in that:</i> <p><i>‘the development is inappropriate in this locality and fails to make a positive contribution to the quality of the local environment contrary to the aims of the above-mentioned National and Local Plan Policies.’</i></p>
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		If permitted, the proposed development would result in the loss of an amenity space, which forms an important visual characteristic of the wider area and would be of no benefit to the appearance of the existing environment.
d.	21/00375/FUL Bocking Homes 34 Broadstrood St Osyth	Erection of a self-contained two-bedroom bungalow with associated parking. The Parish Council strongly object to this application on the basis that the land on which the proposed property is to be built, was originally intended to provide landscaped space between dwellings on what is essentially an open plan estate, thereby adding to the overall quality and character of the area. Policy SPL3 of the emerging Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond Publication Draft (June 2017), seeks to ensure that all new developments make a positive contribution to the quality of the local environment, and are of a suitable scale and nature appropriate to the locality. If permitted, the proposed development would result in the loss of an amenity space, which forms an important visual characteristic of the wider area and would be of no benefit to the appearance of the existing environment.
e.	21/00489/FUL & 21/00491/LBC Mr & Mrs Harrington Chisbon House Heath Road, St Osyth	Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing extension). No objections.
f.	21/00522/FUL Mrs J Webb 18 D'Arcy Road, St Osyth	Proposed loft conversion with velux rooflight. No objections.

OM-21-003 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. Tendring District Council (TDC) weekly Notification of Decisions (Determinations) from 12th March 2021 to 2nd April 2021.

OM-21-004 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. **Essex County Council:** Cllr. Goggin thanked the Council for allowing him to present his report at the beginning of the meeting. He subsequently gave an overview of the following:

- i. That the County Councils planned expenditure for 2021/2022 amounted to £2,014m, of which £717m was offset by way of Council Tax.
 - a) Cllr. Goggin explained that whilst there was often criticism about the condition of the roads, such as potholes, the amount which the County Council spent daily on the maintenance of the road networks within Essex amounted to £185,206.00 per day, whereas the daily expenditure in respect of Adult Social Care amounted to £1,740,728.00.
 - b) Cllr. Goggin continued that the amount raised by the collection of Council Tax within the county just about funded Adult Social Care and Public Health, the first of which alone amounted to £635m per year.
- ii. That a Freedom of Information Request had been submitted to the County Council, enquiring as to how Cllr. Goggin had allocated the repair of 50 potholes within his Ward, together with how £10,000.00, by way of the County Councils Locality Grant, had been allocated.
 - a) Cllr. Goggin reminded the Council that each of his five Parishes had been requested to submit a list of 10 potholes for repair. Of the potholes submitted by St Osyth Parish Council, 5 had been fully repaired, 3 had received a temporary repair, whilst 2 were outstanding.
 - b) That each of the 5 Parishes had received £2,000.00 from the Locality Grant. Cllr. Goggin added that although his allocated grant from the Locality Grant amounted to £10,000.00, thanks to the efforts of the Parish Councils within his Ward, the actual benefit to residents in financial terms equated to just over £16,000.00.
- iii. That although £30,000.00 had been allocated to the Outline Design for Safety Improvements to the Crossroads, he was aware that the Parish Council had concerns with regards to the footway around the corner of The Hoy, which the Chairman of the Council wanted to discuss with Essex Highways before any decision was taken.
- iv. That the 'Happy to Chat' bench looked very good and was in an excellent location.
- v. That the repair of the footway in Mill Street had been completed. Cllr. Goggin added that whilst he had been inspecting the repairs, he had been approached by a resident who had suggested that a bollard or bollards be placed along that section of the footway, so as to prevent heavy vehicles from driving over the footway whilst carrying out 3-point turns.
- vi. Having been asked about the repairs to the footways along Spring Road by the Chairman, Cllr. Goggin informed the Council that the repairs carried out in 2020 had come about as a result of an initiative by Cllr. Kevin Bentley, Essex County Council Cabinet Member for Infrastructure.

