

DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

3rd JULY 2008

- * Cllr. A.B. Clark (Chairman)
- * Cllr. Mrs. S.A. Stavrou (Deputy Chairman)
- * Cllr. Mrs. P.C. Brooks
Cllr. J.F. Collier
- * Cllr. Mrs. R. Gadsby
- * Cllr. S.C. Pryde
- * Cllr. W.J. Pryor
- * Cllr. A.P. Watts

* Denotes Members Present.

In attendance: Town Clerk, Senior Assistant to the Town Clerk and Recreation and Amenities Manager.

131. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Collier.

132. **Declarations of Interest:**

Member	Item	Interest	Reason	Action
Cllr. S. Pryde	Planning Application EPF/0135/08	Personal	Applicant is Member's GP	Remained
Cllr. Mrs.P. Brooks	Planning Application EPF/0198/08	Personal	Deputy Head of the School for which the application is made is a political colleague of Member.	Remained
Cllr.S. Pryde	Planning Application EPF/0668/80	Personal and Prejudicial	Member is the applicant.	Took no part.
Cllr. S. Pryde	Planning Application EPF/0905/08	Personal	Member has links to the applicant company through his employer,	Remained
Cllr. A. Clark	Planning Application EPF/1001/08	Personal	Applicant is neighbour of Member.	Remained
Cllr. Mrs. R. Gadsby	Street Trading Licence Application.	Personal	Member of EFDC Licensing Panel.	Remained

133. **Minutes:** RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd April 2008, copies of which had been previously circulated to all Members, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
134. **Public Questions:** There were no public questions.
135. **Planning Applications:** Members referred to the list of planning applications previously considered by the Town Council and showing District Council's decision/current situation.

Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou gave a current situation report in respect of 8/8a Sun Street. The Chairman asked for a current situation report in respect of 12 Highbridge Street. Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou advised Members that the applicant had lodged an appeal against the planning decision.

Following further discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the information be noted.

136. **Bus Services:** Cllr. Mrs. Brooks advised Members that she had attended a Passenger Transport Liaison Committee and there were no changes pending in respect of current bus services. Cllr. Mrs. Gadsby informed Members that she had recently met with residents of Meridian Park who had requested that the bus service in that area be reinstated. Cllr. Mrs. Gadsby intended taking this forward in her capacity as a District Councillor. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this information be noted.

137. **Highway Matters:** Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou informed Members that Cty. Cllr. Hume in his capacity as Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation had addressed a number of meetings throughout the District and this Council must follow up with the Highways Department the various issues raised with Cllr. Hume. Following further discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT a letter be sent to County Cllr. Hume requesting a current situation in respect of the proposed works at Harold Crescent.

138. **Church Street/Market Square Barrier:** Members noted further correspondence from Essex County Council in respect of this Council's request for a barrier at Church Street/Market Square. Following a full discussion it was moved by Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou, seconded by Cllr. Pryor and

RESOLVED – THAT Essex County Council Area Highways Officers be invited to meet Members to discuss the proposal.

It was further moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers investigate whether fixed Penalty Notices can be issued as a result of parking offenders being recorded on closed circuit television.

139. **Street Cleaning:** Cllr. Pryde informed Members that the Town Council sweeper operative was washing streets on a regular basis. Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou spoke of litter being strewn along the verge of Sewardstone Road following verge cutting having taken place. Cllr. Pryor referred to complaints of litter in Sun Street at weekends and Cllr. Pryde went on to say that Epping Forest District Council had a cleaning regime on Saturdays and Sundays. It was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the budget for Street Cleaning be increased in the next Financial Year.

The Chairman referred to a waste bin in Monkswood Avenue by the side entrance to Holy Cross Junior School advising that this was not being cleared and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this matter be reported to Epping Forest District Council.

140. **EFDC Rural Affordable Housing Schemes:** Members referred to information in respect of the District Council's Rural Affordable Housing Scheme and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the information be noted.

141. **Status List:** Members referred to the Status List and the Recreation and Amenities Manager referred to the Highbridge Street railings advising Members that a site meeting, also attended by County Cllr. Mrs. Webster, had recently taken place to discuss this project. At the meeting Essex County Council had agreed to fund the installation of the railings providing the Town Council funded the provision. Cllr. Pryde was of the opinion that this arrangement was not acceptable as Essex County Council had originally agreed to fund both provision and installation by way of compensation for the disruption during the bridge repair works. Following a full discussion it was moved by Cllr. Watts, seconded and

RESOLVED - THAT that a letter be sent from the Mayor to Cty. Cllr. Hume, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation, explaining the original scheme whereby County had agreed full funding and explaining that Cty. Cllr. Mrs. Webster was not authorised to negotiate on the Council's behalf in this matter. In view of this we would expect the County Council to pay for all the costs of the project and we would expect a response in time for the Council Meeting on the 24th July 2008.

142. **Highways – Roads in High Beech:** Members referred to correspondence from Essex County Highways regarding the condition of roads in the High Beech area and setting out the Highways and Transportation Departments proposals. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the correspondence be noted.

143. **Voluntary Action Epping Forest:** Members referred to the following documents received from the Community Development Worker at Voluntary Care Epping Forest;

- (a) Minutes of the Community Talk Meeting on 15th February 2008
- (b) Copy of a letter from VAEF to West Essex BCT regarding Lloyds Chemist.
- (c) Copy of a letter from West Essex PCT to Lloyds Chemist.

It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the documents be noted.

144. **Application for Street Trading Licence:** Members noted an application for a Street Trading Licence for a towed burger van selling fast food, burgers etc in Honey Lane, Waltham Abbey trading from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Monday to Sunday weekly. It was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT this Council object in the strongest terms to the application.

145. **Exclusion of Press and Public:** It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and listed below the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

146. **Incident in Sun Street – Market Manager’s Report:**

A.B. CLARK - CHAIRMAN