

WHITE COLNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at

The Village Hall, Bures Road, White Colne on Wednesday 2nd August 2017 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr Bond, Cllr Paxton, Cllr Saggars, Cllr Taylor (Chairman).

Also Present: Clerk D Williams, Braintree District Council (BDC) Cllr Siddall, and 2 members of the public attended.

970. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Brace, Cllr Tanous, Cllr Woolmer, District Council (BDC) Cllr Spray.

971. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Bond declared an interest in minute 973(a) regarding the planning application for 40 Colneford Hill as he is a neighbour of the applicant. He will remain in the meeting but will not take part in the discussion, and will not vote.

Cllr Saggars declared an interest in minute 973(a) regarding the planning application for 40 Colneford Hill as he is the applicant. He will leave the meeting room when this item is discussed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

The meeting was suspended for public questions and statements.

(i). A parishioner made a statement concerning a planning application for the building of a new home adjacent to 112 Colchester Road. It is identical to a previous one for which there has been no decision despite contact with the planning officers at Braintree District Council (BDC) since September 2015. They have appealed against this non determination, but as this process can take 6 months they have resubmitted the planning application to BDC.

They consider that the recent approval of 8 houses on a green field site outside the village envelope, which was after receiving a number of objections sets a precedent to agree to their one house on a brown field site 50metres away, partly on the footprint of an existing unsustainable building. They accept that their application site is outside the village envelope, but this is envelope is very illogical as the envelope extends to the edge of the buildings opposite 112 Colchester Road.

The survey regarding the possible extension of the village envelope, carried out in February 2016 is now out of date by virtue of the subsequent extension of the village envelope. Recent planning decisions have shown that some of the policies in the Village Design Statement to be unenforceable

The Highways Department has submitted no objections in regard to speeding in relation to our application which refers to the use of the existing access to 112 Colchester Road. This has been used by us for 20 years safely.

The meeting was resumed.

972. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cllr Taylor said that this matter will be considered later in the meeting.

973. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Applications

17/01211/REM – Land on South Side of Colchester Rd - Approval of Reserved Matters for 'Access', 'Appearance', 'Landscaping', 'Layout', and 'Scale' pursuant to outline planning permission 16/02124/OUT (Outline planning application for the erection of up to 8no. dwellings and associated garages) - Cllr Bond said that this may be an opportunity to obtain a speed survey as speeds are far more than 30 mph. The agreed response to this application is no comment.

17/01333/FUL & 17/01334/LBC – 40 Colneford Hill - Re-build and re-instate boundary wall in reclaimed brick. Cllr Taylor said that in view of the declarations of interest there is not a quorum of a minimum of three councillors and this item cannot be considered. The clerk was instructed to ask BDC planning department for an extension of time to return comments so that this can be considered at the next meeting.

17/01354/FUL – 112 Colchester Road - Erection of 4 bedroom detached dwelling complete with garage/office and related infrastructure, including an altered vehicular access. After discussion of the points raised by the parishioners, Cllr Bond proposed that the response is :- the parish council wishes to make no further comment other than to remind BDC of the existence of the Village Design Statement and to take into consideration in any decision that it makes. Cllr Taylor seconded this proposal and 3 voted in favour and 1 against, and so the response was confirmed.

974. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Bond said that the following items need consideration :-

(a).4 posts have been knocked over on the village green. Members agreed to ask the clerk to obtain a quotation from Tidy Gardens to repair them.

(b).the pavilion needs painting. Cllr Taylor said that the handyman has been asked to do this.

(c). the gate post in the chase opposite the dog bin needs attention. Members agreed to ask the clerk to obtain a quotation from Tidy Gardens to repair it.

(d). the Meadows needs cutting at the end of August and members agreed to instruct the clerk to ask Mr Hadley to do this.

(e). the hall roof has some tiles missing by the front door and it was agreed that this is an agenda item for the next meeting.

(f). should the handyman have a petrol mower as he could then do some grass cutting. It was agreed that this is an agenda item for the next meeting.

(g). the gullies at Broome Farm, Colne Park Road no longer exist, and the clerk was instructed to ask Highways again to clear these gullies.

(h). the hedge at the bus stop opposite York House has been cut around the bus stop post, but not on the approach to the post so that it is still hidden. The clerk was asked to again report this to Highways.

(i). the mount for the Speed Indicator Device needs to be moved, and he will arrange this.

Cllr Sagers said that consideration should be given to Colne Valley being classified as an Area of Outstanding Beauty. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 8.25 pm.

Chairperson..... Date.....