Cllr. Goggin added that whilst an engineer would have assessed the area for repair, Cllr. Bentley had issued a dictate that crews carrying out the repairs should use a common-sense approach and extend the area to be repaired if there was an obvious defect within the immediate vicinity. Cllr. Goggin informed the Council that he would, subject to the result of the forthcoming Elections, raise the matter with the Works Officer. The Chairman added that the footways had previously been marked for repair, therefore there was an expectation for the repairs to be completed.

- vii. Cllr. Goggin stated that due to the Elections on 6th May, there was a possibility that this might be his last meeting with St Osyth Parish Council. He continued that if that were indeed the case, he would like to thank the Council for its support during his tenure as a County Councillor.

Cllr. Goggin left the meeting at 7.40 pm.

OM-21-005 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RESOLVED: That having been previously circulated, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting (held via Zoom) of 18th March 2021 be verified for accuracy by the Council and signed retrospectively by the Chairman as a true and accurate record, when the Council next meets in person. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Lockwood. All agreed.

OM-21-006 SUMMARY OF ACTION:

- a. OM-20-244 a i c ix. The Clerk informed the Council that the Highways Working Party had reviewed the omission of pedestrian safety from the Outline Design for Safety Improvements to the Crossroads, as prepared by Essex Highways, and that an online meeting had been arranged with representatives of the latter and Ben Cook, BMJC Consulting Ltd, who had prepared the Feasibility Study for the Parish Council, to discuss how to ensure that the issue of pedestrian safety was addressed before the design went to public consultation.
- b. OM-20-246 a. The Clerk informed the Council that dog waste bin on St Clairs Road had been emptied.
- c. OM-20-258 c. The Clerk informed the Council that an advert for the Co-option of a Councillor would be included in the June edition of the Parish magazine.
- d. OM-20-262 d. The Clerk reminded the Council that the subject of Climate Change had been included as an agenda item for discussion at the end of the meeting.
- e. OM-20-265 a ii. The Clerk informed the Council that Cllr. Thomas had forwarded an email regarding dog thefts to Cllr. Quy.
- f. OM-20-265 c. The Clerk informed the Council that the subject of the recent works on the sea defences at St Osyth Beach would be discussed later in the meeting.

- g. OM-20-265 d. The Clerk informed the Council that both he and the Community Warden had carried out random checks of parking along Dumont Avenue, and that neither had seen any vehicles parked near the entrance to the play area.
- h. OM-20-265 f. The Clerk informed the Council that he had again raised the concerns of residents along Point Clear Road regarding the mobile catering vendor with the District Council.

OM-21-007 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

OM-21-008 CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. Correspondence from residents, both in favour of, and against the installation of the k-barrier along Footpath 29.
- b. Correspondence from residents with regards to the proposed relocation of St James Surgery to Clacton Hospital.
- c. Correspondence from Essex County Council with regards to the gritting of Beach Road, St Osyth (Bus Routes 6A & 7)

OM-21-009 FINANCE:

- a. Approval of payments for March 2021, as per the circulated lists were agreed by the Council.
- b. The following balances were noted and agreed:

Current a/c	£88,580.80
Deposit	£53,243.15
- c. At the request of the Chairman, the Clerk gave an overview of how funds allocated to Ear Marked Reserves had been spent to date. The Clerk explained that of the £6,000.00 allocated, £1,899.75 had been spent on safety improvements to the entrance of the Cemetery and the car park, and that of the remaining Reserves, £1,941.00 was to be used for the digitisation of the Cemetery mapping and the provision of a compatible administration software package, and that the remaining £2,159.25 would be used towards the cost of the Consecration of the Cemetery extension.

