

**MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE  
OF MARTLESHAM COUNCIL HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Present:** Mrs Hall (Chair), Messrs Irwin, Boswell, Williamson(ex-officio)

**In attendance:** Debbie Chappell (Council Officer).

There were no members of the public present.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Messrs Blundell & Thompson (ESC Meeting) & *Burrows*.

**2. INTERESTS**

2.1 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI): None declared.

2.2 Local non-Pecuniary Interest (LNPI): None declared.

3. **PUBLIC FORUM:** No members of the public present. No correspondence from the public.

**4. DEVELOPMENT**

4.1 DC/22/2404/VOC – DECISION Unit B2, Beardmore Park, Martlesham Heath to allow a leisure use to occupy the unit and DC/22/3415/FUL cycle provision. (COR 1) The Chair reminded the meeting that over the summer MPC responded to a sandwich bar planning application involving outdoor seating and late night opening hours. On that occasion and this, MPC suggested reduced night-time operating hours. This time the case officer 'referred' the application advising MPC to phrase responses as 'recommendations' otherwise they are at risk of being treated by ESC as 'objections. To note for future responses. The Chair is delighted to note our previous suggestion of cycle storage has been taken up, albeit we would like to see covered cycle storage.

4.2 DC/22/3016/ROC – Hill Farm Cottage, Waldringfield Road, Martlesham - Removal of Condition No 1 of E7986 (Erection of bungalow for farm worker) – This property is within the AONB. The Chair explained the history of the application removing the agricultural occupational tie. It is anticipated that a full application for redevelopment of the property will follow.

4.3 DC/22/3269/CON – Land East of Adastral Park, Martlesham Heath - Notification – The application proposes changing the water and sewerage supplier from Anglia Water to Independent Water Networks Limited, making Brightwell Lakes different to the usual arrangements for Martlesham. MPC had no comment to make.

4.4 DC/22/1500/FUL – 5 Buckingham Close, Martlesham – Refusal of permission for construction of a detached single storey dwelling. (Copy letter filed in the office together with the minutes). This is a success for MPC as the proposals would have adversely impacted the surrounding area. Our recommendations were reflected in the ESC decision letter.

4.5 Combined Planning Report on planning responses filed with ESC since July Resolution C/2022/7f. (Copy filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted. **DECISION D2022/9a:** The Combined Report of Planning Responses to be ratified by DETC. **Agreed**

4.6 Housing Cluster Response The MPC response was submitted to ESC on Friday 22nd July 2022. (Copy filed in the office together with the minutes). **DECISION D2022/9b:** The MPC Response to the ESC 'Housing in Clusters and Small Scale Residential Development in the Countryside Draft Supplementary Planning Document July 2022' filed with ESC on 22.7.2022 to be ratified by DETC. **Agreed**

4.7 Advisory Planning WG Notes of Meetings - 13<sup>th</sup> April; 26<sup>th</sup> April; 10<sup>th</sup> May; 24<sup>th</sup> May & 8<sup>th</sup> June. (Copy filed in the office together with the minutes). The meeting noted the APWG has since been

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disbanded under Resolution C2022/7e. The Working Group practice of writing up the reasoning behind the recommended responses to the Clerk, provided good reference material should we be asked to justify our responses to the public. However, in general, there was poor attendance by working group members at meetings. See further item 4.10

4.8 DC/21/3305/FUL McCarthy Stone Public Car Park Management Plan (the 'plan') dated August 2022. (Copy plan and COR 3 filed in the office together with the minutes). The Chair reported that (a) most of the Planning Conditions to DC/21/3305/FUL have now been discharged in whole or in part, and this plan is submitted in order to discharge condition 36, (b) given that MPC hasn't yet confirmed it will take on title to the new public car park, the plan should be prescriptive to facilitate a third party taking ownership or MCS retaining ownership of the public car park in addition to the residential car park. The ESC case officer has said that ESC would look favourably on any post Transfer request from MCP to revise the plan. Feedback from the DETC is welcomed. Mr O'Brien Baker as the Recreation and Amenities Committee Chairman, the Clerk, the Council Officer and the DETC Chair reviewed the draft plan in meeting 20.9.22. The MCS meeting scheduled for 26.9.2022 has been delayed, giving more time to add feedback to those matters noted in COR3.

4.9 Review of DETC Terms of Reference. (Copy Terms and COR 4 filed in the office together with the minutes). The Chair noted the name of the Committee was agreed by Full Council in January 2021 (RESOLUTION C2021/1o). The Terms of Reference were last reviewed by MPC January 2021. 'Transport' and 'Environment' are not expressly included in the current Terms of Reference and could be updated to include the Speed Reduction Working Group (Terms of Reference agreed by MPC July 2021), public transport, etc. The Council Officer and Chair are willing to draft a revised version **DETC Terms of Reference** for next meeting.

**DECISION D2022/9c:** The DETC Chair and Council Officer to draft a revised DETC Terms of Reference to incorporate 'Transport' and 'Environment'. The DETC to review the revised DETC Terms of Reference in meeting 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The DETC Committee to make any recommendations to Full Council meeting, January 2023 **Agreed**

4.10 DETC Planning Process (Update) The Chair reminded the meeting that the Advisory Planning Working Group was a temporary strategy to respond to the changing roles of office staff. An alternate strategy is now being trialled; all invitations for responses to planning applications are circulated to DETC members copied in to non DETC members. The strategic/major applications will come to the next DETC meeting (or emergency DETC meeting if the deadlines require it) for a response to be written and submitted to ESC. Responses to minor applications will be drafted by the Clerk in consultation with the DETC Chair and Council Officer, with input from other councillors as required, ratified at the next DETC meeting.

## 5. ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Brightwell Lakes Community Forum. Mr Irwin as Chair of the Brightwell Lakes Community Forum reported on the substantive actions arising from the last Forum meeting 4.7.22. These are carried forward to the Agenda for the next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

5.2 McCarthy Stone Forum meetings. These are proving very useful meetings to feed back to McCarthy Stone (MCS) direct. Councillor Blundell recently raised issues with the footway to the southern boundary of the Runway car park. ESC to action. MCS have advised of their proposal to remove three trees all of which are subject to TPOs. Application awaited.

5.3 Energy Projects (update) The Chair updated the meeting on:

- East Anglia One (EA1) and East Anglia Three (EA3) – EA1 and EA3 have a shared landfill site at Bawdsey. The 37km cable route passes through Martlesham connecting to a substation at Bramford, Suffolk, which is next to the existing National Grid infrastructure. The rectification works to deepen the subsurface cable depth in certain locations, is almost complete. EA3 cables will be pulled through the ducts in 2023.

- East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two, currently subject to judicial review from a local campaign group, has the potential to impact Martlesham if successfully reviewed.
- The Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Project is the sister to the Galloper Wind Farm Project 30km off the Suffolk coast. It will comprise off shore turbine in addition to onshore and offshore electrical infrastructure. The final grid connection for the project has not yet been identified. A Scoping Report was submitted in 2021 and a non-statutory consultation carried out 30<sup>th</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022. MPC needs to monitor the situation particularly in relation to construction traffic and the A12.
- The North Falls Offshore Wind Farm project is 20km off the east coast. A Scoping Report was submitted to the Planning inspectorate on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021. An online consultation was held 25<sup>th</sup> October – 10 December 2021 by the developer. MPC needs to monitor the situation particularly in relation to our concerns about construction traffic and the A12.

5.4 Runway Tarmac Pieces. (COR 5 filed in the office together with the minutes).

The September Full Council meeting deferred this matter to DETC for recommendations. Debated at length. In line with the MPC climate emergency declaration, the conclusion was to display a piece of the former runway surface in the Parish Rooms.

**RECOMMENDATION D2022/9a:** To (i) display a piece of the former runway tarmac in an internal display cabinet in the Parish Rooms accompanied by a short piece of written text (prepared by the Village Recorder or other local interest groups). (ii) Source the display case through targeted enquiries, preferably upcycling an existing display case or existing item of furniture ideally using the services of the Men's Shed/ Repair Café local groups but otherwise using local businesses.

**Agreed**

6. **TRANSPORT** (includes highways issues)

6.1 Community Partnership Road Safety Forum Minutes of Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022. (Copy Minutes and COR 6 filed in the office together with the minutes). Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> October noted. SIDS Terms of Reference to be circulated. It was suggested the Map of the Common might provide useful background information on the trees and verges alongside the Felixstowe Road.

6.2 Membership of SAVID (COR 7 filed in the office together with the minutes).

**DECISION D2022/9d:** MPC to join SAVID **Agreed**

6.3 SID data (CP filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted.

6.4 Kill Your Speed signs (CP and COR 8 filed in the office together with the minutes). It was considered that additional Kill Your Speed signs are not required. The MPC SIDS data should continue to be shared with the Police, the Community Partnership Road Safety Forums and Highways. The debate concluded DETC is content to leave the SID in situ and declines the suggestion to reuse or source more signs. It was suggested a second SIDS should be purchased if funds allow or can be sourced.  
**DECISION D2022/9e:** MPC will not purchase additional Kill Your Speed signs or re-locate existing Kill Your Speed signs **Agreed**

7. **Martlesham Newsletters/Website/Facebook**

7.1 items for Newsletters/Website/Facebook

Is there any support for the purchase of a second SIDS?

7.2 What has this meeting achieved?

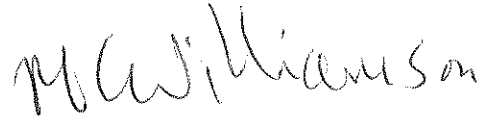
The recommendation to display a piece of the former runway tarmac in an internal display cabinet in the Parish Rooms. MPC to join SAVID. The decision not to purchase more speed - related signs.

**8. Any items for the next agenda?**

- Budget
- Consider DECISION D2022/2b: To defer the Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan Review until publication of the White Paper 'Planning For the Future'.

**9. Date of next meeting** 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Williamson'.

Chairman, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022