

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL**FULL COUNCIL**

MINUTES of a Meeting of the COUNCIL held at 7.45pm on Wednesday 24 April 2019 in the Day Centre, Crafton Green, Chapel Hill, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex

PRESENT: Cllr M Caton (Chairman), Cllrs A Barnes, C Dean, S Dunn, J Hudson, M Jessup, P Jones, J Kavanagh, J O'Brien, R Rands, F Richards J Salmon, G Sell, V Trundle and D Wallace-Jarvis

ATTENDING: Mrs R Clifford - Clerk
Mr T Lloyd - Assistant to the Clerk
10 members of the public
1 member of the press

515 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr Gooding

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident highlighted some of the achievements of the council and thanked councillors for their commitment to the village. He also welcomed new councillors and wished them well.
4 residents raised objections to the planning application at the site of the former police station.

516 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

517 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 APRIL 2019

RESOLVED to accept the minutes as an accurate record

518 MATTERS ARISING

(476) Cllr Jones stressed the importance of raising awareness of this issue (Highways Devolution) with residents. He predicted that at some point the Parish Council would be obliged to take on responsibility for minor highways repairs and it would be important to manage expectations that residents might have of the level of service we could provide on the limited budget offered by Essex Highways.

519 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A letter has been sent to UDC expressing our concerns over the shortcomings of the planning committee's handling of the airport expansion planning application.
- Cllr Caton thanked retiring councillors and went on to express disappointment that younger residents were not prepared to become councillors. She felt this was partly due to a lack of understanding of what the council does and a feeling that we lack the power to influence District Council decisions.

520 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN - None.

521a DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Dean expressed his disappointment about the procedural short comings of the planning committee's approval of the airport expansion planning application. An extraordinary council meeting

will take place on Thursday (April 25) to consider whether the signing of the final approval notice for Stansted Airport's planning application to increase passenger numbers should be delayed until after the upcoming local elections.

Cllr Sell:

- Highlighted the success our District Councillors have enjoyed
- Stressed the importance of the Local Plan which he believes will give Stansted some protection against large scale residential developments.
- Reported on concerns being expressed by residents about the future of the library. He will oppose the replacement of qualified librarians with volunteers.
- Expressed concerns about the governance arrangements for public money being invested in private sector ventures.

521b COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Not available

522 FINANCE

The list of payments was approved.

523 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- A UTT/19/0803/FUL - The Old Police Station, Hargrave Close
Conversion of and extensions to building to provide nine self-contained dwellings with associated car parking and amenity areas. Includes demolition of existing extensions.

Members objected on the grounds of over-development of the site, out of keeping in the street scene (there are no other 3-storey buildings or flats), lack of amenity space, inadequate car parking and unrealistic statements about the use of public transport. One resident also pointed out that the site plan may be inaccurate.

- B UTT/19/0490/HHF - 3 Church Hill Corner, Forest Hall Road
Single storey rear extension and demolition of garage. Erection of single storey side extension.

No comment.

- C UTT/19/0554/HHF - 10 Patmore Road
Single storey rear extension

No comment.

- D UTT/19/0669/HHF - 4 Cawkell Close
Single storey rear and side extension

No comment.

- E UTT/19/0701/HHF - 29 Woodfields
Erection of single storey garage and garden room to side of original dwelling

Reiterate previous objections. The only amendment appears to be a slight height reduction.

F UTT/19/0721/HHF and 0722/LB - Replacement of white Upvc conservatory with oak-framed garden room and new opening formed in existing kitchen wall.

No comment.

G UTT/19/0735/HHF - 1 Croasdaile Close
Two storey side extension

No comment.

H UTT/19/0765/HHF - 54 Rainsford Road
Erection of first floor extension over existing rear extension. New bay window with lean-to roof to the front elevation

No comment.

I UTT/19/0831/FUL - Bridge House, Church Road
Erection of a pair of semi-detached houses (amended scheme to that approved under UTT/18/0730/FUL)

No comment.

J UTT/19/0851/HHF - 5 Bentfield Road
Two storey side/rear extension and internal alterations

No comment.

524 OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE - 10 APRIL 2019

491 – Cllr Caton reported that she had written to the Leader of UDC regarding the lack of response to the Clerk’s email relating to the Reeve Road play equipment – she has not yet received any response.

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee held on 10 April 2019.

525 HIGHWAYS SUB-COMMITTEE - 17 APRIL 2019

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Highways Sub-Committee held on 17 April 2019.

526 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE - 17 APRIL 2019

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 17 April 2019

527 LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE - none.

528 PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED - list circulated with agenda.

529 CLERK’S RECORD OF PLANS - available in the office.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm