



**MINUTES of
MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL
7 APRIL 2016**

PRESENT

Chairman	Councillor P G L Elliott
Vice-Chairman	Councillor H M Bass
Councillors	Mrs B F Acevedo, Miss A M Beale, B S Beale MBE, R G Boyce MBE, CC, A T Cain, Mrs P A Channer, CC, R P F Dewick, M F L Durham, Mrs H E Elliott, A S Fluker, Mrs B D Harker, B E Harker, M S Heard, J V Keyes, Miss M R Lewis, M R Pearlman, R Pratt, N R Pudney, S J Savage, Rev. A E J Shrimpton, D M Sismey, Mrs M E Thompson and Miss S White

1071. CHAIRMAN'S NOTICES

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

1072. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J P F Archer, E L Bamford, I E Dobson, M W Helm, C A R Mackenzie and A K M St. Joseph.

1073. MINUTES - 4 FEBRUARY 2016

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4 February 2016 be received.

Minute 865 – Disclosure of Interest

Councillor S J Savage advised that his declaration of interest was inaccurate and asked the Council to consider agreeing the Minutes with the exception of the second paragraph of Minute 865 which he would review and bring back to a future meeting of the Council. This was duly agreed.

Minute 875 – 2016 / 17 Budget and Council Tax

Councillor R G Boyce advised that during the discussion in relation to recommendation (vi) he had raised a point of order as to whether a substantive motion should be taken. He advised that at the time the Chairman had ruled that another substantive motion was

not necessary. Councillor Boyce requested that this be recorded in the Minutes. This was agreed.

RESOLVED

- (ii) that subject to the above amendment and with the exception of paragraph two of Minute 865, the Minutes of the Council held on 4 February 2016 be adopted.

1074. MINUTES - 18 FEBRUARY 2016

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 18 February 2016 be received and adopted.

1075. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs P A Channer declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Member of Essex County Council in any item of business that may refer to the County Council.

Councillor A S Fluker declared that in the interest of openness and transparency and in relation to Agenda Item 14A Urgent Business – Repairs to River Defence, The Granaries, Maldon he was a Maldon Harbour Improvement Commissioner.

1076. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

1077. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman highlighted a recent meeting of the All Saints Primary School Council held in the Chamber and this being the last meeting of the municipal year he thanked Members for their hard work in the last year. The Chairman referred back to his opening statement in May last year when he asked Members to show pride and respect for each other, and in the District.

The Leader of the Council read a statement following receipt of a letter from the Secretary of State on 6 March 2016 advising that the examination of the whole Local Development Plan had been resumed. A new inspector, Mr Simon Berkley had been appointed and the Leader outlined the work Mr Berkley would be undertaking, along with the decision making process. Members were advised that further updates would be provided once an expected letter from Mr Berkley setting out his initial request for information had been received.

1078. MINUTES OF SOUTH EASTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE - 11 JANUARY 2016

It was noted that the date of the meeting recorded on the Minutes should refer to 2016 and not 2015.

RESOLVED that subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the meeting of the South Eastern Area Planning Committee held on 11 January 2016 be received and adopted.

**1079. MINUTES OF PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
- 14 JANUARY 2016**

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Licensing Committee held on 14 January 2016 be received.

The Council received the Committees recommendation on the following matter.

Minute 770 – Review of the Template Provided to a Parish or Town Council to provide comments on a Planning Application

RESOLVED

- (ii) that the Parish Trigger will not be invoked if comments made by a Parish / Town Council are not received on the standard template.

Minute 771 – Review of Delegation Arrangements

In response to a question, Councillor Mrs P A Channer, Chairman of the Planning and Licensing Committee, advised that this matter had been considered at a recent meeting of the Planning Committee Chairmen and was due to be considered by the Planning Services Improvement Plan Group on 15 April. A report on delegation arrangements would not be brought back to the Planning and Licensing Committee until all issues raised by Members had been discussed.

RESOLVED

- (iii) that subject to the above decision, the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Licensing Committee held on 14 January 2016 be adopted.

1080. MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 19 JANUARY 2016

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 19 January 2016 be received.

The Council received the Committees recommendation on the following matter.

Minute 801 – Policy for Temporary Placement for Homeless Households

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Council approves the draft Policy and that it be reviewed after 12 months.

