

Minutes of the Little Burstead Parish Council  
Extraordinary Meeting held at Little Burstead Village Hall,  
on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Liz Kaskow, Councillor David Clark,  
Councillor Katrina Watts, Councillor Abi Mohseni

**In Attendance:** Mrs. Christine Barlow, Clerk to the Parish Council

**Members of Public:** 35

**69/16 Apologies for absence:** Councillor John Mitchell, Chair.

Councillor Liz Kaskow, Vice – Chair, took on the responsibility of Chair in the absence of Councillor Mitchell.

Councillor Kaskow introduced the Parish Councillors and Parish Clerk to the meeting and explained the purpose for holding the Extraordinary Meeting. She also introduced Mike Andrews from Billericay Action Group and Peter Sharp from Billericay District Residents Association who had agreed to attend the meeting to help residents make informed decisions regarding responding to Basildon Council's New and Alternative Sites Consultation.

**70/16 Declarations of member interests:** To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other pecuniary interests or non-pecuniary interests by members relating to any agenda items.

No declarations of interest received.

**71/16 Basildon Borough Council's New & Alternative Sites Consultation:** To discuss proposals for New & Alternative Sites in Little Burstead and the potential impact of the sites on the community.

Council Kaskow handed over the meeting to Mike Edwards and Peter Sharp to discuss with residents new proposals to build on land East of Frithwood Lane, Billericay and the potential effect the proposals will have on the Community of Little Burstead.

Mike Andrews gave a brief summary of the background of previous Basildon Council consultations in regard to the Local Plan including the latest earlier in the year. He outlined all the sites in Billericay which the Draft Plan had covered and gave an overview of the proposals put forward by developers for New and Alternative sites. He explained the reasons for the consultation and the effect the proposals would have on both Billericay and Little Burstead. He gave an overview of all the sites and informed on the proposals for the Alternative site 9 – Land East of Frithwood Lane which had expanded the original site of 330 houses at Frithwood Lane and now had the potential of extending development within Little Burstead and had the potential to locate a

further 195 new homes within Little Burstead making a total of 525 properties and also increasing development at Windmill Heights ( Alternative Site 10) from 70 new homes to 170 new homes. The proposals would compromise the merging of Billericay and Little Burstead and would encroach on the Conservation Area.

Peter Sharp advised that both organisations were pooling their respective resources to voice their objections to building on Green Belt in and around Billericay. He outlined how residents needed to respond to the consultation to get their key messages across to Basildon Council. He advised that responses regarding the proposed sites must be recorded on a separate sheet independently of each other. He further explained that only comments on the New and Alternative sites would be accepted.

The meeting was opened up for residents to ask questions and concerns raised included:

- (i) The Impact of the proposals on the infrastructure of the village and the area.
- (ii) Building within the Green Belt and Conservation area of Little Burstead.
- (iii) The impact on the community.
- (iv) The merging of Little Burstead with Billericay and encroachment on the countryside.
- (v) Concerns that residents views would not be listened to by Basildon Council when reviewing the Local Plan.

The meeting was advised that all comments from residents had to be received by 23.59 on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Any comments received after this date would not be accepted. In addition comments would only be accepted by completing the consultation on-line or alternatively downloading and printing the consultation form from the website and returning by email. A copy of this form was available for residents to take away from the meeting or could be found on the Basildon council website.

At the end of the presentation Councillor Kaskow thanked Mike Andrews and Peter Sharp for attending the meeting and providing a clear and concise understanding of proposals.

The Chair closed the meeting to enable those who wished to leave after the presentation to do so.

After a short break the meeting was reconvened.

Councillors discussed their proposed response to the consultation and it was **AGREED** by all present to formulate a collective response from the Parish Council highlighting the concerns of the Parish Council and residents.

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**Planning:** To minute Councillor comments on Planning Application/s under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - APPLICATION NO:  
16/01589/FULL**

Single storey side and rear extension - Stead Hall Farm, Laindon Common Road, Billericay Essex

Councillors considered there was no reason to detract from their previous comments regarding a similar application (16/00681/FULL) and endorsed Basildon Council's decision, on that occasion, to refuse the application.

They considered that the current planning application, as presented, increased the overall footprint and volume of the property and would constitute to inappropriate development in the Green Belt and would not contribute as Permitted Development.

The extension would impact on the visual amenity of the area and would not enhance the heritage value of the main building in a Conservation Area and would cause harm by reason of inappropriateness. With reference to Policy BAS GB7 the construction of a single storey and side extension would not represent, by size and volume, a "limited extension". Councillors did not uphold the owners request for special or mitigating circumstances to overturn the previous decision (16/00681/FULL) considered that the application (16/01589/FULL) should also be refused.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - APPLICATION NO:  
16/01532/LBBAS**

Single storey side extension to enclose swimming pool and link to house - Stockwell Hall, Clock House Road, Little Burstead, Billericay

No objections were raised by the Parish Council and it was considered that as with previous improvements all requirements in respect of Listed Buildings would be respected.

The Parish Clerk was asked to forward the Parish Council's comments to Planning Officers.

**73/16**

**Date of the next Parish Council meeting :**

The next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in Little Burstead Village Hall, Laindon Common Road commencing at 7.30 p.m.

TO BE APPROVED