

## BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Broomfield Parish Council's Property & Planning Committee was held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 in the Parish Office, Broomfield Village Hall at 7.30 pm

**Members' Present:** Chairman Councillor Blake Vice Chairman Councillor Thomson  
Councillors: Barnes & Garwood

**Also Present:** Mrs K Hurrell (Clerk)

**Public Question Time:** No members of public were present.

**117. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Daden and Mercer.

**118. To receive Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Garwood declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 16/15573/CAT (minute number 125).

**119. To approve minutes of Property & Planning Committee Meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

The minutes were approved as a true copy and duly signed by the Chairman.

### Policy Matters:

**120. To receive an update on forthcoming meeting about a new Primary School**

The Chairman reported he is still waiting for a meeting to be arranged with Essex County Council to discuss the future plans for the School – hopefully a date will be arranged shortly.

**ACTION: JB to liaise with ECC & advise Cllrs WD & RM**

**121. To receive an update on the Chelmsford Local Plan**

The Chairman informed Members that a meeting had taken place between the North and West Parishes Group concerning the Local Plan on 12<sup>th</sup> July and advised that this meeting was partly to receive a presentation about neighbourhood planning from Ann Skippers and partly to respond to the forthcoming Local Plan item to be considered at Chelmsford's Development Policy Committee meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July. He advised that the Officer's report can be read at :

<http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/development-policy-committee-14-jul-2016-700pm>

He advised that the North and West Parishes Group agreed there were some promising signs, but the Planning Officer's report left plenty of 'wriggle room' for Chelmsford to go back to Option 1 if it wanted to. Therefore it was agreed by these parishes that Councillor Blake make another presentation, re-iterating some of the points made at the previous Development Policy Committee Meeting – which he duly did.

The Chairman advised that there is not much more to be done by the Parish Council at this stage until they Preferred Option document has been printed. He will also remind Councillor Knight of the Parish Council's views.

**ACTION JB to speak to Cllr Knight**

**Clerk - Update to be placed on website & facebook & also emailed to Save Our Broomfield email list**

**122. To receive an update on the Broomfield Neighbourhood Plan (BNP)**

The first meeting of the BNP took place earlier in the evening and the Chairman gave a presentation to the meeting on the process of a Neighbourhood Plan and it was agreed to host another meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

The Chairman also reported that Councillor Mercer, himself and Ann Skippers met with Chelmsford City Council as greater clarity was needed from them about protocols for allocating any specific sites for development if the Local Plan forces Broomfield to take more houses – which is not known yet. The minutes of this meeting are being compiled by Councillor Blake and will be put in the public domain as soon as the Planning Officers have agreed to them.

**ACTION JB to circulate the minutes as soon as they are to hand**

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Dated:.....





**123. To receive updates from Local Highways Panel (LHP)**

The Clerk had circulated the latest LHP minutes to Committee Members by email. It was noted that the progress of the design of the Erick Avenue pedestrian crossing improvements have been given to Councillor Aldridge.

**ACTION: Clerk to request details of design improvements from LHP (copy to JA)**

The Clerk also reported that a scheme request would be made to ask for a speed monitoring box be installed to see if cars were speeding into the top end of Berwick Avenue.

**ACTION: Clerk to submit LHP Scheme request with JA support**

The Clerk also advised that she had received information from LHP regarding the previous Parish Council's request to reduce the speed limit from Butlers Close to Hospital Approach to 30 mph. She read the following email which has been received:

*Between 2009 and 2012 Essex County Council carried out a Speed Limit Review throughout Essex on all Priority 1 and 2 routes as suggested by the Department for Transport. During the Speed Limit review the speed limit on the B1008 Main Road (a priority 1 route) between Butlers Close and Hospital Approach was deemed to be the appropriate speed for the road. It was advised that when considering speed limits ECC must adhere to the Essex County Council Speed Management Strategy which is designed to offer clear and consistent parameters for the setting of speed limits in Essex. Speed limits must continue to be implemented in a consistent way and must appear sensible to the driver. If drivers cannot understand why a limit is in force, many are unlikely to comply with it. The environment is the major determining factor in speed choice, so drivers should expect to see the same limits in similar environments. On the B1008 Main Road between its junction with Jubilee Avenue and Court Road the properties on the western side of Main Road all have a separate service road and do not directly front onto Main Road. Between Court Road and Hospital Approach no properties on the western side have direct access on to Main Road. There are also a limited number of properties on the eastern side of Main Road which have direct access onto Main Road. The consistency with the implementation of speed limits breaks down if exceptions are made and, as a result, drivers encounter unexpectedly low limits. These limits are the ones most likely to be abused but also can bring other limits into disrepute.*

It was agreed by Members that there was no further action that the Parish Council could take at the present time

**124. To receive any other updates on Policy Matters**

No further updates were given.

**Application Matters:**

**125. To consider planning applications to hand:**

Application No	Location	Proposal
16/01015/REM	Beaulieu Park White Hart Lane Springfield	Development of Zone E, Beaulieu - comprising the construction of 191 houses (14 two beds, 79 three beds, 74 four beds and 24 five beds) and 73 apartments (22 one beds, 50 two beds and 1 three bed), with associated infrastructure, servicing, landscaping and car parking.


**DECISION: No comment**

16/05573/CAT	Woollards Church Green	8 Leylandii - Reduce height by approx. 2-2.5m and cut overhang in neighbouring garden. 1 Eucalyptus - cut back branches overhanging neighbours garden. Reason: reduce overhang and alleviate nuisance to neighbours.
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*Councillor Garwood declared an interest and left the meeting during the discussion on this planning application*

**DECISION: Support application**

16/01303/ADV	Former Land At Mid Essex Gravel Pits Essex Regiment way	Illuminated and non-illuminated shop fascia and petrol filling station signage.
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**DECISION: No Comment**

**126. To discuss any other applications received up until the date of the meeting**

An application to discuss work to trees at St Mary's Church will be taken to the next Civic Amenities Meeting.

**127. To receive decisions made on previous planning applications**

The decisions made by Chelmsford City Council were noted - in particular the decision to refuse planning application to the Hobby Stores on Main Road.

**128. To receive notification of Any Other Business for referral to the Next Meeting**

There were no further items of business and therefore the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.



