



Heybridge Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** of the Parish Council held on **THURSDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2016** at Plantation Hall, Colchester Road, Heybridge.

PRESENT

Chairman of the Committee: Prof Lew Schnurr

Councillors: Michael Edwards, Gary Young, Keith Lawson

Officers: Laurie Wiebe

Non-voting Representatives: Roger Lankester, Rob Ryall (Heybridge Residents Association)

Absent: Cllr Tina Gentry

Public: None

In the Chair: Prof. Schnurr

The meeting started at 7:00pm.

15/393 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Richard Perry, Cllr. Stephen Jennings.

It was **RESOLVED** that the apologies be accepted.

15/394 **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no announcements.

15/395 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7th January 2016 were received.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7th January 2016 be approved and confirmed.

15/396 **Declarations of Discloseable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Pecuniary Interests, Registerable Non-Pecuniary Interests.**

None.

15/397 **Public Participation**

There were no comments made relating to the agenda.

15/398 **Planning Applications**

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

i) Application No: OUT/MAL/16/00039
Proposal: Outline planning permission for proposed single dwelling.

Location: Land adjacent 52 Beeches Road, Heybridge

SUPPORT

ii) Application No: LBC/MAL/16/00027 and FUL/MAL/16/00026
Proposal: Minor alterations to first floor interior bedroom and en-suite arrangements.

Location: Vaulty Manor, Goldhanger Road, Heybridge

SUPPORT

iii) Application No: HOUSE/MAL/16/00025
Proposal: Proposed loft conversion with dormers front and rear, new front porch and lantern light to new replacement roof for existing rear extension.

Location: Capri, Harfred Avenue, Heybridge Basin

SUPPORT

iv) Application No: HOUSE/MAL/15/01349
Proposal: Single storey rear extension with removal of existing single storey rear extension.

Location: 33 Crescent Road, Heybridge

SUPPORT

v) Application No: TCA/MAL/16/00034
Proposal: T1&T2 Willow – Pollard to previous cuts. T3 Ash – heavy reduction.

Location: 4 Hering Drive, Heybridge

SUPPORT: subject to the support by the MDC Tree Officer with special consideration especially to the proposed works to the Ash tree.

vi) Application No: TCA/MAL/16/00058
Proposal: Various tree works over a 5 year period in accordance with Tree Management Plan submitted.

Location: Essex Waterways Ltd. Canal, Lock Hill, Heybridge Basin

OBJECT: The Council is concerned that this application would appear to remove the need to identify individual or groups of trees that may be of significant benefit to the community and therefore

should be retained. A two year plan with the requirement that the MDC tree officer is consulted prior to any works commencing would be acceptable.

15/399

Local Development Plan

There were no updates.

It was noted that there was an article in the latest edition of the Maldon and Burnham Standard indicating that there had been no progress on the LDP.

Cllr. Lawson suggested that the Parish Council could write to the Secretary of State expressing concern for the lack of progress on the LDP and the potential impact concerning water management.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Lawson and Cllr Prof Schnurr would draft a letter to the Secretary of State.

15/400

Marine Planning

- i) Members received a report from Mr. Lankester. Mr. Lankester had attended a Coastal Planning Conference. It was noted that there had been general support that Heybridge and Tollesbury Parish Councils were progressing with Local Marine Planning.

The next meeting of the Essex Coastal Paths Forum will be held on 7th March 2016. It was noted that the forum was restricted to County and District Councillors. Mr. Lankester and Cllr Lawson expressed concern that the meetings were not open to representatives from Parish Councils and that minutes of the forums were not readily available.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Prof Schnurr contact Essex County Council Coastal Protection Officer to request a copy of the minutes of the Essex Coastal Paths Forum.

- ii) Members considered submitting comments to the Thames Vision 2020 consultation. It was **RESOLVED** that Mr. Lankester would draft the Parish Council response to be in favour of providing or allocating space for a small port or harbour in the future as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- iii) Mr. Lankester expressed his concerns with the MDC Community Led Protocol. A general discussion took place. It was noted that the Protocol was compliant to the policies as set out in the LDP.
- iv) Members considered meeting with the Thames Estuary Partnership (TEP) to discuss local issues. It was **RESOLVED**

that Mr. Lankester contact TEP to arrange a meeting along with other coastal parishes. It was hoped that the Marine Management Organisation would also attend the meeting.

15/401

Neighbourhood Planning Task and Finish Working Group

- i) Members noted that the Locality grant application requires a business plan including a prescriptive budget. It was agreed that the grant application be deferred until the start of the next financial year (1st April 2016.)

It was noted that due to the complexity it would be helpful to have a Neighbourhood Planning Consultant to oversee the plan. It was noted that the Consultant fees could exceed £25,000 over a three year period and therefore a tender following national procurement rules would apply. Following a general discussion, it was noted that initial research proved that it was difficult to find Consultants who were available to take on the project. The Working Group would be looking at preparing the tender specifications.

- ii) Members received the proposed schedule of meetings.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Working Group would meet fortnightly, excluding half term, for the remainder of the project.

It was noted that Cllr Prof Schnurr and Cllr Lawson would draft the agenda for the first meeting.

- iii) It was noted that Cllr Prof Schnurr and Cllr Young would be attending the RCCE Neighbourhood Plan Coffee Morning on 6th February 2016.

15/402

DCLG Consultation on proposed changes to National Planning Policy

It was noted that the consultation document had previously been circulated to Members.

Cllr. Prof Schnurr and Cllr Lawson continue to draft the comments to the DCLG. It was noted that the deadline to submit comments had been extended to March 2016.

15/403

Magnox Socio-Economic Plan Consultation

Members considered submitting comments on the consultation.

It was noted that Heybridge Parish Council were not stakeholders and the impact on Heybridge residents who worked or worked at the nuclear plan were not known.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Lawson would review the consultation form.

15/404

Future Meetings

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th February 2016 at 7.00pm.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 7.00pm.

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Signed by CHAIRMAN

Date: