

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL**FULL COUNCIL**

MINUTES of a meeting of the COUNCIL held at 7.45pm on Wednesday 2 June 2010 at Crafton Green House, 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex

PRESENT: Cllr G Sell (Chairman), Cllrs C Dean, J Hudson, J Loughlin, T Owen, R Rawlinson, J Salmon, D Scott, W Stiles and V Trundle

ATTENDING: 1 member of the public
Cty Cllr Ray Gooding
Mrs R Clifford – Clerk

41 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs I Evans, J Freeman, B Gott, P L Jones and J Rich.

42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none.

43 MINUTES

There being no amendments, the minutes of the Special Full Council meeting held on 28 April and the Full and Annual Council meetings held on 12 May were signed as a true record.

Mr Woodcock referred to the withdrawal by BAA of their planning application for a second runway at Stansted Airport. He asked if the Parish Council could write to officers of Stop Stansted Expansion to thank them for all their efforts over the years of their campaign. SSE will now endeavour to work with the new Government on its policy statement, a draft of which is due for consultation in 2011. Mr Woodcock then raised an issue relating to one of the planning applications on the agenda.

44 MATTERS ARISING

486 – Birchanger Wood – the Chairman reported that the subject of a contribution would be discussed by UDC at the Environment Committee.

45 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A list of items received by the Chairman had been tabled. In addition, the Chairman reported that the Clerk would send thank you letters to SSE. He would like to see some guarantee, similar to that in place for Gatwick, that no second runway would be built at Stansted for a much longer life than that of the new Government.

Following a proposal by Cllr Stiles, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the new Prime Minister, and to his Deputy, stating that this Council is pleased to see that, so far, the parties are delivering what they promised in terms of second runways. Letter also to be sent to Sir Alan Haselhurst MP.

Noted a thank you letter from the Birchanger Wood Trust for the Council's donation.

Referring to item 3, the events at St Mary's Church, Cllr Dean pointed out that there would also be a Songs of Praise in the Memorial Gardens at 4pm on 20 June.

46 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN - None

47a DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Sell's report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. Cllr Salmon is now Chair of the South Area forum which met last week. There has recently been work undertaken to various trees within the Conservation Area without consent – members agreed it would be a good time to include a reminder within the Link that CA consent is required for certain work.

47b COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Gooding reported that the one-year council tax freeze will have an impact upon Essex County Council and make things difficult – they have a statutory responsibility to provide certain services and some other items may suffer as a result. [Cllr Owen joined the meeting at 8.13pm.] Eric Pickles has now written to all senior planners to say that numbers of dwellings for certain regions are no longer in force. Further advice should be forthcoming as clarity is required. The implication is that it will be up to UDC to decide on numbers but there must be evidence that houses are required.

In response to a query from Cllr Sell, Cllr Gooding reported that Birchanger Parish Council had recently discussed the issue of the boundary between the two parishes and BPC appear to be in favour of Forest Hall Road becoming the boundary.

48 FINANCE

a The list of cheques for signature was approved.

49 PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS TO 31 MARCH 2010

As previously reported, the year-end closedown had been completed without issue and the accounts received back. These were approved by members, along with the Accounting and Annual Governance statements, subject to a final review by the internal auditor later in the month.

50 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR COMMENT

a UTT/0669/10/FUL – 30 Bentfield Road
Erection of a detached dwelling

No comment but requested a visit from the district tree officer to look at the impact of the development on the trees on the site.

b UTT/0672/10/FUL – 33 Recreation Ground
Erection of two-storey side extension

No comment.

c UTT/0700/10/FUL – Unit 11, M11 Business Park, Forest Hall Road
Installation of window to side and internal mezzanine floor

No comment.

- d UTT/0745/10/REN – 15 Recreation Ground
Single storey rear extension

No comment.

- e UTT/0811/10/FUL – Hangar 10, Long Border Road, Stansted Airport
Proposed extension to an aircraft maintenance hangar to improve office and teaching accommodation.

No comment.

- f UTT/0882/10/CLE – Concord Centre, Cambridge Road
Certificate of lawfulness for existing use as motor trade purposes, vehicle display and storage, sales and disposal, repair, valeting and preparation, motor contracts and leasing, signage, travel-related parking and villa rental agents and fleet disposal agents.

Members queried the definition of “travel-related parking” – if this means airport parking, then they would strongly object as it is contrary to UDC’s policy.

51 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2010.

52 LEASE WITH UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL RE THE MUGA AT MOUNTFITCHET GREEN

The lease was duly signed and sealed.

53 HOUSE AND STREET NAMING

A letter had been received from a landowner in Silver Street regarding the naming of his new house and the access lane leading to it. The proposal of “Spindles” and “Spindles Lane” received no objections.

- 54 LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE** - circulated with the agenda.
55 APPLICATIONS DETERMINED - circulated with the agenda.
56 CLERK’S RECORD OF PLANS - tabled.

Meeting closed 8.48pm