RESOLVED

- (ii) that subject to the above decision, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 19 January 2016 be adopted.

1081. MINUTES OF CENTRAL AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE - 20 JANUARY 2017

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Central Area Planning Committee held on 20 January 2016 be received and adopted.

1082. MINUTES OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE - 26 JANUARY 2016

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee held on 26 January 2016 be received.

Councillor D M Sismey declared an interest in Minute 828 – Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategy 2016 / 17 advising he would therefore be leaving the meeting for this item.

The Council received the Committees recommendations on the following matters.

Minute 826 – Review of Parking Charges

It was noted that this recommendation was incorporated into the 2016 / 17 Budget and Council Tax report considered by the Council at its meeting on 4 February 2016.

Minute 827 – Charging for Preparing, Negotiating and Completing Legal Agreements Relating to Planning Applications

RESOLVED

- (ii) that a policy of charging for time taken in the preparation, negotiation and completion of legal agreements where such work is undertaken ‘in house’ and such fees will be based on the hourly rate (including on-costs) of the Section 106 / Community Infrastructure Levy Officer.
- (iii) that the fees and charges for 2016 / 17 be amended to incorporate the change agreed above.

Minute 830 – Budget and Council Tax 2016 / 17

It was noted that this recommendation was incorporated into the 2016 / 17 Budget and Council Tax report considered by the Council at its meeting on 4 February 2016.

Minute 831 – Medium Term Financial Strategy

It was noted that this recommendation was incorporated into the 2016 / 17 Budget and Council Tax report considered by the Council at its meeting on 4 February 2016.

In light of his earlier declaration Councillor Sismey left the chamber at this point and the following Minute was presented by Councillor Mrs H E Elliott, Vice-Chairman of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee.

Minute 828 – Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategy 2016 / 17

It was noted that this recommendation was incorporated into the 2016 / 17 Budget and Council Tax report considered by the Council at its meeting on 4 February 2016.

Councillor Sismey returned to the chamber.

RESOLVED

- (iv) that subject to the above decision, with the exclusion of Minute numbers 826, 828, 830 and 831, the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee held on 26 January 2016 be adopted.

1083. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE - 28 JANUARY 2016

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 28 January 2016 be received and adopted.

1084. MINUTES OF NORTH WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE - 1 FEBRUARY 2016

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the North Western Area Planning Committee held on 1 February 2016 be received and adopted.

1085. MINUTES OF SOUTH EASTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE - 8 FEBRUARY 2016

It was noted that the date of the meeting recorded on the Minutes should refer to 2016 and not 2015.

RESOLVED that subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the meeting of the South Eastern Area Planning Committee held on 8 February 2016 be received and adopted.

**1086. MINUTES OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
- 10 FEBRUARY 2016**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 10 February 2016 be received and adopted.

**1087. MINUTES OF CENTRAL AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
- 17 FEBRUARY 2016**

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Minutes of the meeting of the Central Area Planning Committee held on 17 February 2016 be received.

The Council received the Committees recommendations on the following matter.

Minute 916 - FUL/MAL/15/01378 – St. Cedd’s House, Princes Road, Maldon

Members were advised that since consideration of this matter by the Central Area Planning Committee the Applicant had withdrawn the Planning Application and therefore no decision was required by the Council.

RESOLVED

- (ii) that with the exception of the recommendation contained in Minute 916, the Minutes of the meeting of the Central Area Planning Committee held on 17 February 2016 be adopted.

1088. MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 23 FEBRUARY 2016

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 23 February 2016 be received and adopted.

1089. MINUTES OF JOINT STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 25 FEBRUARY 2016

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee held on 25 February 2016 be received.

The Council received the Committees recommendation on the following matter.

Minute 945 – Councillor Code of Conduct - Review

This matter was the subject of a separate report on the agenda for this meeting.

RESOLVED

- (ii) that with the exception of the recommendation contained in Minute 945 the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee held on 25 February 2016 be adopted.

**1090. MINUTES OF NORTH WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
- 29 FEBRUARY 2016**

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Minutes of the meeting of the North Western Area Planning Committee held on 29 February 2016 be received.

Minute 951 – Declarations of Interest

It was noted that the second paragraph should read "...as he *is* a member of Great Totham Parish Council."

