



Heybridge Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** of the Parish Council held on **THURSDAY 7th JANUARY 2016** at Plantation Hall, Colchester Road, Heybridge.

PRESENT

Chairman of the Committee: Prof Lew Schnurr

Councillors: Michael Edwards, Gary Young, Keith Lawson,
Richard Perry, Stephen Jennings

Officers: Laurie Wiebe

Non-voting Representatives: Roger Lankester

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In the Chair: Prof. Schnurr

The meeting started at 7:00pm.

15/355 **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr. Tina Gentry.

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

15/356 **Chairman's Announcements**
There were none.

15/357 **Minutes**
The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 3rd December 2015 were received.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 3rd December 2015 be approved and confirmed.

15/358 **Declarations of Discloseable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Pecuniary Interests, Registerable Non-Pecuniary Interests.**
None.

15/359 **Public Participation**
There were no comments made relating to the agenda.

15/360 **Planning Applications**

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

i) Application No: HOUSE/MAL/15/01298
Proposal: Single storey rearward extension of semi-detached dwelling, and alterations to existing rearward part.
Location: 109 Holloway Road, Heybridge

SUPPORT

15/361 **Local Development Plan**

There were no updates.

15/362 **Marine Planning**

Members received a report from Mr. Lankester.

Mr. Lankester deposited on loan various articles and information relating to flooding and the New Economics Foundation which will be available to the Parish Council in the office.

Mr. Lankester had spoken to a London Port Authority Officer regarding the possibility of starting a small port on the Blackwater Estuary. It was noted that small ports do not attract enough business to be economically successful. However, including a small harbour in a Neighbourhood Plan would reserve the area for the future.

It was noted that flood defence costs appear to be trickling down to local government and it may well be in the future that parish councils would have to include flood defence costs within their budgets.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Coastal Communities Group will be held on 19 January 2016. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Prof Schnurr and Cllr Edwards attend the meeting.

15/363 **Neighbourhood Planning Task and Finish Working Group**

There was a general concern that the amended Neighbourhood Plan Boundary Map may not include the area within the Blackwater Estuary. It was noted that Heybridge estuary boundary nearly links to Tollesbury estuary boundary. Therefore for the sake of continuity it was suggested that Heybridge Neighbourhood Plan boundary should include the estuary boundary.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Lawson and Cllr Prof Schnurr contact the District Council to ensure the boundary map includes the estuary border.

There was a discussion regarding the Harbour Commission and control of the estuary.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Lawson and Cllr Prof Schnurr contact Maldon District Council to clarify the control of the estuary.

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DCLG Consultation on proposed changes to National Planning Policy

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

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Prof Schnurr draft a response to the consultation to be considered at the next full Council meeting.

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Future Meetings

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 21st January 2016 at 7.00pm.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 4th February 2016 at 7.00pm.

The next meeting of the Events Committee of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 14th January 2016 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Signed by CHAIRMAN

Date: