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# Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

March 6th 2025 19:30 Location: Guildhall

#### **Present:**

Councillors: Terry Frostick, Antoinette Wattebot, Alexander Young, Jenna Perkins, Thomas Breen, Nicky Tisseyre, Robert Silver, Ray Williams, Terese Egan

Officers: Amanda Collins-Klimcke

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Received and accepted from Cllrs Andy Frater (Chair). District and County Cllr Martin Foley

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

# 3. Public Representations

None received.

#### 4. Reports from District & County Councillors

All councillors read the report from District Councillor.

#### 5. Verification of Minutes

RESOLVED To approve:

- Full Council Minutes 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025
- Open Spaces and Assets Committee Minutes 14 Feb 2025

## 6. Planning Matters

a) UTT/25/0348/DFO - Land To The East Of Wedow Road - Details following outline application UTT/21/1836/OP Details of Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for 49 dwellings.

Cllr Young reported on urban design consultant's comments which the council supported. Cllr Williams expressed concern regarding buffer zone being built upon at a future date. **RESOLVED:** To note that the council *must* be beneficiaries of Section 106 money. The council also noted the objection from Essex Flood Authority.

- b) UTT/25/0305/LB Margaret Street Thaxted Rebuild of section of grade 2 listed flint garden wall Application withdrawn. New listed building and planning application has been submitted.
- c) New Postal Address for office relocation at the pavilion. All noted the new postal address: Amenity Land, Bardfield Place, Bardfield Road, Thaxted, Dunmow CM6 3PU.

## 7. Rangers Licence Arrangement

Initial proposal to defer this item was made by Cllr Frater. Cllr Williams commented that the new license agreement should be resolved today. All Councillors read through the license agreement.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Williams proposed that the finance committee resolution stands. Council unanimously agreed to approve the license agreement as presented, with a deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 for the agreement to be signed.

#### 8. Chairman's Cup 2025

Council noted this is a young person award for civic participation. Current nominations:

- Jack Stannard (Year 6, Thaxted Primary School) proposed by Cllr Knight for his work with Christmas tree, lighting, bunting, staging at Church, erecting and removing.
- Fearne Haddock proposed by Cllr Frostick.

**RESOLVED:** All councillors to submit nominations at the April meeting. Nominations now officially open.

#### 9. This Council's 4-Year Plan

- a) No additions to the current plan.
- b) No updates on progress.

#### 10. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Young presented report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG), highlighting:

- Tagline competition won by Simon Long with "Rooted in Tradition, Growing into Tomorrow"
- Upcoming consultation day at the church on April 26th
- Distribution of consultation letters to all households explaining purpose
- Development of questionnaire to be available at consultation, market stall, and online
- Planned review of Central Area Assessment
- Commissioning of promotional video with filming scheduled for May 23-25<sup>th</sup>.

#### 11. Financial Matters

- a) **RESOLVED:** To review and sign online payments, report provided.
- b) Financial update from Cllr Williams, who thanked Dena for her support, particularly over the last 4 months.

- Current bank balance noted.
- Savers account balance noted.
- Deposit account balance noted.
- Accounts reconciled through to February 2025

c) Land Acquisition - Walnut Tree Meadow - Wright family possibly prepared to sell.

**RESOLVED:** To delegate authority to the Clerk and the Chair of Asset Committee up to agreed amount plus costs to negotiate buying the land. Currently the land has maintenance including rough cutting and hedge trimming. Unanimous resolution.

# 12. Chairman's Report

As presented in the agenda.

## 13. Clerk's Report

All councillors read the report. Issue noted with incorrect email address on booking site.

## 14. Custodian's Report

No report to review.

# 15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Full Council shall be April 10th 2025 at 19:30.

Meeting closed at 20:12