

MINUTES of a meeting of the COUNCIL held at 7.45pm on Wednesday 20th September 2017 in the Day Centre, 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex

PRESENT: Cllr M Caton (Chairman), Cllrs C Dean, S Dunn, M Jessup, J Kavanagh, J O'Brien, R Rands, F Richards, D Wallace-Jarvis

ATTENDING: County Cllr Ray Gooding
District Cllrs Alan Dean and Terry Farthing
Roger Hirst - Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex
Jane Gardner - Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex
Ruth Clifford - Clerk
Trevor Lloyd - Assistant to the Clerk
Emma Philbrick - Admin Assistant
16 Members of the public

194 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Hudson, P Jones, J Salmon, G Sell and V Trundle

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1 resident spoke on behalf of 19 house owners in Loates Pasture to object to the planning application for 5 Loates Pasture. They all have concerns regarding parking access, overlooking and being out of keeping with the street scene.

1 member of the public spoke on the following topics: flooding, pharmacy in Castle Maltings, the Community Hub, Speedwatch and Careers in the Police.

195 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following member declared a non-financial interest:
Cllr M Jessup - Planning applications 4 & 5

196 MINUTES

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 26th July 2017 were approved

197 MR ROGER HIRST - POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

See attached Appendix A

198 MATTERS ARISING - None

199 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - See attached Appendix B

201 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN- None

202 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Dean reported:

- Local Plan Consultation has ended and a few thousand responses have been received. A development last week is that the Government published a document called "Planning - the right houses in the right places" which focuses on assessing housing needs district by district. Currently, the Local Plan works on 640 houses a year being built but this document would require 740 houses a year in the district so this may cause subsequent changes before the next consultation comes out.
- He had recently completed a tour of the Country with a few other members and officers. They visited Bournville, Port Sunlight, Saltaire and East Earswick. Looked at ideas about how new settlements should be designed and looked at the social side and not just bricks and mortar.

Cllr Farthing reported:

- Further to Cllr Dean's comments on the Local Plan, if it is accepted by March then no changes would need to be made.
- With regards to the Pharmacy in Castle Maltings which has had its licence application turned down, he has spoken to Kemi Badenoch MP today to try to get some support.

203 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Gooding reported:

- Flooding – responsibility for SuDS appears to have been handed over to the Local Lead Flood Authority (ECC) without any powers to enforce. He is encouraging better dialogue between ECC and UDC.
- Helicopter Issues - Attended the Birchanger meeting with the Airport and suggested Brian Ross from Stop Stansted Expansion be invited to the meeting that Stansted would be having with them as there were some good ideas and Brian supported what they were doing.
- Zebra Crossing - Has recently had some very strong conversations with Cabinet members regarding the 2 crossings planned in Stansted. The Cambridge Road crossing delay is unfortunately the Utility company being unable to complete their work until Affinity Water complete the installation of the new main across to Manuden. If crossing is completed now it would then need to be dug up again for work to be completed. Is on the case regarding the Lower Street crossing and will be having additional conversations.
- Referring to Cllr Dean's point above about community development - It is important Schools and Colleges are thinking about where students are going to work and how to avoid jobs where travelling is required. Economic development must be considered.
- Young Carers - There is a new proposal to help give support to young carers over the next couple of years. This would be more for on-going support rather than supplying them with a respite service to escape for a couple of hours but then return to their normal routine.
- There is to be a "ground breaking" ceremony at the new Magna Carta primary school the following afternoon. The Chairman noted that the Parish Council had not been invited to attend.
- Cllr O'Brien urged Cllr Gooding to try to put pressure on the Environment Agency and its consultants to liaise with the Parish Council over the proposed long-term flood alleviation measures for the Ugley Brook.

204 PAYMENTS - The list of payments was approved

205 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1 UTT/17/2183/FUL - Land adj 5 Loates Pasture
Proposed 1 no. dwelling with new access

Object due to the following:

Out of keeping with the street scene, over-development, cramped and would undermine the character of the street scene. Could create a precedent in the area.

2 UTT/17/2597/HHF - Alsa Farm, Snakes Lane
Section 73A Retrospective application for the erection of a 9m wind turbine

No Comment

- 3 UTT/17/2604/CLE - 53 Woodfields
Certificate of lawfulness for existing single storey side extension

No Comment

- 4&5 UTT/17/2557/LB and UTT/17/2558/LB - 38 Bentfield End Causeway
Demolition of single storey side extension. Erection of single storey side and rear extensions and erection of rear extension to incorporate stair tower. Conversion of loft to provide bedroom. Erection of detached garage with home office over.

Consider impact on neighbours as their back garden sits at a lower level than the subject property.

- 6&7 UTT/17/2385/LB and UTT/17/2352/FUL - Fieldside Cottage Burton End
Demolition of rear sunroom and lean-to rear extension and construction of two storey rear extension.

No Comment

- 8 UTT/17/2560/HHF – Brooklands, Pines Hill
Single storey extension and basement to the east of the property to form games room, gymnasium and swimming pool.

No Comment

206 OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2017

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2017.

207 SPEED REDUCTION ON B1383

Temporary speed limit of 30mph by Walpole Farm but the long-term plan once the development is completed is for this to be 40mph. Over recent months members have voiced a view that it should be 30mph. After brief discussion, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the Council should apply to the Uttlesford Local Highway Panel to extend the 30mph on the B1383 to include the new entrance to the development and the remainder of High Lane which is currently 50mph.

208 TWINNING WITH RUNGIS

Discussions took place with regards to the benefits of twinning with Rungis. The Chairman reminded members that these include links for the Council and for the village as a whole. Particularly relevant would be possible exchanges for the schools (Foresthall School is already in touch with the Rungis secondary school) and potential work experience with the new Rungis Business Park. Our local restaurants may be able to establish links with the wholesale market – the largest in the world. The twinning scheme has the support of the Business Forum – Peter James had hoped to attend tonight to speak in favour of it but his plans had had to be changed at the last minute.

Cllr Caton then proposed the following

RESOLUTION To go ahead with the twinning with Rungis, France

This was seconded by Cllr O'Brien and unanimously agreed.

209 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT WALPOLE FARM

The Clerk referred to the item already raised under the Chairman's Report relating to the rents to be charged for affordable housing on the Walpole Farm development. After brief discussion, it was agreed to support the UDC view that these should be charged at 50% of the open market rent as opposed to 80% as suggested by the developers.

210 PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - REMOVAL OF PARKING - LOWER STREET

Having been previously discussed by both the Highways sub-committee and the Council, it was agreed to raise no objection to the TRO and to support the installation of the crossing at the earliest opportunity.

211 TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE UPDATED UDC CODE OF CONDUCT

Cllr Richards proposed the following

RESOLUTION to adopt the updated UDC Code of Conduct

This was seconded by Cllr Rands and unanimously agreed.

212 LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE - none.

213 PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED - list circulated with agenda.

214 CLERK'S RECORD OF PLANS - available in the office.

215 UPDATE ON CRAFTON GREEN PROJECT

RESOLVED Due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the press and public are instructed to withdraw.

The Chairman updated members of the Council on the current position relating to the Crafton Green Project and members voted on what steps to take next

Meeting closed at 10.15pm