

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL**FULL COUNCIL**

MINUTES of a Meeting of the COUNCIL held at 7.45pm on Wednesday 15 May 2019 in the Day Centre, Crafton Green, Chapel Hill, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex

PRESENT Cllr M Caton (Chairman), Cllrs A Barnes, D Brett, R Fowel, J Harding, J Hudson, M Jessup
J Kavanagh, J O'Brien, F Richards, T van de Bilt and D Wallace-Jarvis

ATTENDING: Mrs R Clifford - Clerk
Mr T Lloyd - Assistant to the Clerk
Dist Cllrs M Caton and A Dean
3 members of the public
1 member of the press

38 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Khan and G Sell. County Cllr Gooding.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident raised concerns about planning application UTT/19/1021/SCO. He urged the Parish Council to work with neighbouring Parish Councils to oppose the proposed development.

A second resident:

- supported the opposition against planning application UTT/19/1021/SCO.
- sought support from the district councillors for a fund raising effort at Stansted Surgery.
- appealed to councillors to volunteer for Speedwatch and Flood Warden duties.
- urged continued support for the Lower Street Pharmacy campaign.

39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -

Cllr Harding Planning Application UTT/19/0822/FUL and 0823/LB - The King's Arms, Station Road
Cllr O'Brien Planning application UTT/19/1021/SCO
Both non-pecuniary interests.

40 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 APRIL 2019 AND ANNUAL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON 8 MAY 2019

Approval of Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 24 April 2019 was deferred as not all members had received a copy of the draft.

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Annual Council and Committee Meetings on 8 May 2019 as an accurate record

42 MATTERS ARISING - none

43 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - attached

44a DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Dist Cllr Melvin Caton reported:

- The fact that Residents for Uttlesford now had a significant majority on the Council is likely to lead to "massive" changes
- The Annual Meeting takes place on Tuesday 21 May. Cllr Caton is likely to be on the Planning Committee, Cllrs Dean and Sells on Scrutiny and Cllr Khan on Government, Audit and Performance.
- An Extraordinary Meeting is being held on 3 June to discuss to the airport 106 issues
- The footbridge giving access to footpaths in Stansted Park needs replacing.
- Works to install fibreoptic cables in West Road and Stoney Common are likely to cause significant problem for residents. He undertook to notify the Uttlesford DC refuse department.
- On 22 May the four district members will be meeting with the Planning Dept to discuss items in Stansted – they will liaise with the Parish prior to that to check if there are other items to raise.

In response to a question from Cllr Brett about the impact the change of administration would have on the Local Plan, and in particular the designation of development sites, he responded by saying he shared the concerns but the leadership have yet to clearly state their position so we should reserve judgement.

44b COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - Not available

45 FINANCE

RESOLVED to approve the list of payments.

46 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 1 UTT/19/0545/FUL - Barn at Ryders Farm, Burton End
Demolition of existing structure and replacement structure to provide 1 new dwelling following prior approval reference 18/0772/PAP3Q

No Comment
- 2 UTT/19/0777/HHF - Three Gables, Sunnyside
Single-storey side extension

No Comment
- 3 UTT/19/0822/FUL and 0823/LB - The King's Arms, Station Road
Full internal refurbishment project with new external terrace, new fencing and gate to rear kitchen yard. New walk-in fridge/freezer, low level brick wall to beer garden boundary and timber framed smoking shelter.
Reconfiguration of internal areas, new internal staircase and changes to internal and external doors.

Members had no objections but queried whether parking standards were met. Discussion took place regarding the very narrow footway between Chapel Hill and the pub forecourt. For many years pedestrians have used the pub forecourt as a safe route going up or down the Hill, but this will no longer be possible. Is there any scope for having the pavement widened, or allowing a right of way through the forecourt, as part of this application?
- 4 UTT/19/0880/HHF - 12 Birchalls, High Lane
Rear extension

No comment
- 5 UTT/19/0887/HHF - 4 Waterside
Removal of existing conservatory. Ground floor rear extension.

No comment

- 6 UTT/19/0928/HHF - Craig House, 6 Park Road
Demolition of two existing single-storey side extensions and addition of new single-storey side extension
No comment

- 7 UTT/19/1012/FUL - The Stables, May Walk
Change of use and conversion of existing barn into a single residential dwelling

Our comments on a number of previous proposals stand and should be reiterated to UDC. Members had concerns that the access road which is also a public right of way would become a "rat run" for motorists avoiding Grove Hill. This would be potentially hazardous for people making legitimate use of the right of way.

- 8 UTT/19/1014/LB - Stansted Windmill, Millside
Replacement of eroded/worn bricks. Partial re-pointing of brickwork. Fitting of galvanized steel tie-rods

Members agreed to support this application.

- 9 UTT/19/1021/SCO - Land North Of Bedwell Road and East Of Old Mead Road, Ugley and Henham
Request for a Screening Opinion for a proposed development of up to 235 dwellings including 40% affordable housing, public open space including landscaping, community woodland and play facilities, engineering works to facilitate a sustainable drainage system

Members felt this would have a significant negative impact on Stansted with additional vehicles adding to congestion in Grove Hill and adding to the issue of poor air quality. It was agreed to liaise with Elsenham Parish Council and the Joint Parishes Group to oppose the development.

47 TO REVIEW THE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE AND DIGNITY AT WORK, BULLYING AND HARASSMENT POLICIES

The Clerk explained that the amendment to the policies came at the suggestion of the District Council's Legal Officer following a recent court case. It was proposed that new paragraphs were added at 2.6 in the Grievance Procedure Policy and at the end of clause 2.3 in the Dignity at Work Policy. The report from the Legal Officer would be appended to both documents.

RESOLVED to amend both policies accordingly.

48 TO ADOPT A CO-OPTION POLICY

After a brief discussion Cllr Jessup proposed the following

RESOLUTION That the policy drafted by the Clerk be adopted.

Seconded by Cllr Richards and unanimously supported.

49 TO CONSIDER SETTING UP A WORKING GROUP WITH THE LONGTERM AIM OF ESTABLISHING A YOUTH COUNCIL

Cllr Caton outlined her plan to establish a Youth Council. Members were supportive of her ideas and Cllrs Jessup and Richards volunteered their services along with the Assistant to the Clerk and Mr Peter Jones.

50 PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED - list circulated with agenda.

Meeting closed at 8.52 pm