

East Donyland Parish Council
Full Parish Council Meeting – 10th August 2017
Mariners Chapel, Chapel Street, Rowhedge starting 7.00pm.
MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Phil George, Anna Appleyard, Peter Case, Doug Clay, Nina Crouchman, John Rowland; CBC Ward Cllrs Mike Lilley & Lee Scordis; Clerk – Nicki Matthews and 8 members of the public.

The Chairman, Cllr Phil George, opened the meeting at 7pm and thanked Simon & the Mariners Chapel for use of the venue.

64/17 To receive and accept apologies and to note absences: Apologies received from Cllr Helliwell and CBC Ward Cllr Adam Fox.

65/17 To minute pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests of members relating to items on the agenda: none.

66/17 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2017: The minutes were proposed as correct by PG, 2nd NC – agreed; minutes approved.

67/17 Have your say! The Chairman will allocate a max.15 minutes to ask members of the public to speak (max. 3 minutes each) on any matters relevant to parish business:

The following issues and questions were raised:

- Bloor wharf development – concerns regarding the following:
 - » Ongoing closure of footpath 27 which has been extended a number of times, and lack of work being done to improve the path for reopening. The Clerk to find out why this has happened and request it is re-opened asap. *Action – the Clerk*
 - » Planned imminent works (due to start 21st Aug) to develop the area to the south of the site and the impact on wildlife. Concern that residents were unaware of these plans, and what the planned works are. ML advised that the original planning permission granted was for a play area on this site, but that Bloor have since obtained permission for the area to be partially left and partially cleared for a wildlife meadow to be planted. The Clerk to contact CBC to clarify and identify if there is any opportunity at this stage to influence plans. *Action – the Clerk*
 - » Status of the footpaths in the section referred to above – these have been in use for a number of decades but do not have PROW status. The council has already sought information on how the process to apply for PROW designation - the Clerk to apply. *Action – the Clerk*
- 20mph speed limit application – any progress? The application is in hand, being actioned by LS/KB, and more signatures are needed to evidence community support.
- Waste bins – the bins near Taylors Rd are being used for household waste, which fills them completely. Could they be replaced with the larger, covered bins? PG advised that the council is undertaking a gradual replacement plan for all waste bins but due to the high cost, replacements have to be phased. ML noted that it could possibly be dealt with as fly tipping if a culprit could be identified and the waste was left next to the bin rather than in it.

68/17 To receive and note reports from

- i) County Councillor, Kevin Bentley: not present, no report.
- ii) CBC Ward Councillors Mike Lilley & Lee Scordis:
 - Bloor development – an unofficial sign has been put up on site, ML is currently awaiting clarification from S Jackson at CBC re plans. It appears that the plans have been changed to landscaping rather than a play area due to cost and ongoing maintenance requirements. The relevant planning application is number 151871, and can be viewed on the CBC website.
 - Refuse – the new collections are going well, and wheelie bins are proving popular where they have been introduced. The volume of food waste recycling has doubled in 4 weeks, and non-recyclable waste has decreased by 76 tonnes, reducing CBC's landfill tax bill. Issues re missed collections

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mostly relate to wrong items being put out, and the online form for reporting is being updated to take account of this. Enforcement action and fines will shortly be introduced to address issues where residents are not following the new rules.

- 20mph – LS is still waiting to hear back from Kevin Bentley.
- Local Plan consultation – the deadline is the 11th August, please do go online and respond if you want your views to be considered.
- iii) Clerk: noted. The issue relating to Sapphire Mgt will be on the agenda for Sept.
- iv) Village Bus Representative – Elizabeth Trellis: not present.
- v) Rowhedge Residents Association – Trisha Curran: The RRA held a meeting in July, which addressed issues including the Local Plan, 20mph campaign and Neighbourhood Watch. There will be another meeting in Sept, date tbc. Current concerns include the recent flooding affecting residents and the Social Club, and that any future development may worsen this issue.

69/17 To agree the payments list already checked by Cllrs Helliwell & Clay: PG proposed the payments be agreed, AA 2nd – all agreed. *Action – the Clerk.*

70/17 To note the draft minutes (attached) from the Maintenance Committee 19th July, and to consider any proposals/recommendations arising: Noted.

71/17 To note the draft minutes (attached) from the Finance & Personnel Committee 26th July, and to consider any proposals/recommendations arising: Noted.

72/17 To agree the council's final response to the Colchester Borough Council Local Plan Publication Draft consultation (circulated previously): Cllrs noted that the online consultation system is very complicated and not user friendly, with technical language etc. As a result, there is likely to be a number of residents who are unable to participate in the process. Following a discussion of the items in the plan that directly relate to Rowhedge, PG proposed that the council responds by supporting the removal of the Battleswick site and the inclusion of the Business Park in its place as a smaller site with a medical facility, and records a concern regarding the Middlewick Range site. PC 2nd – majority agreed. *Action – the Clerk.* It was noted that the original plan for Middlewick was for 2,000 homes so the current proposal for 1,000 represents a significant decrease. There is also an issue that if the number of homes falls below 700 then a new school would not be required as part of the site, and other sites would need to be found for the 300 homes removed. Individual councillors are able to make their own responses to the consultation in addition to the council response agreed.

73/17 To note that no election is required for the two vacant council seats, and to agree a process for co-opting to fill the vacancies: Two expressions of interest have already been received. AA proposed that the council advertise the vacancies as has been done previously for co-option; JR 2nd – all agreed. *Action – the Clerk.*

62/17 To deal with matters arising from the previous Council minutes not dealt with elsewhere in this agenda (refer Action List): Action list noted. NM is chasing up the bench for Heath Rd, and the specialist fitting for the play area is being sourced.

63/17 To discuss planning applications and note decision papers as listed:

- i) **Planning application 171781; 112 Rectory Rd - application for a lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension extending 3.9m from existing detached property:** PG proposed that council comments 'no objections' to this application; DC 2nd – all agreed.

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The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Agreed as a true record.

Signed: Date:

Chairman

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