

New ECC Leader Cllr Kevin Bentley and Deputy Leader Louise McKinley are now in post, and there are interesting and innovative times to come. A 3-pillar strategy of Renewal (Covid recovery), Equality (safety for everyone) and Ambition (infrastructure & investment) is underpinning the work of ECC. Cllr Schwier is Deputy Cabinet Member to the Leader and also leading on Climate Change. He is looking forward to the High Commission Climate Change report which is due in July.

Cllr Schwier is County Councillor for 33 Parish Councils, as well as being a Braintree District Councillor and sitting on Planning, Licensing and Performance Management Committees at BDC. He is committed to supporting Parish Councils and highlighted the recent re-launch of the ECC CIF fund.

Cllr Southgate asked Cllr Schwier about support for village Highways issues including the Keep Clear signs and the embankment at Station Road. Cllr Schwier is keen to support where he can.

Braintree DC report: Cllr Johnson asked if the Parish Council had considered CCTV at the Village Park. It was noted that cameras are already in place at the rear of the Club and at the Public Toilets. An Essex Police security adviser had worked with the Parish Council in the early planning stages, and had advised that open and visible access for all is the best security, while CCTV is often ineffective. Wider use of CCTV has not been ruled out by the Parish Council but it is not planned immediately.

Footpaths: Cllr Johnson continues to walk the village footpaths and report any problems. A broken bridge at Footpath 19 has been reported to the Parish Council, with Cllr Westrop supplying photos to report to Public Rights of Way at ECC for repair.

Cllr Beavis reported after item 9. A successful **Community Litter pick** was carried out by volunteers in both the Hedinghams, and she has chased up BDC to collect litter and leftover equipment from the Bell.

BDC Local plan Section 2 is now with the Planning Inspector and examination begins on 5th July

BDC Consultations are underway on a district Cycle Strategy and Environmental Strategy, which will go to an extraordinary District Council meeting in September 2021. Residents are encouraged to contribute. In answer to a question from Cllr Southgate, Cllr Beavis agreed to assist the Parish Council with getting ECC and BDC support with the damaged section of Footpath 15 at Station Road, and its boundary with the old timberyard which is causing problems. Cllr Beavis had recently undertaken a lengthy walk with Mr Rob Worley looking at various footpath and river issues in the village.

8. PLANNING

Applications received

21/01411/TPOCON Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - H1 - Cypress - Remove section of hedge to achieve a minimum clearance of 9m to the left flank -located at Blue Boar House, 24 St James Street, Castle Hedingham, Halstead, Essex , CO9 3EW) T3 - Blue Cedar - Fell - located at Blue Boar House, 24 St James Street, Castle Hedingham, Halstead, Essex , CO9 3EW) T4 - Poplar - fell -located at Blue Boar House, 24 St James Street, Castle Hedingham, Halstead, Essex , CO9 3EW) T2 - Sycamore - fell - located at Walton Elm, Pottery Lane, Castle Hedingham, Halstead, Essex , CO9 3EU The tree works are proposed to stop the influence of the tree(s) on the soil below building foundation level and provide long term stability

24 St James Street CO9 3EW

Decision ratified: No objections

21/01580/TPOCON Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Sycamore(T1) Fell to stump

Walton Elm Pottery Lane CO9 3EU

Decision ratified: No objections

21/01590/LBC/21/01589/HH Reinstatement of red brick North-East wing-wall following unauthorised demolition

The Old Vicarage 15 Queen Street CO9 3EZ

Agree with Heritage Report: No objections

21/01424/HH Erection of single storey rear extension

3 The Cottages Coppingdown Farm Sudbury Road CO9 3AG

No objections

21/01231/LBC Change the colour of the render

Honeypot 7A Falcon Square CO9 3BY

No objections

21/01560/FUL Replacement of existing corrugated metal roof with a new plastisol-coated dark grey metal-sheet roof

Castle Hedingham Bowls Club Sheepcot Road CO9 3HB

Cllr Southgate declared an interest and did not take part in the decision

No objections

21/01592/HH Erection of outbuilding for use as home gym and office

32 Crouch Green CO9 3DY

This appears to be a repeat application: Clerk to clarify

Applications determined:

21/01269/AGR Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development -Alteration and extension to existing cart lodge to create additional store, new entrance, greenhouse with store to link to existing barn. Demolition of piggery. Extension of hardstanding and alterations to internal roads and access

Rushley Green Farm Rushley Green CO9 3AH

PLANNING PERMISSION REQUIRED

21/01113/TPOCON Works to tree in a Conservation Area - Remove a small Conifer

10 Church Lane CO9 3DA

Application PERMITTED

21/00401/HH Proposed two storey side extension and single storey front extension

4 Crouch Green CO9 3DY

Application PERMITTED

21/00729/HH Erection of outbuilding for use as home gym and office

32 Crouch Green CO9 3DY

Application PERMITTED

9. FINANCE

9.1 The monthly payments were approved for authorisation

Proposed: Cllr Veater

Seconded: Cllr Jordan

Agreed unanimously

Jun-21	Payments in Month	Details	Amount
DD	Eon	Electricity New Park	£31.23
DD	Bulb	Electricity Toilets	£11.32
DD	Invoco (GOCARDLESS)	Portable telephone number	£1.25
B/P	Braintree District Council	Rates, Pump House	£10.00
B/P	Staff	Salaries	£1,664.40
B/P	HMRC	Tax/NI May month 2	£93.11
B/P	E C Waters	Home as Office May & June	£150.00
B/P	E C Waters	Clerk Expenses April 12th to June 14th	£72.94
B/P	A&J Lighting	Monthly Charge	£11.40
B/P	M D Landscapes	Grass cutting May	£1,178.40
B/P	The Landscape Centre	Top Soil for Community Garden	£219.96
TOTAL in month			£3,444.01