OM-21-010 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

- a. **Blooms in St Osyth:** The Chairman reported that the summer flowers had been ordered. The Chairman subsequently thanked those Councillors who had helped with the 'dead-heading' of the daffodils.

b. **Highways Working Party:**

- i. The notes of the Highways Working Party meeting of 23rd March 2021 were accepted.
- ii. The Chairman informed the Council that having been reviewed by the Highways Working Party, the omission of pedestrian safety in the Outline Design for Safety Improvements to the Crossroads, had been raised with Tom Eng, Essex Highways, who had stated that having discussed the matter with the Design Team, it had been agreed that it was not possible to improve the footway around The Hoy.
 - a) The Chairman continued that she had forwarded the Outline Design and comments from Tom Eng to Ben Cook, who had agreed to attend any subsequent meetings with Essex Highways.
 - b) A discussion ensued as to the need for improvements to the footway around The Hoy, and how the measurements referred to by Essex Highways did not tally with those provided by Ben Cook.
 - c) Cllr. Cooper suggested that given the expense incurred by the Parish Council to date, £1,500.00 for the Feasibility Study and £10,500.00 for the Outline Design, the Parish Council would be within its rights to request a refund, whilst Cllr. Talbot remarked that even with the omission of pedestrian safety, given the asymmetric nature of the crossroads, it had been a disappointing exercise when considering the money spent to date against the proposed design, which was unacceptable.
 - d) The Chairman concluded that she would arrange a meeting with David Gollop, Essex Highways Senior Design Engineer, Tom Eng, Essex Highways Liaison Officer and Ben Cook, BMJC Consulting Ltd as soon as possible.
- iii. The Clerk informed the Council that the Highways Devolution Grant scheme was to continue in 2021/2022, and that the Chairman has signed the necessary documentation on behalf of the Parish Council.

c. **Martin's Farm Country Park:** The notes of the meeting of 13th April 2021, having been previously circulated, the Chairman invited questions from those present. None were forthcoming.

d. **Playground, Youth & Open Spaces Working Party:**

- i. The Clerk informed the Council of the meeting of 23rd March 2021, at which together with the Chairman, he had raised the concerns of the Parish Council at the refusal by Essex County Council and the Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) of the Councils Community Initiatives Fund (CIF), with Matthew Welsh, ECC Lead for Strengthening Communities. The Clerk continued that whilst it was unlikely that the Council would receive any funding, it had highlighted the need for ECC/ EALC to write individual letters of acceptance or refusal of CIF applications, rather than use a generic response.

- ii. The Chairman informed the Council that the Public Open Spaces Contribution of £22,500.00 from the development at Pump Hill had yet to be paid to the District Council, and that she would be speaking with the Officer responsible on 30th April 2021 to receive an update. The Chairman subsequently informed the Council that there had been no payment in respect of land at The Coach House on Colchester Road, as the work was not deemed to have started yet.

OM-21-011 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

- a. **Essex Police:** Having been previously circulated, the Council reviewed the Crime statistics for February 2021.
 - i. Cllr. Kelly informed the Council of offences in Point Clear and Point Clear Bay by location and where practicable the status of the investigation.
 - a) The Chairman noted that whilst a number of crimes were reported as having occurred within the Orchards Holiday Park, this information was not 100% accurate, as the holiday park had been closed during the times when the offences occurred, therefore, they had to be attributable to residents of the Bay.
 - ii. Cllr. Cooper informed the Council of offences in St Osyth by location and where practicable the status of the investigation.
- b. **Footpaths:** Nothing to report.
- c. **Benches & Litter Bins:** No report given.
- d. **Planters:** No report given.
- e. **Tree Warden:** Nothing to report.
- f. **Tending District Association of Local Councils (TDALC):**
Cllr. Talbot gave the following report:

TDALC met on 24th March, it was an important meeting for me as the main business was to follow up on the Climate Change Report, I had made at the January meeting. TDC's responsible Officer, Tim R. Clarke, was to be the speaker. I completely forgot the meeting and was at home. I have been the Parish Delegate since 1998, that's 23 years, and I have only previously missed three meetings due to sickness and the like. I apologise to members for my absence. The next meeting is on Wednesday the 26th May, and still without a Clerk, Robert Taylor will organise, and Janet Russell (our retired Secretary) is coming back for this meeting.

