

MINUTES of a meeting of the COUNCIL held at 7.45pm on Wednesday 1st November 2017 in the Council Offices, 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex

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

ATTENDING: County Cllr Ray Gooding
Ruth Clifford - Clerk
Trevor Lloyd - Assistant to the Clerk
Emma Philbrick - Admin Assistant
16 members of the public

277 APOLOGIES:
Apologies were received from Cllrs C Dean, S Dunn, M Jessup, R Rands and V Trundle

278 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
1 resident who has formed a Stansted People Against Unauthorised Development group spoke of their objections against the sales office of Bloor Homes on High Lane. A presentation was shown to the Council outlining the damage it has and will cause to the site and also how this was done in their view intentionally without the correct planning procedures being followed by a company who are the 2nd largest in the country and are fully aware of what procedures it should be following.
1 resident spoke regarding Prof. Soni's Licence appeal for the new Pharmacy, their objections and concerns to the Bloor Homes sales office on High Lane and also advised that they had put a speedwatch team together to help stop traffic for 30 mins on Remembrance Sunday for the parade but they still needed more volunteers to help. Any help would be greatly appreciated.
1 resident spoke with regards to the planning application at 14 St John's Crescent. They object for various reasons including parking issues, being out of keeping with the street scene and different materials proposed to be used.
Another 4 residents spoke regarding their objections and concerns with the Bloor Homes sales office on High Lane.

279 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
The following member declared a non-financial interest:
Cllr J Kavanagh - Bloor Homes

280 MIINUTES
The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th October 2017 were approved

281 MATTERS ARISING - None

282 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - See Appendix A attached

283 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Dist Cllr G Sell reported the following:

The Leader of the Council Howard Rolfe and myself as chairman of UDC welcomed the High Sheriff of Essex to Uttlesford. A presentation was given by the police. The good news is that we are the safest district in Essex with 30 crimes per 1000 population. Less good news were that reports of crime had increased from 2546 in 2016 to 3347 in 2017. Whilst violence against the person (which includes domestic violence) also showed an increase from 660 in 2016 to 854 in 2017. Essex Police have been historically under-funded. The concern is that the establishment of police officers in the Braintree and Uttlesford division was a third less than it should be.

Cllr Sell stated that officers at UDC are having discussions with neighbouring authorities as work on the Local Plan progresses.

On 10th November a Public Exhibition of North Uttlesford will be held. Grosvenor Developments are the promoters for this.

Thaxted have a Town Twinning Association as they are twinned with a town 25 miles south of Paris. He will pass their contact details to the Clerk.

Cllr Sell advised that there are no Police Specials in Uttlesford as they are difficult to get hold of. Getting a Police Special for Stansted may not be possible but maybe the idea of a PSCO in association with neighbouring Parishes is an option to be looked at.

284 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Gooding reported the following:

A meeting took place of Essex MP's and they had a good turnout. The Police and Crime Commissioner Roger Hurst also attended and put forward a strong case for more funding as Essex is under-funded. The issue is that there would need to be a large increase in Council Tax of approx £50 per household.

Cllr Gooding advised that Emma Omni, the project sponsor for the new Magna Carta Primary School, is in regular contact with the St John's Road Residents Association but that she needs to have more contact with the Clerk. He is going to arrange for this to happen.

Grove Hill - The timing of the lights and what can be done with regards to the issues on Grove Hill are being looked at. Construction vehicles are not exempt from the weight limit but enforcement is the problem. Need to work with the County to sort the problem as the vehicles are damaging the road surface and on numerous occasions are mounting the pavement which is narrow.

Flooding issues - Process is being led by Environment Agency and the cost benefit is their main issue. They are £700,000 short for the scheme. Cllr Gooding is trying to arrange a meeting with officers and the Clerk will also attend. 60 properties are directly affected.

Cllr Gooding hopes that everyone is signed up to the Essex County Council Lottery.

Subscriptions are up £1000 a week.

Essex County Council will find out on 8th November 2017 if their application to Sports England has been successful. We have been shortlisted and if were to win then the prize would be £10 million!

Cllr Jones asked Cllr Gooding if he could chase up the work on the crossing at the top of Chapel Hill. The crossing is badly worn and needs attention before a serious accident occurs. Someone was hit on the crossing this week and will only become more dangerous with the longer winter nights.

285 PAYMENTS - The list of payments was approved

286 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 1 UTT/17/2668/HHF - 19 Woodfields**
Proposed external rear staircase
 No Comments
- 2 UTT/17/2887/FUL - New Kestrel House, Parsonage Lane**
Variation of conditions c3,c4.1, c4.2 and c10.17 on planning permission UTT/0581/07/FUL (demolition of existing buildings and development of 15,424 sq.m of B1 space, new access road and new drainage lagoons and electricity substations) in order to increase the number of parking spaces from 17 to 24
 No comment but feel the disabled spaces should be moved closer to the building
- 3 UTT/17/2807/FUL – Brazille, 14 St John's Crescent**
Demolition of the existing bungalow and the erection of 2 no.2 storey four bedroom dwellings with associated parking, cycle storage and private amenity space.
 Object due to the following reasons - (To be noted that Dist Cllr Alan Dean has asked for this to be called in if it looks likely to be approved)
 Does not comply with GEN2 so should be refused; the size, appearance and the materials to be used are out of keeping with the street scene, will reduce sunlight to neighbouring bungalow and is over-intensification in the road. The development is proportionately different to any others in the immediate vicinity and all the front space will be taken up with parking.
- 4 UTT/17/2804/HHF - Bower Cottage Bentfield Bower**
Erection of two storey side extension. Repositioning of existing garage
 No Comment
- 5 UTT/17/2932/HHF - 1 Banks Lane**
Erection of single storey side extension
 No Comment
- 6 UTT/17/2921/HHF - Halfways 7 Millfields**
Two storey side extension with bedroom, study and garage, extension to kitchen and porch
 No Comment
- 7 UTT/17/2975/HHF - 50 Silver Street**
Loft extension and replacement of front timber windows like for like
 No Comment but must meet parking standards
- 8 UTT/17/3024/HHF - 6 Millside**
Replacement conservatory to the side
 No Comment
- 287 OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH OCTOBER 2017**

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2017.

288 HIGHWAYS SUB -COMMITTEE - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH OCTOBER 2017

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2017

289 F&GP COMMITTEE - TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH OCTOBER 2017

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2017

290 TO AMEND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN BOUNDARY TO INCLUDE THE WHOLE PARISH

Cllr Jones proposed the following

RESOLUTION to extend the boundary to include the whole Parish

This was seconded by Cllr Caton and unanimously agreed.

291 TO CONSIDER ANY FURTHER COMMENTS IN RELATION TO PROF. SONI'S APPLICATION FOR A DISPENSING LICENCE AT CASTLE MALTINGS

Any comments regarding this will need to be made by 15th November 2017. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Ray Woodcock to see if the Parish Council can add anything further that could be useful to the appeal. Cllr Sell also suggested that the Parish Council write to Kemi Badenoch so she can make the issue known to Parliament.

292 SALES OFFICE FOR BLOOR HOMES ON HIGH LANE

Cllr Sell advised that nothing like this has ever been done before. The Parish Council has always had a good relationship with Bloor Homes until now. He agreed with everything the public has said so far and feels the Parish Council should support them. Bloor homes have now submitted their application and the planning officers have 8 weeks to make a decision. Cllr Sell advised he has asked for this to be called in if necessary. The Parish Council should register their strong disapproval especially as they held no consultation with the Parish Council or Uttlesford District Council! There is utter disbelief that even once they were made aware that they needed permission for the Sales Office they had erected on High Lane, they still carried on with their work and the landscaping of the unauthorised development. They did apologise but carried on regardless.

Cllr Sell feels that UDC should issue a temporary stop notice and this gives developers a bad name.

Both County Cllr Gooding and Cllr O'Brien voiced their agreement with everything stated by Cllr Sell and residents and Cllr O'Brien advised that he thinks the Parish should support the concerns and be forceful with UDC. County Cllr Gooding also advised that he had reported the signage to Highways Officers as the connection for vehicle traffic is unlawful. Highways are currently in discussions with Uttlesford regarding this. Cllr Jones stated that he feels that the Council needs to go to the leader of the Council and the Chief Executive regarding this as we need this dealt with as a matter of urgency. Highways issues need dealing with now and not in 8 weeks time when the decision date is due to expire. He expressed that the landowner also needed to be approached.

Cllr Caton proposed the following

RESOLUTION to register distinct disapproval and ask for a temporary stop notice be issued with immediate effect. Also to communicate and ask to meet with the land owner.

This was seconded by Cllr Sell and 8 members voted in favour with 1 abstention.

- 293 LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE** - None
- 294 PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED** - List circulated with agenda
- 295 CLERK'S RECORD OF PLANS** - Available in the office
- 296 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.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm