

## MINUTES

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of Woodham Walter Parish Council.  
Held at 8pm in Woodham Walter Women's Club, Top Road, Woodham Walter.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

### **Present:**

Cllr. Joanna Symons (Chairman)  
Cllr. John Brown  
Cllr. James Bunn  
Cllr. Jenny Hughes  
Cllr. James Rushton  
Cllr. John Tompkins  
Cllr. Peter Warren

Others: Jacky Bannerman (Parish Clerk)

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**2180. Welcome** Cllr. Symons welcomed those present to the meeting.

**2181. Declaration of Acceptance of Office** Cllr. John Brown duly signed the form which was countersigned by the Clerk and filed. Clerk has notified Maldon District Council of the co-option at the last meeting and Cllr. Brown has completed the Register of Members Interests form.

**2182. Apologies for Absence** Apologies were received from District Councillors Durham and Bass.

**2183. Disclosure of Interests/Consideration of Dispensations** To disclose the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, other Pecuniary Interests or Non-Pecuniary Interests relating to items of business on the agenda having regard to paragraphs 6-10 inclusive of the Code of Conduct for Members. (Members are reminded they are also required to disclose any such interests as soon as they become aware should the need arise throughout the meeting).  
There were no interests to declare and the register was duly signed.

### **2184. Public Forum**

Mr Neil Vaughan was in attendance representing the Warren Estate regarding the planning application at the Warren Lodge Park. He explained that it is not a clubhouse but a Members Gym with Lodge Park reception area. Clerk indicated that the agenda reflected the application documents received from Maldon District Council and supplied by the applicants' agent which refer to "Extension of Lodge Park Clubhouse". Mr Vaughan explained that they needed to improve facilities for the current membership. They need more floor space for more cv equipment and a floor based exercise room. They will be utilising the existing decking area as the footprint for the plans. They will also make alterations to the changing rooms.

### **2185. Planning – APPLICATIONS**

#### **2185.1 HOUSE/MAL/17/01118**

#### **Ashmans, Curling Tye Lane**

Erection for temporary period 7.5m lattice communications pole and receiving dish.

It was noted that there had been an error on the agenda and that it should read 17/0118 and 7.5m not 75m!

Cllr. Symons reported that her neighbour consultations had met with no objections and they appreciate the broadband issues and support the application.

Councillors support the application which is located away from the Listed Building. They like the idea of painting the pole to reduce its impact.

#### **2185.2 FUL/MAL/17/01112**

#### **Warren Lodge Park, Herbage Park Road**

Extension of lodge park clubhouse.

Councillors were pleased that Mr Vaughan had outlined the application as being an extension of the Warren Active Gym and that it was not a Clubhouse, the original permission for this being a Facilities building.

Councillors appreciate that the current facilities are inadequate and undersized. They understand and broadly support the reason for the application. They can see the positive benefits of increasing its size and concluded that they have no objections but wish to make the following comments:

- Concern about the location relevant to adjacent lodges. The plans do not appear to show all of the lodges either constructed or with the benefit of planning approval which is misleading.
- Concern about the scale, massing and dominance over the central landscape area.

- Throughout the application documents the applicant refers to a clubhouse but the original permission was for a central administrative and facilities building. No change of use application has been received.
- Some concern about sustainability and that with the increase in size there could be an increase in vehicle movements. The car park does not appear to have been increased.
- There is no business case to support the application which increases the size of the building by more than double.
- Item 4.7 in the Planning Support Statement refers to footpaths to local village shops, however the Woodham Walter Village Shop closed down some years ago. There is also reference to local bus services some of which have recently ceased and those that remain to not offer a relevant service to this facility.
- These points would be contrary to policies D1, S1 and H4 of the Maldon District Local Development Plan.

**2185.3 TCA/MAL/17/01774 Wingtons, The Street**

Sweet Chestnut (T1) Crown thin by 30% to reduce weight and improve light levels through canopy. Councillors support the application.

**2186. Points of Information**

2186.1 Cllr. Bunn noted that the gate between Mead Pastures and Blue Mill Lane had been removed. Cllr. Warren informed that it had been removed because it was rotten, the footpath signpost is still in location.

2186.2 Cllr. Tompkins informed those present that it appears that the Church clock has been the subject of vandalism as the trap door had been tampered with.

2186.3 Cllr. Rushton suggested that the new incumbent at the Queen Victoria Pub could consider having a shop.

**2187. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next ordinary Parish Council Meeting is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 8pm in Women's Club.

Signed

**Meeting ended at 8.55pm**

Dated