The Essex Association last met on 18th March, as reported at our last meeting. The next meeting, via Zoom, of the Essex Association is on 13th May.

g. District Councillor's Report:

i. Cllr. Talbot gave the following report:

The full District Council meets tomorrow for its Annual General Meeting. This is a short formal meeting with specific business, which is as follows:

- to elect the District Council Chairman for the coming municipal year;
- to elect a Vice Chairman of the District Council;
- to agree the number of Committees and the number of members to sit on each;
- to name the members and their individual Committee places;
- to elect the Chairmen of the Committees;
- to endorse and reaffirm the Council's Constitution and any changes since the last AGM;
- to agree a programme of meeting of the Council and its Committees for 2021/2; and then departing from the formal AGM agenda, to consider funding for Stage 2 of the Holland on Sea Cliff Stabilisation works, in the region of £2.131m, which cannot wait for the next Ordinary Council meeting on 18th May.

There is a major row going on between the Government and Local Councils, which has led to the Local Government Association (LGA) taking the Government to the High Court, to challenge their decision that they do not have Parliamentary time to extend the remote working arrangements such as Microsoft Teams that TDC use, or Zoom or Skype, beyond 7th May, when the present Covid Regulations surrounding meeting arrangements come to an end.

This would mean that normal face to face meetings would be the only 'legal' way for a meeting to take place. Distance between members would still apply along with face masks, but as the LGA is saying the Covid pandemic is not yet over, and some authorities will not have a place to meet where they can preserve the two-metre rule.

Tendring District Council can always meet in the Princes Theatre, but many Authorities just have no place to meet. The High Court have met, but have not yet announced their decision, so we wait expectantly. I think it is quite extraordinary that there has been no national publicity to this dispute between the Government and Local Authorities.

ii. Cllr. White gave the following report:

That following discussions about appointments within the District Council, he would remain as the Chairman of the Planning Committee, and that the Deputy Chairman of that Committee, Cllr. Jeff Bray, was to be appointed the Chairman of the Council.

- h. **Website:** Cllr. Lockwood reported that he had included pictures of the daffodils on the website, and that he had encountered problems with WordPress, with which there was an editing fault. He continued that Naglotech had been working on the fault.
Cllr. Lockwood continued that he had added new pages to the website, including local news and a separate page for updates about the crossroads.
- i. **Community Speed Watch:** Nothing to report.

OM-21-012 REPORTS FROM NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVES & TRUSTEES:

- a. **St Osyth Almshouse Charity:** Cllr. Sinclair reported that the next meeting of the Charity was scheduled for May.
- b. **St Osyth Playing Field Charity:**
 - i. Cllr. Thomas informed the Council that following a recent meeting between herself, the Chairman, Clerk and Community Warden, to discuss repairs/ jobs required at the pavilion, a list had been compiled ready for a Consultation. Cllr. Thomas continued that it would be best if the necessary works were discussed on site, once the Council were able to meet in person.
 - ii. Cllr. Thomas informed the Council that during a conversation between the Clerk and James Handscombe, a former member of the Cricket Club, the latter had confirmed that there had been no interest in reforming the club. Cllr. Thomas added that in its capacity as the Sole Trustee, the Council was maintaining the grass around the cricket square, however, the artificial bowling strip within the square was no longer fit for purpose and would require significant investment to bring it back up to a playable standard.
- c. **Point Clear Community Association:** Nothing to report.
- d. **Village Hall Management Committee:** Nothing to report.
- e. **St Osyth Priory & Parish Trust:** The Chairman reported that the Education Centre had been completed and that Ian Davidson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the District Council and the Councils Planning Policy Manager, Gary Guiver, had visited the centre on 23rd April 2021.

The Chairman continued that it was hoped to implement school visits as of the May half term, and that visits would take place in June and July, at no cost to the visiting schools.

OM-21-013 ANNUAL PARISH REPORT:

The Chairman informed the Council that the Annual Parish Report had been completed and that it looked good. The Chairman thanked all who had contributed to the Report.

OM-21-014 COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- a. The Clerk informed the Council of recent guidance from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) with regards to the resumption of face-to-face meetings, and that with the 2020 Regulations expiring on 6th May 2021, he had already taken the precaution of booking the Main Hall from May to December 2021.
- b. The Chairman informed the Council that social distancing would have to be maintained when face-to-face meetings resumed, and that if necessary Lateral Flow Tests could be used.

OM-21-015 MEETING DATES FROM APRIL 2021 TO MAY 2022:

The Clerk informed the Council that he had prepared two lists of meeting dates for the period April 2021 to May 2022. The first assumed that attendance at all Council meetings would return to normal, whereas the second list assumed that the Council would continue with virtual meetings, subject to any change to the current legislation.

- a. It was agreed that Committees and Working Parties should continue to set their own dates.
- b. The Chairman informed the Council of the provisional date (20th July 2021) for the Annual Parish Appraisal, which dependent on whether a single minibus could be used, would mean that Councillors would have to use their own vehicles.

OM-21-016 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS:

The records of attendance for Council, Committee and Working Party meetings for April 2020 to March 2021 were noted.

OM-21-017 CASUAL VACANCY - CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR:

- a. The Clerk reminded the Council that an advert for the co-option of a Councillor would be included in the June edition of the Parish magazine, with candidates being interviewed in July 2021.

OM-21-018 HIGHWAYS DEVOLUTION GRANT:

The Council having already been informed of the continuation of the Highways Devolution Grant scheme, the Chairman requested that Councillors look at footways in need of repair within their respective areas. The Chairman requested that when doing so, Councillors take footfall into account. Councillors were requested to submit areas of suggested repair to the Clerk by 12th May 2021.

OM-21-019 SEAWICK SEA DEFENCE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME:

Cllr. Lockwood informed the Council that having seen a number of posts on social media about the recent improvements to the sea defences at St Osyth Beach, he had visited the site and was in agreement with some of the comments on social media that an area where a path had crossed the beach had been filled with gravel and aggregates.

- a. Cllr. Lockwood continued that in filling the area where the path crossed the beach, the access to the beach, to the west of the flood gate at Hutleys, had been moved some 400 yards further along the sea wall.

- b. By way of a shared screen, the Clerk produced the location plan for the works carried out by the Environment Agency, together with photographs of the improvements, as seen from the sea wall.
- c. Cllr. White reminded the Council that the improvements had been carried out to ensure the continued effectiveness of the sea defences, and that although an area of beach, which was not a Right of Way, had been covered with gravel and aggregates, there were plenty of other stretches of beach where people could go. Cllr. White concluded by stating that he thought the Environment Agency had done a good job with the improvements.
- d. Cllr. Sinclair informed the Council that her understanding of the improvements was that the rocks and aggregate were there to trap sand, thereby preventing damage to the groynes.
- e. The Chairman suggested that the Clerk should write to Hutleys, who owned that particular area of the beach, for their comments.

OM-21-020 CLIMATE CHANGE:

Having previously received an explanation as to the District Councils Climate Change Policy from Cllr. Talbot at the March meeting, the Chairman reminded the Council that Climate Change would be a reoccurring agenda item as of April 2021.

- a. The Chairman informed the Council that having received a number of suggestions from Councillors following the March meeting, she had asked the Clerk to list the suggestions under the following categories:
 - i. Items which the Council could consider;
 - ii. Items which could be encouraged with the Parish; and
 - iii. General.
- b. Suggestions from Councillors for Items which the Council could consider included:
 - i. To reduce the quantity of paper by circulating all agenda items electronically and displaying minutes and reports in the meeting.
 - a) The Chairman asked the Clerk whether in his opinion this suggestion would work. The Clerk replied that it was a simple enough task to display minutes, reports, plans and images during a Council meeting.
 - b) Cllr. Quy remarked that in order for the proposal to work, Councillors would need to receive their agenda packs in sufficient time, so as to ensure that they were familiar with its contents. Cllr. Sinclair commented that as a School Governor she received all agendas and minutes electronically, and that as a Parish Councillor, she received her agenda 7 days before any meeting of the Council.
 - c) The consensus was that the Council should trial the system for 3 months, once face-to-face meetings resumed. Cllr. White expressed reservations as to whether the system would work.

- ii. If legislation permitted, to consider alternating Council meetings between face-to-face and virtual.
 - a) All agreed that whilst virtual meetings had been beneficial, they were no replacement for face-to-face meetings. It was suggested that the Council meetings could take place in person, and that perhaps Committee and Working Party meetings could be held virtually.
- iii. To promote and encourage the use of public transport and/or car sharing when Council business, including meetings and courses.
 - a) All agreed that this was already common practice where 2 or more Councillors were attending the same event.
- iv. To consider adapting the TDC Climate Change Policy for use by the Parish Council.
 - a) Cllr. Talbot stated that he could see no issue with this suggestion, adding that if the Clerk contacted him, he would provide contact details for the Officer responsible.
- v. To suggest the use of solar panels and electric vehicle (EV) charging points when commenting on planning applications for new houses.
 - a) Cllr. White informed the Council that whilst these suggestions could not currently be included as a condition of planning approval by the District Council, there was nothing to prevent the Parish Council from including them when commenting on new build properties.
- vi. To consider whether the Parish Council could provide a public EV charging point.
 - a) A conversation took place during which Councillors discussed at length the pro's and con's of electric vehicles, especially the difficulties which would be faced by those living in terraced houses. Councillors briefly discussed the use of electric mowers by contractors, to which Cllr. Blockley and the Clerk highlighted the cost of such equipment, when the battery for the electric mower at the allotments cost £300.00 alone.
- c. Given the time, the Chairman suggested that Items which could be encouraged with the Parish and General items be discussed at the next meeting. All agreed.

OM-21-021 FURTHER MATTERS:

- a. At the request of the Chairman, the Clerk informed the Council that given a lot of comments on social media as to why the Parish Council or Tendring District Council had not carried out certain tasks, he had suggested to the Chairman that he compile a list of responsibilities at Parish, District and County level, which could be included in the Parish magazine. The Clerk continued that the Chairman had suggested that the information should also be displayed on the Council notice boards. All agreed to both suggestions.

- b. Cllr. Kelly informed the Council that the plot of land adjacent to the former Barehams Butchers on The Bury was being advertised for sale, with planning permission. The Chairman explained that the plot of land had been sold by the Church in 2007, and that whilst the planning permission for an architect designed dwelling would have expired, the current or future owners could reapply for the permission.
- c. Cllr. Lockwood informed the Council that a number of static caravans had been placed on land at Cow Lane, known as 40 Winks. He continued that the siting of the caravans suggested that it was a permanent measure and that the land was unlikely to be used as a traveller's pitch, as had been suggested by some.
- d. Cllr. Talbot requested that the Council acknowledge the efforts of the Clerk for the information provided by way of PowerPoint during the meeting, adding that the Clerk had done an excellent job. The Chairman agreed and requested that the Clerk record the gratitude of the Council.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.43 pm.

The date of the next meeting was set for 7.00 pm on Thursday 20th May 2021.

Summary of 'Action Required' from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 26th April 2021		
OM-21-010 b ii d	Meeting with Essex Highways & Ben Cook	Chairman to arrange mtg
OM-21-010 d ii	Public Open Spaces Contributions	Chairman to liaise with TDC
OM-21-012 b i	Repairs to the Pavilion	Cllr's to meet in person once restrictions are lifted
OM-21-015 b	Annual Parish Appraisal	Transport to be confirmed
OM-21-018	Highways Devolution Grant	Cllr's to notify Clk by 12 th May
OM-21-019 e	Sea Defence Improvements	Clk to write to Hutleys
OM-21-020 b i c	Paperless Agenda Packs	PC to trial for 3 months
OM-21-020 b iv a	Climate Change Policy	Clk to liaise with Cllr. Talbot
OM-21-020 c	Climate Change	PC to discuss further at next meeting

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