

KELVEDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE Held 22 MAY 2018

Present: Cllr Astley, Cllr Goode, Cllr Jayatillake, Cllr Minns, Cllr Pilbeam, Cllr Tremain
Mrs P Potter, Parish Clerk

P1/18-19 Election of Chair for 2018-19

It was Proposed Cllr Jayatillake, Seconded Cllr Pilbeam and unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Astley as Chair for the 2018-19 year.

P2/18-19 Election of Vice-Chair for 2018-19

It was Proposed Cllr Jayatillake, Seconded Cllr Goode and unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Lancashire as Vice-Chair for the 2018-19 year.

P3/18-19 Apologies for Absence

In accordance with the LGA 1972 (S85), apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Anderson, Cllr Lancashire and Cllr Ormond.

P4/18-19 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

P5/18-19 Confirmation of Minutes

It was Proposed Cllr Jayatillake, Seconded Cllr Goode and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2018 are a true record and were signed accordingly.

P6/18-19 Public Discussion

None present at meeting.

P7/18-19 Matters for Report

7.1 North Essex Garden Community (NEGC)

The Committee clarified the position regarding the Parish Council's response to the NEGC Issues and Options Public Consultation as follows:

This was a high-level vision document and consultation. It specifically asked for responses relating to the detail in the document. This document made reference to both the IWMF facility, as approved by Essex County Council, and one of the potential routes of the A120, therefore the responses were made in that context.

With regard to question 7, this asked, *'The creation of a new Garden Community provides an exciting opportunity to embrace the latest innovations and technologies available to make buildings, infrastructure and lifestyles more efficient, more enjoyable and more sustainable than what could be achieved through smaller, disjointed development proposals. Do you support the emerging approach to smart and sustainable living? In preparing your response, you may like to consider: Making new technology available to everyone Encouraging energy efficiency, renewable energy, adapting to new technologies'*.

This question was answered in the context that the IWMF is a facility which has planning permission. Therefore, on this factual basis the point about energy was made, as it could make good environment sense due to the proximity to the IMWF, to plan to use heat and energy from the facility for the development, as is done successfully in Holland, rather than the current situation, where the facility pumps heat into the atmosphere. At the time this response was made, the Parish Council were not opposed to an incinerator in principle but opposed the planning creep that the development had benefited from. The Council have now changed their stance through due process, but prior to this, the previous views stood and making any statements to the contrary on behalf of the Council would have been undemocratic.

Question 13 stated: Do you support the emerging Concept Framework for the site? In preparing your response, you may like to consider: The proposed size of the new Garden Community, where to start and what to do first, delivery of the Garden Communities Charter Principles, and where it could do better, parts of the Concept Framework that work well and parts that could do better, particular aspects that ought to be changed

The document showed only one route of the A120 in relation to the development vision and only comments on this were requested. The Parish Council made the point that if that was what happened then it would be important to maintain the green buffer so that development infill didn't occur and Kelvedon/Feering/West Tey become just one linear urban development. This statement was not an endorsement of any proposed route of the A120.

The Parish Council approached their response to this high-level vision document in the context of what was being asked by the consultation.

P8/18-19

To note decisions taken under delegated powers

**18/00088/TPOCON The Old Vicarage,
Church Street** Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area – Horse Chestnuts x 3 (G3). Crown reduce over extended limbs by approximately 4 metres, to reduce likelihood of limb failure (as demonstrated by limb failure on other nearby trees).

The Parish Council's Tree Warden visited the site on 13 April and viewed the trees referred to in the application. The work requested will benefit the trees' structure and health.

**18/00091/TPO Ratcliff Court,
High Street** Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 45/00 – Redwood (T1) Thin out overhanging branches approx. 1.5 metres, Pine (T2) – Overhead canopy to be pruned 1.5 metres and removal of dead lower branches and Yew Trees (D & E) - Remove

The Parish Council's Tree Warden was unable to make direct contact with the owners of the property but raised no objections to the proposed works.

18/00092/TPOCON Ratcliff Court, High Street Notice of intent to carry out work to trees in a Conservation Area – Prune Robina © approx. 2 metres, (A) – Remove tree and (B) – Prune overhanging branches with a view to pruning again further in 6-12 months

The Parish Council's Tree Warden was unable to make direct contact with the owners of the property but raised no objections to the proposed works.

P9/18-19 Planning Applications

To consider the plans received.

18/00743/FUL 213 High Street Single storey rear extension to be formed level with the adjoining owners two storey extension

It was Proposed Cllr Jayatillake, Seconded Cllr Minns and unanimously agreed to make no comment and no objection.

P10/18-19 To discuss any other planning applications received subsequent to the agenda being published and/or shown on the Braintree District Council website up until 4pm on the day of the meeting.

18/00696/FUL 233 High Street Conversion of former Master Butchers Shop to Funeral Directors

It was Proposed Cllr Pilbeam, Seconded Cllr Minns and agreed with one abstention to make no comment and no objection.

18/00125/TPOCON Land at Fullers Close Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area – Carry out works to trees as specified in the tree survey carried out by Bartletts

The Parish Council's Tree Warden viewed the site on the 30th May. The works documented in the application are appropriate and are considered necessary for the maintenance and health of the trees mentioned. The Eucalyptus is causing damage to the utilities of the site as demonstrated in the survey report. The owners of the site have requested this trees removal. The tree is none native and will continue to damage the sites utilities if not removed. The site owners intend to replace the tree with a more appropriate specimen.

The Tree Warden recommends NO OBJECTION to this proposal.

P11/18-19 Enforcement Issues

None.

P12/18-19 Other Correspondence

12.1 Consultation on Maldon District Affordable Housing and Specialist Housing SPDs

It was Proposed Cllr Astley, Seconded Cllr Pilbeam and unanimously agreed to make no comment and no objection.

P13/18-19 Date of Next Meeting

19 June 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber.

Signed

Date