



**MINUTES**

**Meeting:** PLANNING

**Date:** 20th October 2014

**Time:** 7.30 PM

**Venue:** NORTH WEALD LIBRARY, HIGH ROAD, NORTH WEALD

**Councillors (7)** B Eldridge (Chairman), C Hawkins, B Bartram, A Buckley, R Spearman, T Blanks, G Mulliner,

**Officers in Attendance (2)**

Susan De Luca – Clerk to the Council  
Principal Finance & Administrative Officer

**Members of the Public (3\*)**

**Members of the Press (0)**

**P14.190 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (8)**

**NOTED** apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ms D Adams, G McCormack, Mrs E Godwin Brown, D Stallan, Mrs A Grigg, N Bedford, P Collins, B Clegg.

**P14.191 OTHER ABSENCES (0)**

**NOTED** there were no other absences.

**P14.192 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2014 were signed as a true record.

**P14.193 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were NO Declarations of Interest.

**P14.194 REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**NOTED** there were three members of the public present who wished to make representation to the Council on application.

**P14.195 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) The following comments on planning applications were **AGREED**:

No	Application Number	Location	Proposal
1	EPF/2163/14 <i>Lindsay Trevillian</i>	Mulberry Farmhouse Mill Street North Weald Bassett <i>Ms Tracey Davis</i>	Alteration to existing vehicular/pedestrian access and new front gate
The Parish Council has <b>NO OBJECTION</b> to this Application			
2	EPF/2230/14 <i>Graham Courtney</i>	Chestnut Cottages Magdalen Laver Ongar <i>Mrs Jayne Ghadami</i>	Change of use for part of land from agricultural uses to residential/garden land.

The Parish Council OBJECTS to this Application on the following grounds:

- Footpath 24 goes over this land
- The land is classified as Grade 2 Agricultural Land – the National Planning Policy framework defines the Best and most versatile agricultural land as ‘Land in grades 1, 2 and 3a of the Agricultural Land Classification’.
- Policy CP2 of EFDCs current local plan states under ‘Protecting the Quality of the Rural and Built Environment’, that the quality of the rural and built environment will be maintained, conserved and improved by (iii) retaining the best and most versatile land for agriculture.

- b) Councillors **NOTED** there one application for a telephone mast in Weald Hall Lane, Thornwood Common had been received direct from the applicant, Members were advised that this would be placed on the agenda for the next Planning Committee..
- c) Councillors **NOTED** the following applications received for information only where comments are not normally accepted.

1	EPF/2340/14 CLD	Blakes Golf Club and Restaurant Epping Road North Weald <i>Blakes Leisure Ltd</i>	Certificate of Lawful Development for the importation of topsoil and compost to improve the land quality for the driving range area for a maintainable grass coverage.
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Members were advised that this was a Certificate of Lawful Development and that the Parish Council can only NOTE the application, however there were three Members of the public in attendance who had concerns about operations at the site and also that a letter had been received from a resident who lives close to the site who had also voiced their concerns to the Parish Council. The Clerk read extracts from the letter to Members the comments included

- Concerned about the number of lorries
- Concerned about the original work they were going to do
- Concerned about 32,000 cubic metres of material that has been brought on to the site. Metal is also in the material This material is supposed to be monitored and brought in over 11 days (in the last planning application) Promised by EFDC that it was going to be monitored (also in the last planning application)

The Chairman invited the Members of the Public to address Councillors and advise of their concerns,

The comments made from members of the public were

“They wanted it to be made clear that there was no personal grievance against Blakes at all”. However they have observed lorries arriving at Blakes every 5 minutes during the day, in excess of 100 lorries a day, and this went on for nearly 20 days. If the council are mindful of putting conditions on to Blakes doing this, then they should ensure that they measured are put in place for them to pay for a survey (to test the soil?) and if it is not the right material which is being brought in – ie what is permitted then they [Blakes] should pay to take it away.

Cllr Blanks said that the member of the public had said exactly what he was going to say. There is a history of this going on at other sites as well and exactly the same thing has happened.

Cllr Spearman mentioned the enquiry that they had and they lost that. The Clerk said that was ECC who wanted to use the site for waste.

A member of the public said that at no point has he seen any material going on to any other area, only going up to the golf course.

The Clerk advised Members that she was concerned we would have another Marlows on our hands if we did not ask EFDC to take appropriate action with immediate effect.

Cllr Hawkins said can we ask for a meeting with the Enforcement and Planning Officer. The Clerk said it would be better to ask for a meeting with Enforcement who would now be handling the matter. Members also wanted the Clerk to ask the three District Councillors – Councillors for the area to attend the meeting and if possible Councillor Tony Boyce to be asked to attend as he covers that patch.

#### **P14.196 DECISIONS BY EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

- To receive details from Epping Forest District Council on:

**a) Applications on which the Parish Council had no objections where permission has been *GRANTED*.**

EPF/1151/14 – 16 Church Lane, North Weald

EPF/1557/14 – 3 Carpenters Arms Lane, Thornwood Common

EPF/1566/14 TRE – 37 Oak Piece, North Weald Bassett

EPF/1787/14 – All Saints Church, Foster Street, North Weald

EPF/1788/14 – Upway, Harlow Common, North Weald Bassett

EPF/1781/14 – Little Meadows, Weald Hall Lane, Thornwood

EPF/1821/14 LB – Control Tower, North Weald Airfield, Merlin Way, North Weald

EPF/1675/14 CLD – 15 Pike Way, North Weald (LAWFUL)

EPF/1646/14 CLD – 17 Pike Way, North Weald (LAWFUL)

**NOTED**

**b) Applications on which the Parish Council had no objections where permission has been *REFUSED*.**

EPF/1433/14 – The Briars, Epping Road, North Weald

**NOTED**

**c) Applications on which the Parish Council raised comments/objections where permission has been *GRANTED*.**

None received.

- d) Applications on which the Parish Council had objections (and/or raised comments) where permission has been **REFUSED**. None received.
- e) Applications received for information only where comments are not normally accepted. None received.

**P14.197 EFDC LICENCES**

Members were advised there were **NO** License notifications.

**P14.198 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

**a) Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, section 53**

The Essex County Council Definitive Map Modification No. 585 (Footpath 93 North Weald Bassett, Epping Forest District) Order 2014

**NOTED**

**b) Public Path Diversion Order at North Weald**

Correspondence has been received from Essex County Council advising of their intention to make an Order to divert Footpath 31.

**NOTED**

**c) Brent House Farm - Confirmation of Legal Agreement Contribution**

Members were reminded that they had asked for the Planning application in relation to the above site to be placed on the Plans East Committee as there had been no written confirmation in relation to queries regarding the Legal Agreement and the S.106 contribution. The Clerk advised that she had attended a meeting with Jill Shingler – Senior Planner at EFDC who had now confirmed that the remaining S106 contribution would be honoured and the Clerk had also received written confirmation from the developers. Members **RESOLVED** to withdraw their objection and to their request for this matter to go on to the Plans East Committee.

Signed ..... Date .....