Jun-21	Receipts in Month	Details	Amount
03-Jun	Braintree DI CIC	Donation Village Park Bench	£600.00
TOTAL in month			£600.00

May-21	Payments in Month	Details	Amount
DD	Eon	Electricity New Park	£30.22
DD	Bulb	Electricity Toilets	£12.74
DD	Invoco (GOCARDLESS)	Portable telephone number	£1.37
DD	B&CE Holdings	Peoples Pension	£67.80

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DD	Open Spaces Society	Annual Membership	£45.00
B/P	Staff	Salaries	£1,617.97
B/P	HMRC	Tax/NI April month 1	£106.51
B/P	E C Waters	Home as Office May	Not paid
B/P	E C Waters	Clerk Expenses April to May	Not paid
B/P	A&J Lighting	Monthly Charge	£11.40
B/P	M D Landscapes	Grass cutting April	£1,094.40
B/P	M D Landscapes	Grass cutting April Village Park	£108.00
B/P	G Nicholl	Tree surgery Park, Trinity & Crouch Green	£575.00
B/P	NFU Mutual	Buildings Insurance 2021-2022	£1,055.17
B/P	Arthur Gallagher	General Insurance 2021-2022	£501.99
TOTAL in month			£5,295.37

May-21	Receipts in Month	Details	Amount
11-May	The Solar Society	Returned initial grant funding	£500.00
TOTAL in month			£500.00

Accounts balances at 14th June 2021

Unity Trust Current account	£20,321.87
Unity Trust Deposit account	£10,466.77
Cambridge & Counties 95 day	£34,915.63
	£65,704.27

9.2 RESOLVED: Due to a lack of budget for grant funding and more urgent financial commitments, a grant request from Castle Hedingham Tennis Club towards a new shed was refused. The Tennis Club has already been informed about new ECC CIF funding which may be an alternative source of support

Proposed: Cllr Southgate **Seconded:** Cllr Bayes Agreed unanimously

9.3 The AGAR Annual Accounting Statement with a revised asset value of £82,559 was approved. This takes into account the total cost of the Village Park play equipment, including installation costs.

Proposed: Cllr Southgate **Seconded:** Cllr Jordan Agreed unanimously

9.4 The AGAR Annual Accounting Statement was signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.

10. CASTLE HEDINGHAM VILLAGE PARK

10.1 Cllr Jordan reported on clearance work done at the park with the help of Jason Lindsay and Village Maintenance. Cllr Dover with the help of Explorer Scouts has constructed raised bed frames, and top soil is being delivered in time for the Explorers to fill the beds at their next meeting. Weed suppressant matting is being donated and more will be purchased on the Darkins account if necessary.

A Village Park feedback survey has been prepared and will be distributed to all residents, also to de Vere Primary pupils and older students who are resident of the village as well as other users of the park. The results of the survey will be used to inform future plans for use of the Village Park space

10.2 Bike jumps created by a small group of boys during lockdown from leftover construction soil now need to be re-designed, approved by a RoSPA safety inspector and covered by increased public liability insurance. The boys have been kept informed and the clerk has liaised with Braintree BMX club and other local bike jump locations for information and advice. One of the boys had submitted a plan of the suggested new layout which is greatly appreciated and was circulated to all Councillors.

10.3 Village Park Community Event: Saturday 21st August starting at 3pm was provisionally agreed for an outdoor event for the whole village

Action: The Village Park group will liaise with other groups to confirm the date and organise the event

11. MEMORIAL HALL BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

To consider options for repair of flat roof, guttering and pointing at the rear of the Hall and Club, which are causing ingress of water and internal damp. To agree a schedule and responsibilities for future annual inspections of the exterior of the building. Three quotes for repair are still being organised by the clerk

RESOLVED: An annual building inspection in October each year will be organised with Cllr Bayes as representative of the Village Hall Committee, Mr Trevor Hood as representative of the Social Club Committee, and Village Maintenance operatives

Proposed: Cllr Southgate

Seconded: Cllr Bayes

Agreed unanimously

12. PUBIC TOILETS MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

To consider options for repair or replacement of public toilet doors, also interior plumbing work and general refurbishments required.

RESOLVED To purchase two new solid hardwood doors to replace the damaged hollow doors. To identify plumbers available to replace damaged joints and fittings

Proposed: Cllr Southgate

Seconded: Cllr Gransden

Agreed unanimously

13. BRAINTREE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

RESOLVED: To join the newly re-formed BALC who will represent the interests of Parish Councils in Braintree District at an annual membership fee of £40

Proposed: Cllr Southgate

Seconded: Cllr Bayes

Agreed unanimously

14. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Youth Engagement: options for consideration to encourage ideas and input from young people
- Website accessibility: Progress report.
- Community Speedwatch: information and consideration of running this with volunteers
- Agenda items for the July meeting to be notified to the clerk by 9am on Monday 5th July

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: No remote meetings are permitted after 7th May 2021

Monday 12th July 2021	7.30pm	Ordinary Parish Council	Castle Hedingham Club
Monday 9th August 2021	7.30pm	Ordinary Parish Council	Castle Hedingham Club
Monday 13th September 2021	7.30pm	Ordinary Parish Council	Castle Hedingham Club
Monday 11th October 2021	7.30pm	Ordinary Parish Council	Castle Hedingham Club
Monday 8th November 2021	7.30pm	Ordinary Parish Council	Castle Hedingham Club

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

SIGNED
(CHAIRMAN)

DATE