

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL**FULL COUNCIL**

MINUTES of a Meeting of the COUNCIL held at 7.45pm on Wednesday 3 April 2019 in the Parish Council Office, Crafton Green, Chapel Hill, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex

PRESENT: Cllr M Caton (Chairman), Cllrs J Hudson, M Jessup, P Jones, J Kavanagh, J O'Brien, F Richards J Salmon, G Sell, V Trundle and D Wallace-Jarvis

ATTENDING: Mrs R Clifford - Clerk
Mr T Lloyd - Assistant to the Clerk
Cty Cllr Gooding
4 members of the public
1 member of the press

466 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Barnes, C Dean, S Dunn and R Rands and from Dist Cllr Dean.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public expressed concerns about parking and congestion on Grove Hill. She stressed that any additional restrictions, or the removal of the Residents' Parking Scheme, would have a significant negative impact on Grove Hill residents. Reassurance was given that the Parish Council is not considering any alterations to or removal of the RPS.

A co-opted member of the Highways sub-committee stated that there has been no discussion about seeking changes to the parking arrangements on Grove Hill.

A member of the public commended all the volunteers who supported the village Litter Pick.

467 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None**468 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2019**

RESOLVED to accept the minutes as an accurate record.

469 MATTERS ARISING - none.**470 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - attached**

The Chairman welcomed a representative of the press for the first time in some years.

A resident had contacted the office to check on the information that a candidate in the District election had given while canvassing. The Chairman stressed the importance of all candidates being clear on the facts in relation to the situation with the future of library provision in Uttlesford. There will be no final decision from ECC on the future of our libraries until after the consultation responses have been analysed.

Essex Health and Well Being board representatives will be visiting the village to talk to residents about a second pharmacy in the village.

471 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN - None.

472a DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Sell reported:

- The Parish Council should start thinking about a post election "wish list" of projects that they would like UDC to deliver.
- He had enjoyed working with retiring councillors Farthing and Goddard and he thanked them for their services.

472b COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Gooding reported:

- The Head and Deputy at St Mary's Primary School were both on sick leave. The Elsenham head is covering during their absence.
- "Missing Children" was a significant issue across Essex. Central Government have published new guidelines on home schooling and how standards should be monitored. ECC were establishing a cross-party group to look at the issue.
- In response to a question from Cllr Sell he confirmed that the Peter Kirk site was likely to be retained for educational purposes. It was possible that the Rainbow preschool provision could be expanded but there were still uncertainties around pre-school provision. It was possible the old hall would be demolished.
- In response to a question from Cllr O'Brien he stated that he was pursuing action on the trip hazards caused by the uneven tarmac in St John's Road – this would have to form part of the strategic review.
- In response to a question from Cllr Trundle about unreliable bus services he suggested that Community Bus Services offered a viable alternative for some bus users.

473 FINANCE

The list of payments was approved.

474 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 1 UTT/19/0425/HHF - 6 Brook Cottages, Stoney Common
Erection of single-storey rear extension and new roof light within the rear roof

No Comment
- 2 UTT/19/0561/HHF - 7 Brook Cottages, Stoney Common
Erection of single-storey rear extension

No Comment
- 3 UTT/19/0626/HHF - Cherry Trees, 37 St John's Road
Demolition of existing single-storey garage and utility space, construction of two-storey and part single-storey extension. Improvements to existing house including replacement and modification of windows, installation of external insulation and render, external covered porch and modifications to driveway. Provision of vehicular electrical charging point on site.

Must comply with parking standards.

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475 TO AGREE THE HIRE CHARGES FOR MEETING ROOMS IN THE MOUNTFITCHET EXCHANGE

After a brief discussion Cllr Salmon proposed the following:

RESOLUTION: that the Clerk's recommendation should be accepted for a trial period of 6 months.

Seconded by Cllr O'Brien and unanimously agreed.

476 TO CONSIDER THE ESSEX HIGHWAYS DEVOLUTION PILOT SCHEME

The Clerk's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Her main concern was that the funding associated with the proposal was insufficient to enable the Parish Council to deliver the services to its own standards. As a result, we could not deal with all the issues that residents would request action on and that could lead to considerable frustration all round. The general consensus was that it would be unwise to agree to be part of the pilot scheme but we should be prepared for a future where this scheme could be obligatory. Cllr Jones suggested that the new Council should start thinking about how it might deliver such services in the future.

Cllr Richards then proposed the following:

RESOLUTION: that the Parish decline to be part of the initial pilot scheme but will review its stance once the pilot scheme had been assessed.

Seconded by Cllr Jessup and with one abstention the motion was carried.

- 477 LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 478 PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED** - list circulated with agenda.
- 479 CLERK'S RECORD OF PLANS** - available in the office.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm