

BARLING MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of the Barling Magna Parish Council held on Thursday 30th April, 2015, in Chadwicks House, Barling Magna County Primary School, Little Wakering Road, Barling Magna, Essex, SS3 0LN commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Ashdown, Cohen (Vice Chair), Gardiner, Knight, Pearmain, Steptoe (Chair) and Street.

In attendance: Essex & District Councillor C. Seagers, J. Watson (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public: Hannah Bach, Paul Bach, Peter Daniels, Pat Golding, Lucille Taylor, Marion Sawyer, Carol Steptoe.

MINUTES

- 1. The Chair to declare the meeting open.**
 - a. The Chair declared the meeting open at 7.30 pm.
- 2. To receive apologies for absence.**
 - a. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Edmunds and District Councillor Ward.
- 3. To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and with section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**
 - a. Councillor Steptoe declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Planning Applications). He would Chair the meeting for that item but would not participate in any discussion and would abstain on voting.
- 4. The meeting will stand adjourned to permit Parishioners of Barling Magna to address the Council.**
 - a. Pat Golding thanked the Parish Council for buying the Village Hall. She suggested that it would be better to pull the Hall down and rebuild rather than spend money on repairs. Councillor Steptoe pointed out that the Hall had actually been purchased by the Trustees. The situation regarding the Hall would be dealt with later in the meeting.
 - b. Lucille Taylor asked whether the land at the back of the Church was going to be drained. She also mentioned ditches in general and the little creek in Kimberley Road.
 - c. Paul Bach raised the issue of volume of traffic in the Village, speeding and parking problems.

5. Planning Applications.

- a. Planning Application ESS/09/15/ROC from Essex County Council re Land to the North of Mucking Hall Lane, Barling Magna, SS3 0NH was considered. Proposed Councillor Gardiner, seconded Councillor Knight and carried with one abstention that the Clerk write to Essex County Council and Rochford District Council with the following concerns, namely,
 - i. What is the quality of the inert material (soil) being imported to re-profile the area? Will it include material other than soil e.g. builders rubble and/or hard core?
 - ii. Where is this inert material (soil) being imported from?
 - iii. We note that the proposal is for the importation of 40,000m³ of inert material (soil). How long is this going to take?
 - iv. What is the size (length, weight) of the vehicle(s) that will be importing this soil?
 - v. What impact will these vehicles have on the surface and integrity of the approach roads to the site?
 - vi. How many trips per week will be made by these vehicles to import the soil?
 - vii. It is noted that the procedure requires "doming" of the existing pits. We believe that "doming" creates a potential flooding problem. Has provision been made for the existing drainage ditches to be maintained to deal with this potential extra flooding?
 - viii. Can we be assured that the existing access road (Haul Road) will be kept open and operative during the completion of the proposed works?
 - ix. What provision is being made to ensure that all works will be done within normal working hours (9.00 am to 5.00 pm - Monday to Friday) and that residents living in proximity to the site will not be inconvenienced by the possible increased level of noise from the site?
 - x. We are very concerned about the possible impact upon the public footpaths and bridleways in the area and how these may be affected. Will access be impaired and/or restricted?
- b. Planning Application 15/00090/LBC in respect of 1 Vine Cottages, Barling Road was considered. Proposed Councillor Street, seconded Councillor Gardiner and carried with one abstention that the Clerk write to Rochford District Council with the following concerns, namely,
 - i. Confirmation that the proposed works did not interfere with the water course.
 - ii. Confirmation that the proposed works were in keeping with the existing materials and era of the building.
 - iii. Whether works already carried out on the building and the proposed works to the building were still within 25% of the original floor area of the building.

6. Village Hall

- a. The Clerk reported that he had now instructed Surveyors to prepare a tender specification for the work required to refurbish the Village Hall. He expected to meet the Surveyor on site within the next few days. Once the tender specification had been prepared he would then issue tender documents.

- b. Councillor Steptoe explained that the Trustees had received a challenge from Essex County Council as to ownership of part of the land occupied by the Hall. The Clerk had written several times to Essex CC requesting clarification but, to date, had not received a response. Proposed Councillor Steptoe, seconded Councillor Cohen that the Clerk send a Freedom of Information request to Essex County Council asking that they explain the grounds on which they are challenging the ownership of the land. Carried unanimously.

7. Correspondence.

- a. No correspondence had been received since the last meeting.

8. At the Chairman's discretion to exchange information

- a. Councillor Street tabled photographs highlighting the poor state of the Sea Walls in the area.
- b. Councillor Cohen mentioned that Speed Guns had been discussed at the last meeting of RHALC. The Clerk was asked to put this on the agenda of the next meeting.
- c. Councillor Steptoe mentioned the Vandalism to the Bus Shelter in Mucking Hall Road. The Clerk was asked to put this on the agenda of the next meeting.
- d. Councillor Steptoe mentioned that some cars had been interfered with in Mucking Hall Road. The Clerk was asked to put this on the agenda of the next meeting.
- e. Councillor Steptoe mentioned that the Parish Council may be able to apply to LHP re repairs to the bus shelters. The Clerk was asked to put this on the agenda of the next meeting.
- f. Councillor Steptoe mentioned the light that was not working outside Barrow Hall. The Clerk explained that there appeared to be an issue with the power supply but he would investigate further.

Meeting closed 8.50 pm.

Date of next meeting – 21st May, 2015 – Annual Council Meeting.

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