



Heybridge Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** of the Parish Council held on **THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2016** at Plantation Hall, Colchester Road, Heybridge.

PRESENT

Chairman: Prof L Schnurr

Councillors: Simon Burwood Michael Edwards Tina Gentry
Gary Young Richard Perry Keith Lawson

Officers: Laurie Wiebe

Non-voting Representatives: Roger Lankester

Public: none

In the Chair: Prof L Schnurr

The meeting started at 7:03pm.

It was noted that the meeting would not be filmed or recorded.

16/255 **Apologies for absence**
There were no apologies.

16/256 **Chairman's Announcements**
There were no announcements.

16/257 **Minutes**
Members received the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 6th October 2016.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6th October 2016 be approved and confirmed.

16/258 **Declarations of Discloseable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Pecuniary Interests, Registerable Non-Pecuniary Interests.**
Cllr Lawson expressed an interest regarding planning application FUL/MAL/16/01065 as he lived near the former URC Chapel. It was noted that the interest was not pecuniary nor was it registerable therefore Cllr Lawson could participate in the discussions.

There were no further interests.

16/259 **Public Participation**

No public present.

16/260 **Planning Applications**

It was **RESOLVED** that the District Council be informed of the comments as set out below the following applications:

Application No: FUL/MAL/16/01065
Proposal: Demolition of existing church and erection of a
 single storey restaurant/café, same design as
 existing building.
Location: United Reform Church, Basin Road, Heybridge
 Basin

It was noted that the application was inactive and that further notification was awaited from the District Council before comments could be made. It was noted that the application included land that was owned by the Parish Council.

Cllr Prof Schnurr informed Members that a provisional meeting had been arranged with the owner of the Church and their agent to discuss the application. It had been suggested that Cllr Lawson attend the meeting along with Cllr Prof Schnurr. There was a lengthy discussion which raised various concerns. Following the discussion, it was agreed to have a recorded vote on whether the meeting should take place to simply listen to the owner of the Church and their agent as to the details of the planning application.

NO – Cllr Perry, Cllr Gentry, Cllr Edwards
YES – Cllr Burwood, Cllr Young, Cllr Prof Schnurr
ABSTAIN – Cllr Lawson

In light of the concerns raised, Cllr Prof Schnurr decided not to use the casting vote. Therefore it was **AGREED** that the provisional meeting would not take place.

Members considered if the owner of the Church and their agent should be asked to make a presentation to the Planning Committee once the planning application was active.

NO – none
YES – Cllr Perry, Cllr Gentry, Cllr Burwood, Cllr Young, Cllr Edwards
ABSTAIN – Cllr Lawson

It was **RESOLVED** that the owner of the Church be asked to make a presentation to the Planning Committee once the planning application was activated.

Application No: ESS/43/16/MAL/SO
Proposal: Installation of a washing plant for processing of indigenous sand and gravel extracted during the construction of an agricultural reservoir, approved under planning permission refs ESS/35/14/MAL and ESS/34/14/MAL.

Location: Cobbs Farm, Maldon Road, Goldhanger
SUPPORT subject to adequate fluvial and waste water run-off controls.

Application No: FUL/MAL/16/00935
Proposal: Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of a replacement dwelling and detached cartlodge.
Location: Sunnyside, Harfred Avenue, Heybridge Basin

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Application No: OUT/MAL/16/01117
Proposal: Outline planning application for a proposed single dwelling with all matters reserved.

Location: Land Adjacent 52 Beeches Road, Heybridge

AMENDED DRAWINGS

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Application No: HOUSE/MAL/16/01181
Proposal: Retrospective application to retain garage door fitted to previously open-fronted garage.

Location: 12 Battle Rise, Heybridge

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Marine Planning

- i) Members received an update from Mr. Lankester. It was noted that:-
- Mr Lankester had opened up a dialogue with the Local Access Forum. There was a concern regarding the maritime assets inventory in Tollesbury especially the issues raised of level of disturbance by recreational boat users. There had been a suggestion to put in place a blanket ban to not allow access to the land from the water which would alleviate any recreational boat use.
 - The heritage of salt marshes could be effected.
 - The Planning Advisory Service has issued soundness self-assessment check lists which include:
 - Integration of terrestrial and marine
 - Recognition of importance of marine tourism
 - Increase in local economy
 - The House of Commons are currently discussing future flood prevention. They are recommending that large areas of farm land should be set aside for flood plains. It was suggested that this would have an effect on the agricultural policy.

- It was noted in the Local Development Plan that fluvial flooding was the responsibility of the Environment Agency and that pluvial flooding was the responsibility of the District Council.

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Neighbourhood Plan Task and Finish Working Group

Cllr Prof Schnurr thanked everyone who helped with the public workshop held on Sunday 23rd October 2016. It was noted that 34 people had attended the workshop. The comments received were to be summarised and made available for the next working group meeting.

There was a general discussion and a suggestion to investigate the costs of a professional consultant.

The next working group meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th November 2016 at 7.00pm. The meeting will focus on developing a vision statement. It was noted that maps of Heybridge and aerial photos would be of benefit.

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Future Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 17th November 2016 at 7:00pm.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 1st December 2016 at 7:00pm.

The next meeting of the Events Committee of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10th November 2016 at 7.30pm.

The next meeting of the Environment and Resources Committee will be held on Thursday 24th November 2016 at 7:00pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

Signed by CHAIRMAN

Date: