

BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Broomfield Parish Council's Property & Planning Committee was held on Wednesday 6th April 2016 in the Parish Office, Broomfield Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Members' Present: Chairman Councillor Blake
Councillors Carter, Garwood, Smith & Thomson

Also Present: Mrs K Hurrell & 1 member of public

Public Question Time:

This issue of the Broomfield Primary School expansion into a new school was discussed and the Chair of Governors, Ed Mayo, informed the meeting that these plans had been paused at the present time by Essex County Council - due to the change in the infrastructure where it would be built, access road and cost changes - a decision is now expected on the way forward in the Autumn.

Councillor Blake advised that Broomfield Parish Council has applied to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and suggested that the Steering Group for the Neighbourhood Plan become more involved in the future plans for a new school to be built. It was suggested that initially Councillor Aldridge be involved with setting up a meeting with the School, Essex County Council and Broomfield Parish Council.

ACTION: JB will email Cllr Aldridge to set up meeting with School, BPC & ECC.

Ed Mayo to forward the official letter from ECC to the Clerk.

448. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

449. To elect a Vice Chairman

Councillor Thomson was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman.

450. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

451. To approve minutes of Property & Planning Committee Meeting held on 2nd March 2016

It was resolved to approve the minutes and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

452. To consider planning applications to hand:

Application No	Location	Proposal
a. 16/00161/ADV	Land At Mid Essex Gravel Pits Essex Regiment Way Little Waltham	1no. double sided, externally illuminated totem sign.

DECISION: The Parish Council supports the comments made by the Highway Authority to ensure the totem sign is sited clear of the adopted highway & that the luminance of the sign shall not at any time exceed the standards contained within the Institution of Lighting Professionals.

b. 16/00216/FUL	1 Woodhouse Lane	First floor side extension, first floor side window and front porch.
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DECISION: Support

c. 16/00311/FUL	4 Elm Close	Single storey rear extension with velux windows.
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DECISION: Support

d. 16/05046/TPO	Broomfield Hospital Hospital Approach	TPO/2002/127 - T29 (T93) Red Oak - Remove 1 x large dead limb, G1 (G10) Elms- remove as dying. TPO/2001/107 - G2 (T229) Walnut - fell to ground level as tree has broken top. TPO/2001/072 - T28 (T7) Oak - reduce to low pollard at 2-3m minimum above break point, major bark death at base of trunk, most of tree dead - fell within distance of road and cars, T27 (T9) Beech - pollard to 7-8m as two main stems starting to push apart. Reason: to reduce risk of limb and/or rootplate failure.
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DECISION: Support

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- e. 16/00420/FUL Land At Mid Essex Installation of patio furniture on approved patio
Gravel Pits Essex area, patio fencing and customer order displays.
Regiment Way
Little Waltham

DECISION: No comment

453. **To discuss any other applications received up until the date of the meeting.**
The Clerk advised of slight elevation alterations to residential development of 60 dwellings on western parcel of land north of Copperfield Road – it was agreed that if no further significant alterations are made then the Parish Council has no further comments to make.

454. **To receive decisions made on previous planning applications - Noted.**

455. **To note any planning enforcement actions within the Parish, if any - Noted.**

456. **Update on Neighbourhood Plan for Broomfield**

Chelmsford City Council has published the Parish Council's intention to develop a Neighbourhood Plan and the first step is to designate a neighbourhood area and this was launched on 31st March for consultation. Councillor Blake will circulate appropriate document for use in Broomfield Times, Facebook page, Website and for a Broomfield Bulletin to be circulated to parishioners on the distribution list. Councillor Blake advised that the official decision on whether the Neighbourhood Plan can proceed will be made on 9th June but in the meantime a Steering Group will be sought. Information will be exhibited at the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th May along with information from the Local Plan consultation.

ACTION: JB to produce a document

Clerk to circulate the email from CCC to Planning Cttee

457. **To receive items for information:**

- a. **Local Highways Panel – Update re Village Gateways & Erick Ave/Main Rd Zebra Crossing**

Councillor Blake advised that apologies had been received from LHP (via Councillor Aldridge) as Highways had installed the first Village Gateways on the wrong side of the road – it will be swapped around when the other gateway has been delivered.

ACTION: Cllr Carter requested the Clerk to ask Cllr Aldridge for a breakdown of the £140k costs to install a pelican crossing

- b. **Cycle Way from Chelmsford City to Great Waltham – update**

Councillor Blake advised that despite the Parish Council's request not to - some lighting had been put back into the plan for the cycle way behind the Church – and other lighting issues are now different than previously agreed. It was reported that the cycle way surface is to be buff coloured and the pathway to be 2.5m wide as the Parish Council had requested.

Councillors Blake and Carter will meet with the Highway Safety Engineer to discuss further details on 13th April.


Unfortunately St Mary's Church had recently decided that they did not wish the cycle way to go through any of their land (an area at the back of the Church extending towards the old play area near Chelmer Valley High School - although this land would not be used as an extension to the burial ground for around 25 years). This will cause problems for the proposed route and it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Church to have a meeting to discuss this matter further.

It was suggested that if the Church would relinquish this area of land that the Parish Council could possibly lease it to make it into a seating area and then we would have responsibility for the cycle way in this area.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Vicar and would be very grateful to have a meeting to discuss this further.

- c. **New Thames Crossing consultation – Cllr Thomson to report**

Councillor Thomson had circulated her comments on this consultation which were subsequently submitted.

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d. Essex County Council Consultation – Proposal for Strategic Development (transportation) & Community Infrastructure – Cllr Blake to report


Councillor Blake had looked at this document and surmised that it did not affect the Parish Council and no comments were made.

e. To receive update on various matters from the Chairman

Councillors Blake and Smith had met with neighbouring Parish Council together with Jeremy Potter and Claire Stuckey regarding the recent consultation on the Local Plan which attracted 1,100 respondents submitting 10,000 comments. Councillors Smith will circulate her notes on the meeting in due course.

ACTION: RS to circulate notes

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm

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