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**STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET PARISH COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL**

MINUTES of a meeting of the FULL COUNCIL held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th September 2023 in The Mountfitchet Exchange, Crafton Green, 72 Chapel Hill, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex

**PRESENT** Cllr M Caton (Chair), Cllrs A Barnes, S Ghosh, A Guney,

P Jones, A Khan, A Love, J O’Brien, G Sell and T van de Bilt

**ATTENDING** Mrs Ruth Clifford – Parish Clerk

Mrs Emma Philbrick – Deputy Clerk

1 member of the public via Zoom

1 member of the press via Zoom

**162 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hogg – Family Commitment,

Cllr Kavanagh – Holiday and Cllr Prior – Work Commitments.

**RESOLVED** To accept the apologies for absence from Cllrs Hogg, Kavanagh and

Prior

Apologies were also received from District and County Councillor Gooding

No apologies were received from Cllr Braeckman

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -** None

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**163 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -** None

**164 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH JULY 2023**

**RESOLVED** To accept the minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2023 as a true and accurate account.

**165 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ACTION POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

141 – Office to express thanks to Mountfitchet Partners Ltd - Done

147 – Office to write to Uttlesford District Council, Director of Planning - Done

148 – Office to contact named individuals to re-establish Airport Working Group - Done

**166 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CHAIR, CLLR MAUREEN CATON**

Attached

The Chair also advised that along with the Clerk, she attended a UDC Liaison meeting last night. Notes from the meeting will be circulated on the proposed timetable/actions for the Uttlesford Local Plan. These will be distributed via email to all councillors.

**167 TO RECEIVE WRITTEN DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Report from District Councillor Gooding attached – The Clerk advised that she had received an update from Cllr Gooding this afternoon that the sheered pole on Chapel Hill has been removed.

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District Councillor Sell reported the following:

Good news that the planning application at Pines Hill has been refused. He made reference to the potential knock-on effects of development approved in neighbouring parishes.

It is likely in the near future that UDC will have to sell some of its assets to make up the shortfall created by Government cuts.

**168 TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Report from County Cllr Gooding attached

**169 FINANCE:**

**a) TO APPROVE THE LIST OF PAYMENTS**

The Clerk advised that the payment list was checked by Cllr O’Brien ahead of the meeting with no issues. With no questions, the list of payments was approved.

**b) TO RATIFY PAYMENT SCHEDULES CIRCULATED DURING SUMMER RECESS**

Having been proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr O’Brien, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** To ratify summer payment lists 1 - 5

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

**1 UTT/23/2187/DFO – LAND NORTH OF STANSTED AIRPORT**

**Reserved matters comprising external appearance, layout, scale and landscaping for Phase 1 pursuant to Outline Consent UTT/22/0434/OP; comprising 22,637sqm (GEA) commercial/employment floorspace predominantly within Class B8 Classes E(g) and Class B2, car parking, cycle storage, servicing, plant areas, landscaping and other associated works.**

The parish council objects to this application because they was no mention of the cycle route we had requested and it was not clear what provision there was for the wellbeing facilities and other matters raised in our response to the outline application.

**2 UTT/23/2212/AV – HANGAR 12, NINTH AVENUE, STANSTED AIRPORT**

**Erection of illuminated signage above the main loadside entrance of hangar**

No Comment

**3 UTT/23/2236/FUL – LAND ADJ. TO MOAT HOUSE, 12 GROVE HILL**

Erection of 1 no, dwelling further to UTT/20/3448/FUL

No objection but we are concerned about road safety and access.

**4 UTT/23/2215/FUL – EASTFIELD STABLES, MAY WALK**

**S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of UTT/21/2687/FUL (improvement of existing vehicular access point and the construction of a single storey “wellness hub” building and associated car, cycle and motorcycle parking area) allowed on appeal in order to amend the approved plans**

The Council decided to defer their decision until the next meeting and for the Planning Working Group to meet and review all permissions granted to date on this site and report back with their recommendations.

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**5 UTT/23/2239/FUL – LAND AT THE STABLES, MAY WALK**

**Erection of 3 holiday let cottages**

The Council decided to defer their decision until the next meeting and for the Planning Working Group to meet and review all permissions granted to date on this site and report back with their recommendations.

**171 TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR PART-NIGHT LIGHTING OF SOME STREET- LIGHTS IN THE VILLAGE**

A report was circulated to all members with the agenda with a proposal of lights that should be trialled for part-night lighting. Cllr O’Brien summarised the rationale for the scheme and gave background information from academic studies that he had read on the subject. Several members raised concerns about pedestrian safety such as potholes and other hazards. The lights will go out from midnight until 5am for an initial 3 month trial period. A Working Group will be formed to review feedback from the trial and make a recommendation to Full Council on what if any changes should be made prior to making the change permanent.

Having been proposed by Cllr O’Brien and seconded by Cllr Guney, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to go ahead with the part-night lighting trial as proposed in the document circulated to all members.

Members also gave thanks to Cllr O’Brien for his work on this project.

**172 TO CONSIDER A REPORT FROM THE FORESTHALL PARK PARKING WORKING GROUP AND MAKE A DECISION ON THE PROPOSALS NOT REQUIRING NEPP APPROVAL**

A report was circulated to members with the agenda.

Having been proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr O’Brien, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** To apply to the Local Highways Panel for a zebra crossing at each end of Walson Way

The proposal to increase No Airport Parking signs was referred back to the sub- committee for further consideration.

**173 TO APPROVE THE DRAFT COMMENTS ON THE STANSTED AIRPORT DRAFT NOISE ACTION PLAN 2024-28**

The draft comments were circulated to members ahead of the meeting.

Having been proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr van de Bilt, it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to approve the draft comments on the Stansted Airport Noise Action Plan 2024-28.

Cllr van de Bilt commented that he thought membership of the working group should be expanded to generate a broader knowledge base of airport related issues. This would give us the opportunity to make more informed proposals/comments in the future. Cllr Khan said this could be our chance to build a relationship with the airport and Cllr Sell suggested inviting the current managing director of Manchester Airport Group to a meeting. It was agreed that the Working Group could approach appropriate individuals to join.

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**174 TO NOTE CLLR HOGG’S RESIGNATION AS STANSTED AIRPORT WATCH REPRESENTATIVE AND TO APPOINT A REPLACEMENT**

The Clerk informed the meeting of Cllr Hogg’s reasons for resigning. Cllr Jones agreed that he would pick up any dealings with SAW until or unless someone else came forward. The position is reviewed every year at the Annual Council meeting.

**175 OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE – TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

The minutes of the meeting were received.

Meeting closed at 8.47pm

**ACTION POINTS**

173 Office to invite the current managing director of MAG to a meeting

173 Airport Working Group to look at increasing membership