

MINUTES of a meeting of the FULL COUNCIL held at 7.45pm on Wednesday 9 October 2019 in the Day Centre, Crafton Green, Chapel Hill, Stansted, Essex

PRESENT Cllr M Caton (Chairman), Cllrs A Barnes, D Bowman, D Brett, J Harding, J Hudson, M Jessup, J Kavanagh, A Khan, J O'Brien, F Richards, G Sell, T van de Bilt and D Wallace-Jarvis

ATTENDING Mrs Ruth Clifford - Clerk to the Council
Mr Trevor Lloyd - Assistant to the Clerk
Mrs Emma Philbrick - Admin Assistant
County Cllr R Gooding
1 member of the press
1 member of the public

196 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Miti I and Dist Cllrs M Caton and A Dean.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

197 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Wallace-Jarvis in relation to planning applications 7 & 10

198 MIUNTES

The minutes of the Full Council meeting on 18 September 2019 were approved.

199 MATTERS ARISING - None

200 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - See attached

Cllr Khan requested a "traffic light" system, which he felt would make tracking action on "matters arising" easier. The Clerk agreed to consider this.

Cllrs Sell and Khan asked for an update on The Crafton Green Project and whether a moving in date is yet available. Both felt that Councillors should be given more information on the current hold-up so they could respond more effectively to residents who were raising the issue with them. The Chairman reminded them that this has been covered previously in her Chairman's Report and Cllr briefings. The Clerk stated that the delay is due to the provision of the O&M and Health and Safety Manuals by the contractor. It is also due to waiting for sign-off by the M&E Consultant following which UDC Building Control can issue their final certificate and Practical Completion can be certified. Without this, the Council cannot take ownership of, or occupy, the building. Mrs Clifford assured members that both she and the Chairman are chasing this on a regular basis. The Clerk would prepare a similar statement for the Council's website.

Following a discussion on the general topic of communication the Chairman reminded members that a working group was currently considering ways of improving communications with residents and any additional Councillor input would be welcome.

Cllr Brett pointed out that all Councillors had a personal responsibility to keep up to date and make sure they were fully aware of current issues so that they could be an effective part of communicating with residents.

201 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Sell

UDC are trying to agree a revised investment strategy. Stansted members have concerns about how public money is being invested at the moment. They abstained in a recent vote relating to an investment in 10 student apartments in Cambridge. He feels the policy needs to be much more transparent. The scrutiny committee is looking at the issue of fly-parking and the airport S106 Agreement. Cllr Sell suggested that to spread the word about a possible Youth Council he would help to promote it through Forest Hall School. Cllr Caton reiterated the working group are at initial stages on this project and that the purpose and objectives need to be clear- young people will be consulted on this.

Cllr Khan

The Youth Council is a worthy innovation but it needs to be diverse and representative.

202 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Gooding

He has not been able to find the email the Chairman referred to in her report. The Clerk will make sure it is resent.

A lot of effort is going into reducing the frustrations and dangers associated with the Grove Hill junction. He suggested that the current weight restriction was almost unenforceable and long overdue for review. He was open to alternative ways of managing the commercial traffic heading for Elsenham. He has requested a two-day camera monitoring trial to get a better perspective on the situation and for officers to consider a more effective solution. He confirmed that he would ask for Cllr O'Brien to be included in this review. The Chairman said this should also include one of the Grove Hill residents and maybe the Stansted Business Forum.

It was suggested that signage across the whole of the village and on the village approaches should be reviewed to discourage through traffic using the village if at all possible or if not at least to slow it down.

Cllr Khan referred to topics that Cllr Caton and he had raised with Cllr Gooding previously and asked for confirmation that these would be included in any review. Cllr Gooding commented that they were unlikely to be covered as part of this particular piece of work. Cllr Gooding is still working on safe walking routes to school but he felt UDC were not being supportive and appealed to UDC members for support particularly with regard to the Magna Carta scheme.

Uttlesford Community Transport were seeking funding. He urged members to press UDC to continue funding.

The Essex Youth Assembly is struggling to get representatives from Uttlesford and he suggested the Youth Councils should be working more closely with the assembly. Cllr Richards pointed out that it is not easy for Uttlesford youngsters to get across the county to attend meetings. The Chairman thought this might be an area where local members could support Youth Councillors' attendance by providing transport.

Cllr Sell asked for an update on plans for the Peter Kirk Centre. Cllr Gooding agreed to make enquiries and report back.

203 PAYMENTS

The list of payments was approved.

204 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1 UTT/19/2266/OP - LAND NORTH OF BEDWELL ROAD AND EAST OF OLD MEAD ROAD UGLEY AND HENHAM

Outline planning application for the erection of up to 220 dwellings including affordable housing with public open space, structural planting and landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) with vehicular access point from Bedwell Road. All matters reserved except for means of access.

Our comments relating to the impact of traffic upon Grove Hill, education and flooding were made under the previous application and remain valid.

Disagree entirely with Highways England who consider that this will have no negative impact upon the strategic highway network - how could the traffic from this development - including the position of the access on a bend with no clear sight-lines due to the motorway bridge - not impact upon the local roads?

Finally, members were horrified to see that the only pedestrian access to and from the site involves use of an unmanned crossing over the railway line. We consider this to be a dangerous proposal - the stretch of railway line north of Stansted up to Cambridge has had the highest number of fatalities at unmanned crossings.

2 UTT/19/2258/HHF - CEDUS BURTON END Installation of dropped kerb

No comment.

3 UTT/19/2340/HHF - 21 BLYTHWOOD GARDENS S73 retrospective application for erection of a summer house in rear garden

No comment.

4 UTT/19/2312/HHF - WILLOW COTTAGE 3 BENTFIELD END CAUSEWAY Side extension to front porch

No comment.

5 UTT/19/2338/SCO - LAND WEST OF PENNINGTON LANE

Request for a screening Opinion for a proposed development of up to 199 dwellings including affordable homes, public open space including equipped area for play, sustainable drainage systems, landscaping and associated infrastructure

Members remain vehemently opposed to this application. The main reasons for our objection are listed below:

- a This is good quality agricultural land - best and most versatile.
- b The site is not included in the emerging Uttlesford Local Plan or Stansted Mountfitchet Neighbourhood Development Plan documents.
- c Pennington Lane is a designated Quiet Lane and not suitable for high volumes of traffic along, or across it.
- d Access through a residential housing area, including past a primary school, is unsuitable at least and dangerous at worst.
- e Adverse impact on the adjacent Conservation Area and inappropriate in the countryside setting.

6 UTT/18/3519/FUL - THE KINGS ARMS STATION ROAD STANSTED - **REVISED PLANS**
Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of 1 no. detached dwelling. Formation of new vehicular access.

We reiterate the objections sent in February 2019 regarding this application. In addition, if this building is considered to have been a commercial building, have all procedures relating to marketing been followed

7 UTT/19/2330/HHF - LONG VIEW, HIGH LANE
Erection of detached garage/store

Out of keeping in the street scene. This looks to be a tall (raised?) structure close to the front boundary - buildings along this stretch of High Lane tend to be set back further away from the road. It appears to be out of scale to the footprint of the original host dwelling.

8 UTT/19/2006/HHF - 1 BENTFIELD BOWER - **REVISED PLANS**
Removal of existing single storey rear extension and construction of two storey rear extension and adjoining single storey extension; two storey side infill and weatherboarding to some external walls; alternations to windows

No comment.

9 UTT/19/2364/HHF - 23 BENTFIELD END CAUSEWAY
Erection of detached double garage with room above for use as a gym

No comment as long as ownership is tied to the host dwelling.

- 10 UTT/19/1986/FUL - LAND ADJACENT THE STABLES, HIGH LANE - **REVISED PLANS**
Erection of a single storey building comprising 5 self-contained flats and creation of new vehicular access.

Revised plans do not address objections already submitted.

- 11 UTT/19/0437/OP - Land South of Rush Lane, Elsenham - **REVISED PLANS**
Outline application for the erection of up to 40 dwellings with all matters reserved except for access

Reiterate previous objections submitted on 22 March 2019, none of which have been addressed by the revised plans. In addition, we have concerns about additional flood water adding to the capacity in Stansted Brook. Finally, we share Network Rail's concerns about the potential increased risks surrounding the level crossing.

205 STANSTED LIBRARY TO RECONSIDER THE COUNCIL'S POSITION REGARDING AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

This item has previously been discussed but the topic was re-opened with the agreement of members ahead of the meeting. Two groups have submitted an Expression of Interest, one being the CAB and the other is an unknown party. During discussions with the CAB they had offered to withdraw their EoI but had decided not to do so. Cllr Khan stated that this was a decision for them and the PC should not be involved.

There was an overwhelming feeling that to be really effective a library needs professional, qualified Librarians. Cllr Brett, supported by Cllr van de Bilt, was concerned that any submission might be perceived by ECC as agreement to a volunteer-run library in Stansted; he might take a different view if assurances had been received from ECC for the next 5 years. Cllr Sell stated his concern that ECC would pass the buck to the Parish Council and CAB to run the library and we are not trained for that.

Having been proposed by Cllr Caton and seconded by Cllr Richards, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would not change its policy and submit an Expression of Interest relating to involvement in delivering library services in Stansted.

Meeting closed at 9.55 pm