

Minutes of Bures Hamlet Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting

**Monday 25th June 2018 at the Garrad Room,
Bures Community Centre, Nayland Road**

Present: Cllrs D Lee, A Crowe, M Randall, R. Butler, C Ellis

In the Chair: Cllr D Lee (Chairman of the Council)

Also Present: Mrs J Wright (Clerk)

1/06/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Welch (personal commitment). Apologies duly accepted.

2/06/18 DECLARATION/REGISTER OF INTERESTS/DISPENSATIONS

To declare any 'Pecuniary' or 'Non-pecuniary' interests in respect of items on the agenda. Cllr Lee declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (b) owing to the named property being in close proximity to his own. No requests for dispensation put forward for consideration.

3/06/18 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting of 4th June 2018 (previously circulated) were agreed and duly signed as a correct record.

4/06/18 PUBLIC FORUM – Questions or Statements from the Public

15 minutes maximum public participation

3 minutes for individual contributions unless longer required

There were no members of the public present:

5/06/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications had been put forward for consideration with no further applications received prior to the issue of the agenda:

Application No. 18/00649/OUT Former garage site, Colchester Road CO8 5AE – revised plans and Agent's covering letter:

The Chairman read out Cllr Welch's comments in his absence.

Members agreed not to oppose a change of use of the site from commercial to residential due to the perceived very remote chance of incorporating a convenience store (favoured by some councillors) in any scheme. They also considered that the revised plans incorporated the comments made by the Historic Buildings Consultant satisfactorily. It was therefore unanimously resolved to support the application with the revised plans.

Application No. 18/01071/HHPA No. 5 Maltings Close CO8 5EJ:

The Chairman read out Cllr Welch's comments in his absence.

As the Council understood that no objections had been raised by the neighbouring properties, it was unanimously resolved to support the application.

Application No. 18/01027/FUL Chilka Cottage, Colne Road CO8 5DW:

The Chairman read out Cllr Welch's comments in his absence.

It was unanimously resolved to support the application.

6/06/18 PLANNING DECISIONS

No decisions on current applications under Consultee Consideration had been taken by Braintree District Council.

7/06/18 PLANNING APPLICATION 17/02291/OUT

The Chairman gave a brief update on the BDC Planning Committee meeting decision of 19th June. Councillors at that meeting unanimously resolved to refuse the application on the grounds of the potential detrimental effect to the local landscape and proposals to extend the AONB. The Clerk agreed to check with the BDC Case Officer on the Appeal process timescale.

8/06/18 PLANNING APPLICATION DC/18/00929

The Chairman gave a brief update on the progress of the retrospective planning application for the Cuckoo Hill development. BDC Planning Committee date still to be set. BHPC would continue to give full support to BSMPC and its residents regarding this ongoing dispute.

9/06/18 BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN

BDC Local Plan Officer had circulated an update on the progress of the submitted Local Plan. The Local Plan had been found unsound. More evidence to be provided on transport, viability and sustainability specifically in regard to the proposals for 3 Garden Communities.

10/06/18 PLANNING MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Lee outlined the Public Inquiry process for the E54 rail crossing due to re-commence on 25th September 2018. Cllr Ellis mentioned that the new development at land to the rear of Parsonage Grove may increase footfall across the crossing.

11/06/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Bures Hamlet Parish Council meeting scheduled for Monday 16th July 2018.
Planning Committee meeting to be set as required.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date