

SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd July 2019
at 7.30 p.m.
at Champions Manor Hall

Present

Councillor D Eley (in the Chair)

Councillor I Roberts
Councillor A John
Councillor I Hammond

Councillor A Shearring
Councillor M O' Brien

In attendance: Town Clerk, Jon Herbert Troy Planning, Councillor Bentley and Councillor Wyatt

NP045 Apologies for absence

No apologies were received

NP046 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received

NP047 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the 23rd April 2019, were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

NP048 Public Participation

No members of the public were present

**NP049 Update from Jon Herbert (Troy Planning):
Northern Area Growth Concept Plan**

The spatial concept plan was circulated to the members, following a meeting with Countryside the two plans are very similar. The main areas identified are the protection and views of Bushy Hill and the integration of green space within the development. The main points raised were:

- Ensuring that the connections across Burnham Road work and that the new development is incorporated with the existing. This is essential due to the Health Care facilities being located on the North of the Burnham Road and the schools located in the existing town, if a new school is not provided.

- Jon Herbert reported that the City Council stated that a Bypass cannot be delivered. The Town Council will continue to request this as this is the view of the residents. The Committee require in writing the reasons why the bypass cannot be provided so this can be conveyed to residents.
- Discussion about the green corridor throughout the development, whilst the green areas were welcomed there were concerns raised as to whether it created a divide through the development and how would it work for residents who may not have a car and need to get to one part of the development to the other. It was reiterated that at this stage these are only conception drawings and the proposed size of these areas would be discussed at a later stage and that the topographical lie of the land would dictate the development areas. Councillor Roberts identified that Hullbridge Road provides a spine of community assets and services and that perhaps this could be mirrored within the new development.

Jon Herbert has raised the issue of school provision for the children living within the new development whether a new school is required, could Chetwood be reopened or could an existing school be developed. Jon is awaiting further correspondence regarding this from Essex County Council.

Countryside Team

Countryside would welcome a meeting with the Town Council although this cannot be permitted at this time. City Council will inform Countryside when they are permitted to contact the Town Council to arrange a meeting.

Chelmsford City Council

Cabinet has improved the inspectors changes to the Local Plan once approved by Council there will be a further consultation for 7 weeks. The inspector has found the Local Plan to be sound. It is anticipated that the plan will be adopted in December 2019.

Land Owners Meeting

Summary of the consultation event with the Town Centre was circulated, the meeting identified that the business' would welcome increased greenery to the Town and a plan of events such as a summer fayre of a similar format of the Christmas Fayre. The meeting was found to be useful and

the business would welcome the creation of a business forum.

Future Consultation events

Consultation period to run from 13th July - 8th August. The questionnaire will be available via survey monkey; paper questionnaires will be available at the Town Council office. Displays will be in the Town Council Foyer for completion. Jon Herbert will attend the new Health Care meeting and the Summer Children's Event held at Champions Manor Hall.

NP050

Car Park Survey

Propose: to proceed with a car parking survey to be carried out by Alpha Parking at the appropriate time at a cost of £3978. Survey to be carried out at Swimming pool, Main Town Centre, Barons Road and Brickfields car park between 8.30-9.30am and 3.30-4.30pm. Focus column to notify when the survey will be carried out and survey monkey questionnaire to be available for those residents who may prefer to complete at a later date.

Proposed : Councillor John

Seconded: Councillor Hammond

Vote: Carried

NP051

Budget

Total spent to date £24,479.28. Town Council to apply to Locality for grant funding. No concerns that the project will exceed the earmarked budget of £60,000

NP052

To agree next steps

- Car Parking survey to be carried out
- Consultation events
- Anticipated time frame: Local Plan completed December 2019, Neighbourhood Plan January 2020, Masterplan early 2020.

NP053

Report to Council

- Results of the car parking survey and consultation event.

NP054

Date of the next meeting

Next meeting date agreed as 4th September 2019

Meeting closed 9.44pm

SignedDate: 4th September 2019.
(Chairman of the Meeting)