



**MINUTES of
PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
11 APRIL 2019**

PRESENT

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| Chairman | Councillor Mrs P A Channer, CC |
| Vice-Chairman | Councillor A K M St. Joseph |
| Councillors | B S Beale MBE, R G Boyce MBE, A S Fluker, R Pratt, CC, S J Savage and Mrs M E Thompson |

2048. CHAIRMAN'S NOTICES

The Chairman welcomed all to the last Planning and Licensing Committee of this municipal year and said that she wished all well for the future. She then went on to thank all Members and Officers for their support throughout the past four years. She expressed special thanks to Councillor St Joseph, as Vice-Chairman, for his help and the invaluable knowledge he brought to the role.

Councillor Fluker expressed thanks to the Chairman for her exemplary service in chairing the Planning and Licensing Committee.

The Chairman then drew attention to the list of notices published on the back of the agenda.

2049. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M F L Durham and M R Pearlman.

2050. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 March 2019 be approved and confirmed.

2051. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor R Pratt CC declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Essex County Council, a consultee on planning application matters with respect generally to highways, matters of access and education primarily. He also declared a non-pecuniary interest, as a member of Burnham-on-Crouch Town Council, in Agenda Item 7 – Request to Seek Planning Permission, Burnham-on-Crouch.

Cllr Fluker declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 7 - Request to Seek Planning Permission, Burnham-on-Crouch, as he owned a property nearby.

Councillor Mrs P A Channer ECC, declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Essex County Council, a consultee on planning application matters with respect generally to highways, matters of access and education primarily. She also declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 7 - Request to Seek Planning Permission, Burnham-on-Crouch, as she sat on the Crouch Harbour Advisory Committee.

She informed the Committee she would leave the Chamber for Agenda Item 7 and that Councillor A K M St. Joseph, as Vice-Chairman, would assume the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2052. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests had been received.

2053. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Strategy Performance and Governance covering the final version of the Green Infrastructure Strategy (the Strategy) that outlined the amendments and additions made to the Strategy following public consultation.

Following the Officer's presentation, the Chairman opened the discussion. Councillor Fluker commended the Officer for a very thorough report that covered all salient points previously discussed. He proposed that both the recommendations be agreed. This was duly seconded.

The Chairperson put the recommendations to the Committee and these were agreed.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the proposed amendments made to the Green Infrastructure Strategy Supplementary Planning Document following the public consultation, be approved.

RECOMMENDED

- (ii) that the Green Infrastructure Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (**APPENDICES A and B** attached to these minutes) be adopted.

Councillor Channer, having declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 7 - Request to Seek Planning Permission, Burnham-on-Crouch, left the Chamber for this item of business and Councillor A K M St. Joseph assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

IN THE CHAIR: COUNCILLOR A K M ST. JOSEPH

2054. REQUEST TO SEEK PLANNING PERMISSION, BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH

The Committee considered the report, and associated appendices, of the Director of Service Delivery, to seek approval from Members to submit a planning application for the creation of three residential houseboat berths in Burnham-on-Crouch and consent for a mooring pontoon to allow access to the houseboats.

The Chairman introduced the item and the Director of Performance, Governance and Strategy took the Committee through the report. He informed the Committee that with planning permission for residential use, the void space provided by the removal of the *Lys Helig* could accommodate three houseboat moorings in a desirable location, for which Maldon District Council would receive a commercial income.

A debate ensued where concerns were raised regarding the number of houseboat berths contained in the recommendation; the professional fee cited and responsibility for the reclamation work involved. In response it was noted that four houseboats could be accommodated, the professional fee amount was an approximation and reclamation work was the shared responsibility of the owner, contractor and the Marine Management. The application in front of the Committee covers the period after reclamation.

Councillor Pratt felt that the Council should not constrain itself to three berths when there was room for four. Councillor Fluker concurred with Councillor Pratt and proposed to amend recommendation (i) to include '*and provision of up to four houseboat berths, subject to there being no planning constraints, otherwise revert to three*'. This was duly seconded.

The Chairman put the amended recommendation (i) to the Committee and this was agreed.

Councillor Thompson then proposed that recommendation (ii) be revised to include '*mooring for up to four houseboats*' and this was seconded.

The Chairman put the amended recommendation(ii) to the Committee and this was agreed.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the change of use for an area of the foreshore at Burnham-on-Crouch and provision of up to four houseboat berths, subject to there being no planning constraints otherwise revert to three, together with associated pontoon, offering new housing opportunities be agreed;

- (ii) That the Director of Service Delivery be authorised to submit a planning application for the construction of a pontoon and change of use to mooring up to four houseboats permanently for residential purposes.

Councillor A K M St. Joseph closed the meeting by thanking the Planning staff for their help and support over the past four years.

There being no further items of business the Chairman closed the meeting at Time Not Specified.

MRS P A CHANNER, CC
CHAIRMAN