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**STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL**

MINUTES of a meeting of the FULL COUNCIL held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 20th October 2021 in The Mountfitchet Exchange, Crafton Green, 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex

**PRESENT** Mrs M Caton (Chairman), Cllrs A Barnes, G Braeckman, P Davies, A Guney,

 J Hogg, J Hudson, M Jessup, J Kavanagh, A Khan, J O’Brien, L Prior,F Richards, G Sell and T Smith

**ATTENDING** Mrs E Philbrick – Trainee Deputy Clerk

 Mr Dan Schlanker – Communications Officer

 District Councillor A Dean

 1 member of the press

 15 members of the public

**212 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

 Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Melvin Caton. County Councillor Ray Gooding gave his apologies as he will be arriving late as he is attending another meeting first.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1 member of the public spoke regarding children playing games on the railway line and also about speedwatch.

1 member of the public spoke on behalf of himself and his neighbours regarding the proposed road safety measures for Walson Way. The Chairman advised that she would arrange for the Chair of the Highways Sub-Committee to liaise with them. Cllr Khan also advised that as a District Cllr they were holding monthly surgeries at St Marys School if they would like to meet with them but would also be happy to arrange a separate meeting.

1 Parish Councillor spoke regarding personal views. The Chairman advised that a meeting will be set up on the Clerk’s return from annual leave.

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**213 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -** None

**214 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

Cllr Khan advised that he was showing as attending the meeting, but was away on holiday and had given his apologies to the Clerk. This will be amended.

 **RESOLVED** To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2021 as a true and accurate account subject to the above corrections being made.

 Cllr Prior asked if the Social Media video promoting the need for Speedwatch volunteers could be repeated? Dan Schlanker confirmed he would work with the team on another video and would be putting this out instead of repeating the same one.

**215 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PROGRESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

The action points were to ensure that the items deferred were added to this agenda and this had been done.

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**216 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN’S REPORT -** Attached

 Discussions took place regarding the consultation on the land North of the Airport, and it was evident that no members had received the flyer which had supposedly been hand delivered to households in the village.

 Councillors Davies asked if the Chairman could bring attention to the potential loss of 3 football pitches and that the Parish Council needed to take the opportunity to gain something good for the community. The Chairman confirmed that she had requested the meeting with them as she wanted to be clear on exactly what was being offered for the Parish as she had stated in her report. Cllr Sell commented that Stansted is short of sporting facilities, and he was aware that a number of sporting clubs were already in talks with them. Cllr Hogg discussed the consultation webinar due to take place and the need to encourage people to attend. Cllr Richards commented that they were holding it in the middle of half term which was not useful.

**217 TO RECEIVE A DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Report from District Councillor Sell is attached.

 District Councillor Khan gave thanks for the support from other Councillors for the motion he put forward regarding the Universal Credit uplift. Of the 4,806 people claiming it, 2800 of those are already in work and although there were 3 abstentions, those are the families that need the support. The same motion was taken to the District Council but there was an amendment to take some action i.e for councillors to make a voluntary donation to the foodbank. The amendment was accepted. The Chief Executive has now written to the MP and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

 A District Council review regarding Stansted Airport is looking at the role of the previous administration as well as the current administration.

 The District Council has also been informed it had not met a performance indicator on planning decisions. Although the current administration can take their blame the previous administration also needs looking at. The previous administration was not underfunded.

**218 TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

This was deferred due to Cty Cllr Gooding not being present yet at the meeting.

**219 FINANCE – TO APPROVE THE LIST OF PAYMENTS**

The list of payments was circulated to members ahead of the meeting. It was

 **RESOLVED** to approve the list of payments

**220 TO CONSIDER THE LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

**1 UTT/21/3000/HHF – KLYMIARVEN, 28 RAINSFORD ROAD**

 **Single storey side extension and first floor rear extension**

No objections

**2 UTT/21/2947/HHF – 46 STONEYFIELD DRIVE**

 **Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension**

The Parish Council objects due to the following.

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 Parking Standards - The house will go from 2-bed to 3-bed, and applicant has not demonstrated how the applicant will meet new parking standards required.

 Highway Safety – Property straddles junction of Stoneyfield Drive/The Spinney, no safe parking on road

**3 UTT/21/3078/LB - THE DOG AND DUCK, 58 LOWER STREET**

 **Replacement front decking**

No objections – The Parish Council is in support of this.

**4 UTT/21/2902/FUL – MAY WALK, ELSENHAM ROAD**

 **Conversion of stable block into a dwelling with single storey rear extension and a new roof. Replacement of existing garage external works and associated infrastructure.**

The Parish Council objects due to the following:

 Outside development limits

 In the Countryside Protection Zone

 Close to the Aubrey Buxton Nature Reserve

 Impact on local amenity – the bridleway is a popular walking route, on which continued piecemeal residential development will have a detrimental impact

 Size and build form – the proposed property is significantly higher than the existing structure and will be visible from the bridleway and other PRoWs in the area; would, by virtue of its scale, form, design and appearance cause significant harm to the rural character and appearance of its surroundings, in conflict with Policies S7, GEN2, H7 of the Uttlesford Local Plan (adopted 2005) and the National Planning Policy Framework; and would promote a damaging incursion of suburban development into a landscape of open, arable countryside.

**5 UTT/21/3010/FUL – MAY WALK, ELSENHAM ROAD**

 **Proposed siting of temporary mobile home and portable toilets for the duration of time required for the conversion of stable block into dwelling approved under UTT/21/2902/FUL**

The Parish Council objects due to the following:

 As this application is subject to the approval of UTT/21/2902/FUL, and the parish council has objected to this application, it cannot support this application.

**221 OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE – TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021**

 **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2021

**222 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

Having received an update on bonfire night and the Youth Council, it was:

 **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2021

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**223 OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE – TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER 2021**

 **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2021

**224 TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY**

Discussions took place on some of the wording of the policy around gender, sex and sexual orientation. A number of suggestions were put forward so having been proposed by Cllr Caton and seconded by Cllr Guney it was unanimously agreed to set up a working group to look at the document and make changes to bring back to Full Council. Members of this group will be Cllrs G Braeckman, A Guney, F Richards and T Smith

Meeting closed at 8.47pm

**ACTION POINTS**

**224 Working group to meet to discuss policy**