

STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL**FULL COUNCIL**

MINUTES of a Meeting of the COUNCIL held at 7.45pm on Wednesday 12 December 2018 in the Day Centre, Crafton Green, Chapel Hill, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex

PRESENT: Cllr M Caton (Chairman), Cllrs A Barnes, C Dean, 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
Cty Cllr Ray Gooding
Three members of the public

331 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Dist. Cllr A Dean

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public spoke on the UDC Planning Committee's meeting which had approved the Airport expansion planning application and thanked everybody who had made representations. He urged people to write to the Secretary of State and request that he calls in the application. He also suggested it would be a good idea to lobby our MP to encourage her to oppose airport expansion. He went on to thank the Parish Council for its hard work over the year.

332 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

333 MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2018

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21 November 2018 were approved.

334 MATTERS ARISING - None.

335 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Attached.

336 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN - None.

337a DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr A Dean's report is attached

Cllr Sell reported that:

- he had been to a meeting in Thaxted with Cllr Howard Rolfe and Susan Barker about proposed library closures. He urged the Parish Council to invite Cllr Barker to see the current library provision in the village.
- The Great Chesterford Research Park were seeking additional funds from UDC to upgrade buildings. There were other possible investment opportunities which UDC are looking at.

337b COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT -

Cllr Gooding reported that:

- ECC were not responsible for the delays with the Lower Street pedestrian crossing. He felt that UDC, as the responsible planning authority, should be pressing the developer to undertake the work that he was

obligated to do as one of the planning conditions. Cllrs Dean and O'Brien challenged the assertion that EEC was blameless. The Clerk also held evidence that EEC had some responsibility for the delay.

- Library Officers had been requested to revise the figures that were being used to assess the use of the Stansted Library. They should be using figures based on usage prior the move into temporary accommodation – some 33,000 borrowings prior to its closure in 2016, dropping to 16,000 and then 4,000 with the move into the mobile vehicle and the Council Office building.

338 PAYMENTS

The list of payments was approved.

339 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1 UTT/18/3170/HFF - 21 Blythwood Gardens

Demolition of single storey side and rear extensions. Erection of front extension, replacement porch, two storey side extension and a single storey and two storey rear extension (amendments to previously approved application UTT/18/1555/HFF).

No Comment.

2 UTT/18/2958/DFO - Land To The West of High Lane

Details following outline application UTT/18/1990/OP for 1 no. dwelling with garage, details of layout, scale, landscaping and appearance.

There was a consensus that the size of the building meant it was over-bearing and out of keeping with the rest of the development now approved on the “triangle” site.

3 UTT/18/3150/HFF - 5 High Mead, Stansted

Demolition of existing garage and single storey rear extension and erection of new single storey rear extension.

It was agreed that the extent of the proposed extension was too big for the site and resulted in over development. Maintenance of the building would also be very difficult.

4 UTT/18/3242FUL - Elms Farm, Church Road

Proposed general purpose agricultural building.

No Comment.

340 WINDMILL SUB-COMMITTEE - 21 NOVEMBER 2018

The minutes of the Windmill Sub-Committee - 21 November 2018 were approved.

341 F&GP COMMITTEE - 28 NOVEMBER 2018

The minutes of the F&GP Committee - 28 November 2018 were approved.

342 OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE - 28 NOVEMBER 2018

The minutes of the Open Spaces Committee - 28 November 2018 were approved.

343 BUDGET 2019/20

Cllr Jones presented his interim report (attached) and drew attention to the four areas he had highlighted. He repeated the comments made at the Finance meeting which preceded this meeting.

The Clerk explained that the NALC has now published salary figures for April 2019, and has undertaken a review of the “salary points system”. She stated that, due to a large increase in the employer’s pension contribution rate, the total salary figures for the previous year had been under-budgeted. The current year figure has now been corrected resulting in a net increase of £3,418. The combined effect of the increased pension and the pay award for 2019/20 result in an increase of £3,892 over the figures shown in the draft budget which was tabled. The actual increase in gross salary paid to staff members is 2%.

The draft budget, if approved, would have the effect of raising the precept by around 2.4% in line with the Council’s policy. Cllr Sell stated that he supported all that had been said, but was wary of keeping the numbers too low – services have to be paid for and the other larger settlements in the district raise a higher level of precept.

- 344 LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE** - none.
- 345 PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED** - list circulated with agenda.
- 346 CLERK’S RECORD OF PLANS** - available in the office.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm