

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL**FULL COUNCIL**

MINUTES of a meeting of the COUNCIL held at 7.45pm on Wednesday 7 July 2010 at Crafton Green House, 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex

PRESENT: Cllr G Sell (Chairman), Cllrs I Evans, J Freeman, B Gott, J Hudson, T Owen, D Scott, W Stiles and V Trundle

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

73 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C Dean, P L Jones, J Loughlin, R Rawlinson, J Rich and J Salmon

74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none.

75 MINUTES

There being no amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 2 June were signed as a true record.

Mr Woodcock made comments relating to planning application UTT/1075/10/FUL – M11 Business Park.

76 MATTERS ARISING

44 (486) – Birchanger Wood – the Chairman reported that the UDC Environment Committee had agreed a contribution of £1,000.

77 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a Details of a meeting of the Recreation Ground residents on Monday 12 July at 7pm in the Bowls Club – a member of the Council, who does not live in the road, is invited to attend.
- b WI meeting on 9 September at 8pm – the Council has already agreed to attend to speak on the work of the Parish Council. The Chairman will attend, hopefully with the two committee chairmen if they are available.
- c Countryside Properties – LDF Core Strategy – summary of consultation response.
- d Letter from Cllr Stephen Castle re St Mary's Primary School – invites Parish Council to meet to discuss future of the site.
- e Letter from Sir Alan Haselhurst MP relating to the proposed new health centre.
- f Letter from Mrs B Scarr stating that she does not believe a village hall is required.
- g Thank you letter from Stansted Millers regarding the official opening.
- h Letter from Simon Strevens regarding possibility of holding exercise classes on the Recreation Ground – members happy in principle but further details requested.
- i The Chairman reported that he had been invited to attend a Reception hosted by Sir Alan Haselhurst MP at the House of Commons on 22 July to celebrate the withdrawal of BAA's application for a second runway.

78 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN - None

79a DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Sell reported that UDC's accounts for the year end showed a positive variance of £1.5m but acknowledged that there will be some difficult years ahead. [Cllr Evans joined the meeting at 8.07pm]. Civic Pride Initiative starting whereby residents will be encouraged to keep their environment clean. Discussions regarding a change in the structure of UDC continue – the Chairman perceives a hardening against a cabinet system. All –party motion agreed and letter submitted to the Prime Minister thanking him for his Government's stance on aviation. Seeking a meeting with Minister for Transport and moratorium on development at Stansted Airport for fifty years. Finally, Cllr Sell reported that in a recent health profile, Uttlesford district is generally good, but Stansted South ward is one of the most deprived. We also come out worse than the national average on road deaths and injuries.

79b COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Picking up on the Chairman's last comment, Cllr Gooding reported that Uttlesford also has a high rate of teenage suicide.

Cllr Gooding had attended the meeting at St Mary's primary school last week – it was much better this time with around 60-70% of attendees coming from Foresthall Park. A local resident has queried the consultation process, but this has been checked and goes beyond the statutory requirements. Issues relating to the walking route are in hand at County Highways and it is proposed that S.106 money will be used to upgrade these. Cllr Gooding tabled copies of the plans for the new school building. Cllr Freeman queried the amount of parking shown on the plan as she believed this was not sufficient. Cllr Gooding agreed but stated that it was in line with national policy to encourage staff to leave their cars at home!

Rainbow Pre-School has received funding approval to develop at the Peter Kirk Centre. Adult education is stretched, but being able to share this base will be beneficial for them. The Chairman asked when Cllr Castle might be expected to take his formal decision on the relocation of St Mary's Primary School – this was imminent.

Cllr Stiles applauded the plan to enable community use of the new school hall – this would provide a good community meeting place for Foresthall Park. In response to Cllr Scott, Cllr Gooding reported that the school would be designed to cater for 300 pupils. Forecasts show that it is likely to be under roll for the first five years, increasing at around year six.

Finally, Cllr Stiles asked whether the Parish Council would be notified of the planning application to which the answer was yes. It was agreed at that stage the plans should be posted on the website.

80 FINANCE

- a The list of cheques for signature was approved.
- b Members considered a request from the Youth Centre for match-funding for a graffiti initiative at the skatepark during the summer holidays. The sum of £1,250 was requested. Cllr Freeman spoke in favour of the project and proposed the following

RESOLUTION that the Parish Council contribute the sum of £1,250 to match the funding that the Youth Centre has been offered by a third party to enable to graffiti project to go ahead.

Seconded by Cllr Sell and unanimously agreed.

81 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR COMMENT

- a UTT/0974/10/FUL – 4 Mary McArthur Place
Single storey front extension and two-storey rear extension

No comment.

82 OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2010.

83 TO CONSIDER A LIGHTING TRIAL FOR SUNNYSIDE

The Clerk reminded members that the F&GP committee is reviewing lighting around the village. The County's Chief Lighting Engineer had previously given details of a successful trial in Harlow where "white" lighting has been installed. This appears to give a better lighting, with less spill and using less energy.

Cllr Stiles stated that lighting is subjective and asked if readings could be taken before and after the trial so that there is some comparison. Cllr Scott did not believe that this was worthwhile – the readings would have to be expertly taken with precisely the same conditions prevailing – the cost would be prohibitive. Agreed that the Clerk would discuss with the contractors and also ask them to retain the existing lanterns in case they had to be replaced. The residents will be notified once a date for the work is received. The trial will last for six months and the residents will be consulted for their views at the end of it.

Having been proposed by Cllr Sell and seconded by Cllr Stiles, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to conduct a six-month trial of "white lighting" in Sunnyside.

- 84 LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE** - circulated with the agenda.
- 85 APPLICATIONS DETERMINED** - circulated with the agenda.
- 86 CLERK'S RECORD OF PLANS** - tabled.

Meeting closed 8.59pm