



MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Wednesday 8th January 2020
in the Parish Council Rooms, West Street
Rochford, commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. R. Bacon, Mrs. R. Efde, B. Fox, T. Fransen, Mrs. K. Illott, Mrs. J. McPherson, M. Softly, P. J. Stanton, Mrs. S. Taylor, Mrs. M. Weir, Mrs. L. Utz,
Also present: An applicant for co-option.
Clerk: Mrs. J. V. Rigby

106/19 **Apologies for Absence/Co-option to the Parish Council**

106/19.1 Apologies which had been notified to the Clerk and were accepted by members from Cllrs. J. Cottis, Mrs. K. Parker, personal reasons.

106/19.2 The candidate for co-option was interviewed.

107/19 **Declarations of Interests: -**

107/19.1 Cllrs. R. Bacon, B. Fox, and T. Fransen declared interests in any items pertaining to the allotments due to being allotment tenants.

107/19.2 Cllr. A. Williams declared an interest in items pertaining to Planning as a member of the RDC Development Committee.

108/19 **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th November 2019**

The non-confidential minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

109/19 **Chairman's Announcements/Good News –**

Happy New Year

Plans for Sutton Road etc. commencing mid-March.

110/19. **Finance**

The minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 20th November were received and ratified.

111/19 **Officers Report**

111/19.1 The Officers report was received, which included: -

- a) Cllrs. Mrs. M. Weir and R. Efde wished to attend the Event Management Plan Training on 21st February. One member of staff may also attend if available.
- b) It was **Agreed** that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 29th April suggestions were guest speakers were received and will be actioned by the Clerk.
- c) Members were reminded that there is to be an Extraordinary Full Council meeting on 29th January to set the precept for 2020/21. Papers for this will be issued with the Finance Committee papers on 22nd February. If any member requires additional calculations to be made on the Precept they should contact the Clerk by 1pm on Tuesday 28th January.

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- 112/19 **Questions from members of the public** -There were no members of the public present.
- 113/19 **Report from District/County Councillors** – No District/County Councillors were present.
- 114/19 **Councillor Training**
114/19.1 Notification of the EALC Training courses was received.
- 115/19 **Questions (pursuant to SO 7:1) and Reports of Committees/Working party notes**
The following unapproved minutes were received: -
115/19.1 Community Projects Committee – 13th November 2019
115/19.2 General Purposes Committee – 20th November 2019. The response to Trustlinks regarding the expression of interest in their proposed project was ratified.
- 116/19. **Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies –**
a) Rochford Hundred Assn. Of Local Councils - Cllrs. Mrs. R. Efde, Clerk. – Next meeting 16th January at Hockley Parish Hall.
b) Old Peoples Welfare Committee – Cllr. Mrs. K. Ilott – Nothing to report
c) Rochford & District Chamber of Trade – Cllr. J. Cottis no meeting.
d) Transport Forum - Cllr Mrs. M. Weir –. No meeting
e) Local Community Meeting – Cllrs. M. Softly, Mrs. J. McPherson – The next meeting will be held on 13th January 2020 in the Parish Council Rooms.
f) Wallasea Island Liaison Group – Cllrs. P. J. Stanton, R. Bacon – no meeting.
g) Larger Local Councils Forum – Clerk. No report
h) Rochford Town Team. – Cllrs. Mrs. J. McPherson, Mrs. K. Parker - No meeting.
i) Discover 2020 – Organising Committee - Cllrs. Mrs. J. McPherson, T. Fransen – The minutes of the last meeting were circulated.
- 117/19 **Correspondence**
The following was received: -
 - Web enquiry regarding Christmas Hampers. This matter will be referred to Community Projects and a preliminary report presented to the February meeting.
 - Invitation to Holocaust Memorial Day.
- 118/19 **Any motions received in the order of proper notification**
- 119/19 **Consultative Documents –**
The document on Strengthening Police Powers to tackle unauthorised encampments.
- 120/19 **Planning Applications**
120/19.1 The list of Planning Applications submitted including those commented on in December under delegated powers was received.
120/19.2 The following applications were received and commented on: -
19/01116/FUL 14 Heritage Way
Single Storey Rear Extension – **Members had no objections to this application.**

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19/01028/FUL - Land at the Eastern End of South Road Southend Airport
132 Bedroomed hotel, with associated access, parking, landscaping and
servicing – **Members had no objections to this application**

19/01094/LBC Rochford Hundred Golf Club
Removal of recent brick column and installation of steel beam – **Members had
no objections to this application**

19/01092/ADV 7 West Street
One non-illuminated fascia sign – **Members objected to this application as it
is not in keeping with the conservation area, and if granted will set a
precedent as other businesses have had to remove their unauthorised
signs.**

19/01119/ful 4 Roche Close
Change of use from vacant supermarket (Class A1) to form Fitness Gym (Class
D2) – **Members had no objections to this application**

19/01121/FUL 11 Queensland Avenue
Demolish garage, sub divide plot and construct 1no. two bedroomed bungalow
**Members object to this application as they consider it to be
overdevelopment of the site, and also there is insufficient parking
provision.**

120/19.3 The list of delegated planning decisions for November was received and noted.
Members were advised that this list will no longer be produced by RDC.

It was **RESOLVED** under SO 23:1 "That in view of the special nature of the business about to be
transacted, it is the opinion of this Council advisable in the public interest that the public (and press)
be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw"

121/19. **Confidential Matters**

121/19.1. The confidential minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2019 were
approved as a true record of that meeting.

121/19.2 To vote on the suitability of the co-option candidate. **A vote was taken, and the
candidate was successful.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2035

Janice V. Rigby
Clerk to the Council

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