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Minutes

The Virtual Meeting of Southminster Parish Council 18th January 2021.

Present: Cllr J Anderson, Cllr G Harrold, Cllr D Noonan, Cllr H Bridge, Cllr Mische and Cllr R Pratt.

21/007 Apologies for absence.
Cllr Wyn Davies

**21/008 To receive and approve minutes of the meeting –
11th January 2021.**
Proposed by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Noonan.

21/009 To receive and note any declarations of interest.
None.

21/010 Public Session – opportunity for members of public to speak:
Members of the public wishing to attend should contact the Parish Clerk via email before 3pm on the day of the meeting for the meeting ID and Password.
A parishioner commented that planning application 20/01344/FUL PP-09371633, The Dengie Project Trust falls outside the development boundary, supporting this type of application will set a precedent for future planning applications.

21/011 Planning
To discuss and respond to the following planning applications.
Week ending: 15th January 2021.
20/01344/FUL PP-09371633
Conversion of 2No. existing buildings (previous use class C2) into 11 flats and 2 maisonettes and the construction of 3 new bungalows to rear.
The Dengie Project Trust Knightswood Centre Steeple Road Southminster
Southminster Parish Council DO NOT SUPPORT this planning application, due to it being unsustainable and outside of the settlement boundary.

Appeal Notifications

Week commencing: None.

Appeal Decisions – None.

Tree Preservation Order - None

21/012 Finance Matters: -

- a: To receive and approve payment and receipts reports for December 2020. Proposed by Cllr Harrold, seconded by Cllr Noonan.
- b: To approve payments and to sign cheques. Proposed by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Noonan.
- c: To receive and approve the budget status for December 2020. Proposed by Cllr Noonan, seconded by Cllr Harrold.
- d: To receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement to 8th November 2020, 8th December 2020, proposed by Cllr Harrold, seconded by Cllr Noonan, 8th January 2021 to be deferred to next meeting.

21/013 Dist Cllr's Report

District Councillor Fluker reported the following:

Majority of MDC staff are still working from home

Appts with Council Staff are available but only in emergencies and where alternative ways of communication are not available

All Council services are performing well and are meeting or exceeding our own and Govt's targets

Leisure centres are closed

The MDC offices at Princes Road are being used by Longfield's and Blackwater surgeries as a vaccination centre

The Lodge at Wickford has been confirmed by the Govt as a mass vaccination centre

Testing kits for residents of MDC asymptomatic or otherwise are available for collection from Maldon Town Hall (details on MDC website)

Issues with social distancing in the Prom Park Hythe Quay and Burnham Quay are all being monitored

Issues with localised flooding in Mayland, Latchingdon and Mundon have been reported to the EA and ECC. Cllr Fluker has been monitoring Asheldham Brook at Steeple Road and reporting to the EA.

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The MDC Budget is under massive pressures due to the loss of income as a result of pandemic

In accordance with the statutory requirement the 5 year review of the LDP has started

In December it was reported that the Council no longer has a 5 year land supply. A 5 year housing land supply is the bedrock of the LDP likewise deliverability which is not being met and forms part of the overall equation. As a result the policies in the LDP around settlement boundaries may longer apply and the Council may well find itself open to speculative applications for medium and large scale developments. With regards to the Parish Cllr Fluker will monitor activity and report to the Parish Council

Bradwell B – CGN have appealed the decision by MDC to refuse permission to start the geological survey

At the last meeting of Council members agreed by a majority of one to support Small Modular Nuclear Power Stations a letter was to be written to the BEIS confirming the same

On 29th December the Essex wide Resilience Forum declared 'A major emergency' regarding hospital capacity. In recent days the situation has improved and the numbers of new admissions are now close to the number of discharges

The situation with the 'Bridge at Barley Meadows' has still not been resolved. An engineering solution is being sought after which time the project should be able to move forward.

In response to a question from Cllr Pratt, Cllr Fluker confirmed that he would to speak to MDC regarding the crews of waste collections vehicles and social distancing

In response to a question from Cllr Noonan, Cllr Fluker confirmed that he would speak to Kerry Harding Mid Essex CCG for an update regarding the proposed new medical centre

21/014 Proposed new building at King George V Memorial Field

Update from Cllr Anderson and Cllr Harrold.

Cllr Anderson informed that work is still continuing, Fields in Trust have questioned the car park capacity, after discussions with the architect a revised plan has been issued at no extra cost to the Parish Council. Cllr Anderson will review and liaise with Fields in Trust.

21/015 Jubilee Woods

Cllr Harrold to update.

Cllr Harrold confirmed that the woodland creatures have been ordered. Tree felling/tidying work will commence shortly. Due to the current situation the project make take a little while longer to complete due to compliance with social distancing restrictions.

21/016 Running Track

Cllr Noonan to give an update on costings.

Cllr Noonan reported that four local companies had submitted quotes for the running track, Cllr Harrold suggested incorporating the running track into the new build project at King

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George V Memorial field. It was agreed due to the sensitive nature of the quotes that this item would be agenda for next meeting under exclusion of press and public.

21/017 Grant applications

To discuss and agree a blanket agreement for the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman to make grant applications on behalf of Southminster Parish Council.

21/018 Public Session– opportunity for members of public to speak:

None.

21/019 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 8th February 2021.

21/020 Close of business:

Meeting closed at 8.23pm.