

MINUTES of a Meeting of the COUNCIL held at 7.45pm on Wednesday 5 June 2019 in the Day Centre, Crafton Green, Chapel Hill, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex

PRESENT Cllr M Caton (Chairman), Cllrs, D Brett, J Harding, J Hudson, M Jessup, J Kavanagh, A Khan, A Mitri, J O'Brien, F Richards, G Sell, 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
County Cllr Gooding
5 members of the public
1 member of the press
2 representatives for Hamberley Care Home

65 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Barnes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public suggested that the Parish Council should meet with the NDP working group to make sure that the document is fully understood and that there is no inconsistency in the objectives and policies of the two parties. Another member of the public pointed out that four years' work has gone into the NDP. The Chairman stated that this subject would be addressed in her Chairman's Report.

Two members of the public raised concerns about planning application for a site in St John's Crescent.

A resident of Meadowcroft expressed concerns about parking in the road during the construction of the proposed new care home – a Construction Management Plan would be required.

66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

67 PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE PROPOSED HAMBERLEY CARE HOME, HIGH LANE

A representative distributed documents detailing the proposals and briefly outlined the plan.

Members raised concerns about staff recruitment and training opportunities, the condition of roads and pavements in the vicinity of the site, parking and vehicle access, the increased demands on the Stansted Surgery and the quality of care to be provided. It was considered that, if permission was granted for a planning application, then a condition would be sought requiring improvement of the footpath linking High Lane with Norman's Way, and to the road surface in Norman's Way.

County Cllr Gooding spoke about ECC's plans for the care sector and possible support they could offer to train and develop staff.

68 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 24 APRIL 2019 AND 15 MAY 2019

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the of the meetings held on 24 April and 15 May 2019 as an accurate record

69 MATTERS ARISING - none

70 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - attached

71a DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Dist Cllr Sell reported:

- There 23 new councillors all attending a variety of courses.
- Some of the new members may oppose the development sites identified in the Local Plan. If the Local Plan as it stands fails to get approval there is a risk that central government could intervene which could result in more development in and around Stansted.
- The Annual Meeting took place on 21 May. Cllr John Lodge, a Residents for Uttlesford councillor was elected Council Leader.
- The Cabinet has been increased to 10 members which is much bigger than comparable councils.

Dist Cllr Caton:

- Urged the Parish Council to contact the new cabinet member for Culture and Libraries to discuss the campaign against EEC library proposals.
- Reported on a long list of Highways issues they will be taking up the next day at a meeting with Rissa Long, Essex Highways. The Chairman stated that it would have been helpful to discuss this in advance of the meeting to ensure that parish concerns were taken into account.

The Chairman asked for a copy of the list and stressed the importance of a joined-up approach between the Parish Council and our District Councillors on various topics.

Cllr Brett sort clarification on the possible introduction of a committee system and questioned whether the proposed garden village development West of Braintree was still viable.

Cllr O'Brien expressed disappointment that damaged road signs in the village were not being replaced quickly enough and the application to the Uttlesford Local Highways Panel appeared to be considered unnecessary but this was not the case. Dist Cllr Caton and Cty Cllr Gooding offered to follow up on this issue.

71b COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Cllr Gooding reported:

- Any changes in the Local Plan would impact on ECC services, in particular provision of school placements
- Birchanger PC had opposed the Forest Hall Road planning application
- He was pressing for a speedy investigation into the failure of the Grove Hill traffic lights
- He will be asking for the enforcement team to take action against the Castle Maltings developers over their continued failure to provide for the pedestrian crossing in Lower Street
- Drug related issues (County Lines) are an increasing concern. It was important to be vigilant and report any concerns. More resources would be made available to raise awareness.

72 FINANCE

RESOLVED to approve the list of payments.

73 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 1 UTT/19/1115/FUL - Brazille, 14 St John's Crescent
Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 2 two-storey four-bedroom dwellings with associated parking, cycle storage and private amenity spaces. (Amended scheme to that approved under UTT/17/2807/FUL)

Councillors felt that their comments opposing the development proposed in the previous application for this site still applied. The proposed building was larger than the one in the original application. Objections should be submitted on the following grounds: over-development of the site, out of keeping in the street scene, possible over-looking of neighbours and loss of light. Larger and more windows than the approved scheme. Lack of landscaping proposals. Cllr Sell agreed to request the application be called-in to the Planning Committee should the case officer be minded to approve it.

- 2 UTT/19/0984/FUL - South of Forest Hall Road
Demolition of two existing dilapidated structures and construction of eight three-bedroom semi-detached houses

This application was opposed as:

- It is in the green belt and any development here brought the risk of coalescence between Birchanger and Stansted Mountfitchet
- two parking places per house with no provision for any overflow was inadequate
- It was out of character in the street scene and represented over development.
- Urbanisation of the rural aspect

- 3 UTT/19/1034/HHF - Ladbrookes, 21 Bentfield Road
Partial removal of front wall and small section of garden to create parking for two vehicles

No Comment

- 4 UTT/19/1062/HHF - 16 Old Bell Close
Demolition of existing garden wall and re-building it at the edge of the property line at the front of the house

This application was opposed on highways grounds. The property is on a bend and sight-lines for drivers and pedestrians, as well as neighbours leaving their driveways, would be compromised.

- 5 UTT/19/1088/FUL and 1089/LB - Bentfield Green Farmhouse, Bentfield Green
Demolition of existing curtilage listed garage and replacement with new garage with basement and studio
A condition preventing any future sale of the building as a separate unit should be applied. As this is a conservation area the development must be in line with conservation stipulations.

- 6 UTT/19/1205/HHF - 52 St John's Road
Single and two-storey extensions to rear and side. Conversion of garage to residential accommodation, revised parking layout, doors and window changes to existing

Parking standards must be met.

74 OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2019

75 YEAR END ACCOUNTS 31 MARCH 2019:

Copies of the Final Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting.

A) TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Clerk read out the Statements under Section 1 of the Annual Return for 2018-19. The voting to all the statements was a unanimous "yes" and so it was

RESOLVED that the Annual Governance Statement 2018- 2019 be approved.

B) TO CONSIDER THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

Having been proposed by Cllr Richards and seconded by Cllr O'Brien it was unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the Accounting Statements for year end 31 March 2018

76 PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED - list circulated with agenda.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm