

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THAXTED PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 2nd AUGUST 2018 AT 08:00 PM IN THE GUILDHALL**

Present: Councillors: T. Frostick (Chairman), A Wattebot, Brazier, Howells, Williams, Morgan, Miller, Frater

Also Present:

District Cllr J. Freeman,
District Cllr Martin Foley Foley (running late arrived 8.05)
Clerk Dena Ludford & 5 members of the public

17/18.287 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Victoria Knight
Cllr Ian Stewart
Cllr Jon Spencer
County Cllr Simon Walsh

17/18.288 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

17/18.289 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

A public speaker discussed item 17/18.294 item v. in connection to the planning application, two principle objections have been considered, firstly UPVC secondly the view from the grade II listed building the Star public house which has also been addressed by increasing the side of the wall on this side of the site. Cllr Wattebot comments on the nice window segment which seems to disappear with the conservatory at ground floor level is that to remain? The speaker confirms that this will stay. Cllr Brazier states that if the Applicant has addressed all the concerns that UDC has raised then he feels that we should support this as we have done so previously. Cllr Williams also states that he has no problem with this. It is confirmed that the conservatory will be made by anodised aluminium.

17/18.290 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH OF THAXTED

(Appendix A Cllr Martin Foley Report).

17/18.291 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH OF THAXTED

Cllr Wattebot would like to comment on the State of the road at the Prince of Wales through to Mole Hill Green can this be raised to Cllr Walsh on behalf of the Council.

17/18.292 MINUTES

RESOLVED To **APPROVE** and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **5th JULY 2018**

17/18.293 COMMITTEE MINUTES

To **NOTE** the minutes of the CLARANCE HOUSE CONSERVATION GARDEN MANAGEMENT GROUP held on 23rd May in the Schoolroom.

17/18.294 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) To consider and comment on the following planning applications:-

i) APPLICATION NO. UTT/18/1741/HHF

PROPOSAL: Single storey rear extension and garage conversion to form annex

LOCATION: Dennton 11 Mill End

RESOLVED to **OBJECT**

The council considered this is an overdevelopment and will result in the loss of garage space.

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ii) APPLICATION NO. UTT/18/1900/HHF**PROPOSAL:** Two storey rear extension.**LOCATION:** 53 Magdalen Green Thaxted**RESOLVED to SUPPORT****iii) APPLICATION NO. UTT/18/1886/HHF****PROPOSAL:** Proposed new cart lodge and studio, closure of existing vehicular access and reinstatement of frontage wall, setting back of existing gateway at the western vehicular accessing**LOCATION:** Greensleeves 37 Bolford Street**RESOLVED to SUPPORT****iv) APPLICATION NO. UTT/18/1898/FUL****PROPOSAL:** Demolition of outbuilding and construction of 1 no. dwelling with new access**LOCATION:** Brooklyns Weaverhead Lane**RESOLVED to OBJECT unanimously on the following grounds**

The proposed new dwelling is slap bang in the middle of the garden which is designated in the draft Neighbourhood Plan as a Local Green Space. As such any development would be refused other than for 'items of a purely garden nature.' The garden is also identified in Uttlesford's Conservation Area Appraisal as being important to the character of this part of the Conservation Area.

v) APPLICATION NO. UTT/18/1855/HHF**PROPOSAL:** Proposed rear orangery.**LOCATION:** 10 Mill End Thaxted**RESOLVED to SUPPORT****b) THAXTED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

(Appendix B)

17/18.295 LOCAL PLAN REGULATION 19 CONSULTATION

The Chairman made comments on the local plan and how this effects Thaxted in a parochial sense and is asking that we as a Council remain Mindful of how this may affect Thaxted's future in terms of Housing.

The Chairman suggests that we should ask in our response that the existing school site is zoned for community use should the school ease to need the current site. Cllr Brazier wishes to remind the council that Great Dunmow were not willing to come and argue any of our planning applications in the past, we need to be careful what we wish for. Cllr Frater wanted to clarify what the area currently is, both Cllr Foley and Freeman reported that the Area looking to de be developed at Easton is around 95% farming. Cllr Williams remarked that at the last meeting a number of councillors did want to arrange a meeting. Cllr Howells feels that united we stand and being parochial might not be the best option for us. Cllr Foley although he represents the Easton Park area wishes to state that this is now the inspector who makes the decision on this, The History is that Land Securities have been buying up this land since 1980s, Cllr Foley adds that he has a couple of issues, firstly the developer is Land Securities who developed in Ebbs fleet and they allegedly did not deliver on the numbers, and secondly the district will have eventually one of the biggest brown fields site come on stream down the line, called Carver Barracks and right now in August 2018 the District council are talking to the MOD about putting a race track in there, they are very cautious on committing to this, there is speculation that this could come earlier as a housing site, these are purely observations and speculations, however we have to deal with what we've got in front of us today. Cllr Foley said he is against building on Farm land in general so would not and did not support this application. Cllr Wattebot thinks that Great Dunmow should be congratulated for all the hard work and effort that they are putting in to this letter including the transportation and sustainable development. Cllr Freeman states that he voted in favour of the local plan on the basis that it had dragged on far too long and cost the tax payer too much, but admits he knows little about it, Cllr Freeman said it wouldn't be a bad idea to support Great Eastern and Dunmow, I'm not actually convinced we need all these houses or that they will come on stream. Cllr Foley reports that 2030 is the deadline for the development.

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Cllr Brazier & Cllr Wattebot agrees with the Chairman and we must remain mindful of what is right for Thaxted.

A speaker who represents the NP comments that The Master Planning of Easton Park will be very much left to the developer which is worrying, this means there will be a minimal amount of infrastructure, it is overlarge for that area and in terms of objections maybe asking for protection against the traffic impacts by making the road junction such as it can only go on to the A120, all the traffic will get snarled up at the M11 junction so it will go northwards and go straight through Thaxted, anything coming from Saffron Walden will come straight through Thaxted, is the right course of action, the junctions have to be designed so that traffic must go on to the A120. The chairman comments that the District Council should be the driver behind the scheme, UDC should be the developing vehicle with ECC, others have done this such as Braintree, so the Council are driving the scheme and not the developer.

Cllr D Morgan proposed to support the joint letter with a caveat that it is the principle and the size of the development, seconded Cllr. A Howells. In favour 4 and 4 against with a casting vote by the chairman in favour takes this motion to pass, it is **RESOLVED** to Support Great Dunmow in joint letter.

It is also agreed that all councillors are to provide the Clerk with comments in connection to the Local Plan by the 8th August, so this may be collated and sent to UDC by the deadline of the 11th August.

17/18.296 SAMPFORD ROAD

The NP team are meeting the planning officer next Wednesday afternoon in order to bring to life our objections, The Chairman of the Council would also attend and this will be arranged accordingly. It was agreed to bring this matter back to the planning committee on the 16th August 2018.

17/18.297 VOLUNTEERS GET TOGETHER

RESOLVED To **APPROVE** appropriate support for the upcoming volunteers get together

17/18.298 LCTS 2019/20 CONSULTATION

RESOLVED To **APPROVE** the clerk may respond on behalf of Thaxted Parish Council

17/18.299 FINANCE

To note Council income and expenditure as follows:

a) Expenditure

To agree Council gross expenditure from 1st – 30th June 2018 as follows:

i) Co-operative Current A/c	£189.18
ii) Santander A/c (Market)	£10924.08
iii) Co-operative (Guildhall) A/c	£0
iv) Scottish Widows (Investment) A/c	£144215.69
v) Scottish Widows Market (Investment) A/c	£16863.09
vi) Petty Cash	£0
vii) NS&I	£closed
viii) Lloyds	£6889.50
ix) Lloyds Direct Interest (New)	£0

b) Income

To note Council gross income from 1st – 31st May 2018 as follows:

i. Co-operative Current A/c	£37.30
ii. Santander (Market)A/c	£515.46
iii. Co-operative (Guildhall) A/c	£296.51
iv. Scottish Widows (Investment) A/c	£16865.43
v. Scottish Widows Market (Investment) A/c	£0.31
vi. NS&I Guildhall	£Closed
vii. Petty cash	£0
viii. Lloyds	£155258.77
ix. Lloyds Direct Interest (New)	£10

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c) To Review on line payment for Approve

17/18.300 THE BUS SHELTER NEWBIGGIN STREET

To receive an update with additional information from the Clerk and Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee in connection to works needed for the future of this bus shelter.

Cllr Freeman wishes to note that this bus shelter is of significant importance to Thaxted and felt that the email from Cllr Stewart sent earlier was offensive to him in terms of asking for public to help fund this.

Cllr Brazier asks if the Council should pay for this and has been in touch with Hunts and Yardleys and they are unable to support this, the other thing to consider when you look at the quotation is that there will always been a greater cost to this as this is up against a yew tree which is in a private residence so there may be a need to convince the owners to remove the tree. There is the issue of drainage and future damage caused by the tree which might likely push the costs of repair further to £10,000. Cllr Wattebot asks if there is a conservation order on the tree, Cllr brazier says that he believes there is not. Cllr Howells comments that this is significant structure and helps to define our community. Cllr Brazier also says that others have commented that the people of Thaxted would be horrified if we were to spend this sum of money on this item.

Cllr Frostick reminds the council that this should be called a memorial shelter and not a bus shelter.

Cllr Braziers clarifies that the yew tree has caused significant damage to the memorial shelter.

The Chairman wishes to remind all that this is a Parish Council asset and finds it sad that 10 years ago the decision was made not to spend funds on the preservation of this Memorial. The Thaxted Society have asked that through them if they may be permitted to raise funds privately in order to support its restoration, if anyone would like to make contributions towards this. In the mean time we could be asking the owner of the property to if they would be minded to allow the tree to be removed.

Cllr Miller asks if the shelter could be moved, the Chairman responds that the shelter is not in a fit state to be moved. However a bench may be situated with a new brick wall behind and with the existing plaque being re-fixed on the wall above the bench.

Cllr Freeman thinks the memory of Nurse Cooper is the issue and is in agreement with the Chairman's possible solution.

Resolved To allow the Thaxted Society to seek private funding to refurbish the Memorial shelter and to have a final financial report regarding this approach for the clerk at the next council meeting on 6th September 2018. In addition to this Cllr Brazier will speak to the owner of the tree to seek permission to remove the offending tree at the councils expense and liaise with the clerk.

17/18.301 RURAL CRIME REPORT

A presentation was received from Cllr Frater in connection to rural crime – County Lines

A lengthy discussion revealed that many crimes are known of and remain unreported, it is this councils desire to encourage anyone who witness a crime to report this to the police, without continuing to do this they will not be registered as crimes.

17/18.302 CLERKS REPORT

To receive an update from the clerk on matters connected to the council.

- i) To receive a Minute reference under the clerks report to accept picture donated from Cllr Morgan.
- ii) Antionette believes that she is still the transport officer and will see if able to attend the transport meeting?
- iii) a letter of Thanks was also brought from the clerk from the Bowling club in connection to our grant to them earlier in the year.

17/18.303 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the PARISH COUNCIL meeting on **SEPTEMBER 6th 2018** at Thaxted Guildhall at 8:00pm.

Closed 9:46

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