



## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 8.00pm in the Parish Office**

**Present:** Cllrs A Allen (Chairman), S Berlyn, D Bolwell, H Clacy, A Keeler, M Telling, J Thomson.

Additional members: Mr P Watts

In attendance: Mrs E Blyth, Assistant Clerk

#### **Public Question Time**

No members of the public were present.

#### **137 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs A Wells, M Wood, and Mr J Alexander.

#### **138 Declarations of Interest**

Members were reminded that they were required to declare any personal or prejudicial personal interests they knew they might have in items of business on the meeting's agenda. They were reminded that they would need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the meeting and to leave the room if the interest was a prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time.

Cllr Berlyn declared a general interest in application 07/01700/FUL (10 Hopping Jacks Lane) by virtue of being acquainted with the applicant as a neighbour and as a former employee of the Parish Council.

Cllrs Allen, Bolwell, Keeler, Telling, Thomson and Wood declared a general interest in application 07/01711/FUL (10 Hopping Jacks Lane) by virtue of being acquainted with the applicant as a former employee of the Council.

All Councillors declared a general interest in item 141 below (planning appeal at Riffhams Farm) by virtue of one of the applicants being a Parish Councillor.

#### **139 Minutes**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007 be approved and signed as a correct record.

#### **140 CBC and ECC Planning applications and decisions**

Two planning applications and one amended application were considered and responses agreed. There were no planning decisions to report.

RESOLVED:

a) that the responses to planning applications shown in Appendix A be submitted to Chelmsford Borough Council, and that none of these applications need be referred to the local Ward Members;

b) that, for information purposes, an enquiry be made to Sandon Parish Council as to their views on the proposals for fulfilling the planning conditions at Sandon Quarry.

### **141 Planning Appeal**

06/01650/FUL: Riffhams Farm: CBC had notified the Council that the local inquiry for this appeal would commence on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at the Civic Centre, Duke Street, and was expected to last two days. The Committee agreed that the Council should be represented at the inquiry if possible.

RESOLVED:

- a) that members consider for the next meeting whether they would be able to attend all or part of the inquiry;
- b) that a request be made to CBC for a copy of the appeal and the Council's statement of case.

**142 CBC Planning Committee** No papers had been received.

### **143 Work to Trees**

143.1 A decision on work to a tree protected by a TPO was noted as shown in Appendix C;

143.2 Trees at rear of Airlie, Riffhams Lane: (minute 123 of last meeting refers). It was reported that six trees on the site were protected by TPO 2003/80, and that permission had recently been given for remedial work to one tree. The information was noted.

### **144 Local Development Framework**

144.1 Examination in Public: The report of the Chairman on the session held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, which he attended as an invited observer, was received. The Chairman was thanked for his report.

144.2 Site Allocations SPD – Issues and Options: The Committee discussed the document and several points were agreed for inclusion in the Council's response. It was noted that the consultation period ended on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, and that members could respond as individuals if they wished through the CBC website at [www.chelmsford.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/ldf).

RESOLVED: that the Chairman meet with the Assistant Clerk to finalise the Parish Council's comments.

### **145 Planning White Paper and Planning Reform Bill**

A Government summary of the White Paper was considered along with a review by CPRE. It was noted that the White Paper, which would form the basis of the Planning Reform Bill, concentrated mainly on revisions to the consent regimes for large infrastructure developments, but also proposed changes to make things easier for householders planning minor building works. In discussion the Committee agreed that it was concerned by the implications of the White Paper's proposals at both national and local levels, and that it wished to bring these to the attention of the local Member of Parliament.

RESOLVED: that a letter be sent to John Whittingdale MP making him aware of the Council's concerns regarding the forthcoming Planning Reform Bill, as follows:

1. The Council believes that the Government's proposals for approval of large infrastructure projects will seriously weaken the opportunities for local communities to make their voices heard on developments which may have serious repercussions for them;

2. The proposed new Infrastructure Planning Commission will make major decisions and should be made up of elected politicians, rather than appointed experts, to ensure that it is accountable to the public;
3. The revised planning system gives disproportionate weight to economic arguments to the detriment of environmental and social considerations;
4. The relaxing of planning requirements for small householder developments may have damaging results for the character of local areas as the effect of apparently minor changes accumulates. Parish Councils, in view of their local knowledge, should be involved in determining minor developments.

**146 ECC Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Consultation on Submission Draft of the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**

The consultation document set out how Essex County Council would involve the public in the development of minerals and waste policy. The document had been submitted to the Secretary of State for consideration but was also open to public consultation until 25<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

RESOLVED: that no comments be submitted.

**147 Danbury Planning Framework**

There was nothing further to report.

**148 Frequency of Planning Committee meetings**

The Committee was pleased to note that Parish Council, at its meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2007, had agreed to the recommendation of the Resources Committee and the Planning Committee that Planning meetings be held every three weeks from January 2008. This was subject to a review by the Planning Committee after six months.

**149 Enforcement** No matters were raised.

**150 Correspondence** There was nothing to report.

**151 Planning matters for report** (for information only)

No matters were raised.

**152 Forthcoming meetings** 22<sup>nd</sup> October; 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

Business having been concluded, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date: .....

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**Appendix A**  
**Planning Applications**

<b>Ref no</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Street name</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Committee date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
07/01610/FUL Amended	12	Mildmays	Front and rear single storey extensions, conversion of roof space with rear dormer windows	08/10/07	Our previous comments still apply. (No representations)
07/01700/FUL	10	Hopping Jacks Lane	Extension and alteration of existing house to form 2 dwellings	08/10/07	No comments (No representations)
<b>ECC Application:</b>					
ESS/01/98/CHL	Sandon Quarry	Sandon	Details required by conditions of approval, ie scheme of working, soil handling and storage, prevention of dust emissions, noise control, planting of trees and shrubs, restoration, aftercare.	08/10/07	No comments (No representations)

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**Appendix C  
Work to Trees**

<b>Ref no</b>	<b>TPO ref</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Street name</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Committee date</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Decision/ Date</b>
07/05197/TPO	2004/013	10	Runsell Lane	T1 Red Norway Maple in front garden: lift lower branches cutting to branch collar	N/A	N/A	Approved 16/08/07