RESOLVED

- (ii) that subject to the above amendment when confirmed, the Minutes of the meeting of the North Western Area Planning Committee held on 29 February 2016 be adopted.

1091. MINUTES OF PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE - 3 MARCH 2016

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Licensing Committee held on 3 March 2016 be received.

The Council received the Committees recommendation on the following matter.

Minute 970 – Bradwell Legacy Partnership – Terms of Reference and Project Opportunities 2016 / 17

In response to a query, Councillor Mrs Channer, Chairman of the Planning and Licensing Committee provided the Council with background information regarding how the Planning and Licensing Committee had reached its recommendation and in particular reasoning for the substitute member being outside of the Dengie Peninsular. She moved the recommendation as set out in the Minutes which was duly seconded.

In response to a question, Members were advised that the Bradwell Legacy Partnership was an outside body appointed by the Council which was why there was a recommendation from the Planning and Licensing Committee to the Council.

Following discussions, regarding the proposed substitute being outside of the Dengie Peninsular and the casting vote used by the Chairman in relation to this decision, the Monitoring Officer advised that there was no ultra vires position and the casting vote

was entirely within constitution. She suggested that if Members were concerned regarding the substitute being from outside the Dengie Peninsular this could be taken back to the Bradwell Legacy Partnership for clarification. This was duly agreed.

RESOLVED

- (ii) that in accordance with the Bradwell Legacy Partnership (BLP) Terms of Reference, the Council's current representation on the BLP be replaced with the following:
- Chairman of the Planning and Licensing Committee
(Substitute: Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Licensing Committee);
 - Councillor R G Boyce MBE CC, as representative from the Dengie Peninsular.
- (iii) that the Bradwell Legacy Partnership be asked to clarify whether the substitute for Councillor Boyce also had to be a representative from the Dengie Peninsular.

RESOLVED

- (iv) that subject to the above decisions, the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Licensing Committee held on 3 March 2016 be adopted.

**1092. MINUTES OF SOUTH EASTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
- 7 MARCH 2016**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the South Eastern Area Planning Committee held on 7 March 2016 be received and adopted.

**1093. MINUTES OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE
- 8 MARCH 2016**

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee held on 8 March 2016 be received.

The Council received the Committees recommendations on the following matters.

Minute 1004 – Pay Policy Statement

RESOLVED

- (ii) that the Pay Policy Statement (attached as Appendix 1 to the Minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee) be adopted for the financial year 2016 / 17.

Minute 1005 – Customer Strategy

RESOLVED

- (iii) that the draft Customer Strategy (attached as Appendix 2 to the Minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee) be approved for consultation.

Minute 1009 – Annual Review of Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules

RESOLVED

- (iv) that the Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules attached as Appendices 3 and 4 to the Minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee, be approved.

RESOLVED

- (v) that subject to the above decisions, the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee held on 8 March 2016 be received.

1094. MINUTES OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (ACTING AS THE CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE) - 9 MARCH 2016

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (acting as the Crime and Disorder Committee) held on 9 March 2016 be received.

Minute 1019 – Maldon District Community Safety Partnership Update

Some concern was raised that this Minute did not reflect the challenges made and the concerns raised in respect of crime figures. Councillor A S Fluker, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (including the Crime and Disorder Committee) agreed with the comments raised, advising that he also had concern and suggested that the Minutes not be adopted but brought back to the next meeting of the Crime and Disorder Committee. It was noted that the next meeting of the Crime and Disorder Committee was not until October and following the Statutory Annual Meeting of the Council it was possible that the Membership of the Committee would have changed. In light of this it was agreed that the Council would not adopt the Minutes and the Chairman of the Committee would liaise with the Monitoring Officer regarding holding a special meeting of the Crime and Disorder Committee to resolve this matter.

RESOLVED

- (ii) that the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (acting as the Crime and Disorder Committee) held on 9 March 2016 not be adopted but referred back to the Crime and Disorder Committee for further review.

1095. MINUTES OF CENTRAL AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE - 16 MARCH 2016

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Minutes of the meeting of the Central Area Planning Committee held on 16 March 2016 be received.

Minute 1022 – Apologies for Absence

It was noted that Councillor Miss A M Beale had not been in attendance and tendered her apologies for this meeting which were not shown in the Minutes. It was agreed that the Minutes would be amended accordingly.

RESOLVED

- (ii) that subject to the above amendment when confirmed, the Minutes of the meeting of the Central Area Planning Committee held on 16 March 2016 be adopted.

1096. MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE - 17 MARCH 2016

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 17 March 2016 be received.

Minute 1037 – Quarterly Review of Corporate Risk

In response to point raised regarding the Risks listed in this Minute it was agreed that Appendix 1 to the report would be attached to these Minutes.

RESOLVED

- (ii) that subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 17 March 2016 be received.

1097. NOTICE OF MOTION

The following motion, proposed by Councillor R G Boyce and seconded by Councillor Miss M R Lewis, was received on 16 February 2016.

“That the Maldon District Council, its Members and Staff, and the residents of the District send you Your Majesty, in the 65th year of your Reign, loyal greetings and congratulations upon your 90th Birthday.”

RESOLVED that the motion, as detailed above, be agreed.

1098. QUESTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURE RULE 6 (2) OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

There were none.

1099. COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT - REVIEW

The Council considered the report of the Monitoring Officer reviewing the Councillor Code of Conduct in the light of consideration by the Joint Standards Committee who recommendations were set out in the report. Appendix 1 to the report highlighted the effect all of the proposed changes to the existing Code of Conduct and Appendix 2 provided an updated version of this document.

The report provided information regarding requirement of the Localism Act to adopt a Code of Conduct. It was noted that the Joint Standards Committee had identified circumstances which whilst they may not amount to a breach of the existing Code of Conduct could be regarded as likely to affect the reputation of the Council. Other Councils incorporated a provision to cover this matter in their Code of Conduct and an example of this was set out in the report.

In response to a question, the Leader of the Council clarified the procedure for dealing with any alleged breaches of the Code of Councillor Conduct.

RESOLVED the revised Code of Councillor Conduct (**APPENDIX 1** to these Minutes) be adopted.

1100. RURAL SERVICES NETWORK

The Council considered the report of the Director of Resources seeking consideration of whether the Council should remain a member of the Sparsity Partnership for Local Authorities Delivering Rural Services (SPARSE Rural).

It was noted that SPARSE Rural was a sub-group of the Rural Services Network (RSN) and the key strand of its work was to campaign for fairer funding from Government. The report set out the current subscription rate which highlighted that this is the same for both District and County Councils. The report also provided details of the Rural Services Delivery Grant received from the Council.

The Leader of the Council presented the report and proposed that the Council did not continue to subscribe to SPARSE Rural as she did not feel the Council was getting value for money. This was duly seconded and agreed.

RESOLVED that the Council does not continue to subscribe to the Sparsity Partnership for Local Authorities Delivering Rural Services (SPARSE Rural).

1101. QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURE RULE 1 (3) (M)

Councillor R Pratt asked the Leader of the Council if she agreed that there should be a maximum time that meeting recordings are updated to the web. In response, the Leader agreed that there should be a minimum time and she would hope it was done within three days of a meeting. She added that she did not know how feasible this was and made reference to the possibility of live streaming meetings of the Council.

Councillor R G Boyce asked the Leader if in view of the earlier discussion regarding accuracy of Minutes whether the Leader was prepared to meet with him and the Monitoring Officer to discuss the process that happened at that time. After the last meeting he advised that he had emailed a number of questions to the Monitoring Officer to which a response was awaited. The Leader in response, confirmed she was happy to meet with Councillor Boyce.

Councillor B S Beale advised how he had read in the Maldon and Burnham Standard that the South Eastern Area Planning Committee was being held in Burnham. He asked the Leader of the Council if there would be someone at the Town Council offices directing people to Maldon. In response the Leader advised that there would be a notice clearly displayed on the door of the Town Council Offices directing people to Council Chamber at Maldon.

1102. BUSINESS BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES CONSIDERED BY THE CHAIRMAN TO BE URGENT.

The Chairman announced that in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 he had agreed to allow the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services and Director of Customers and Community to raise urgent items of business. The Chairman advised that the report from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services would be considered in private session.

1103. REPAIRS TO RIVER DEFENCE, THE GRANARIES, MALDON

The Council considered the urgent report of Director of Customers and Community updating Members on issues surrounding the permanent repair of a river defence in Maldon. This report had been brought forward with the agreement of the Chairman to mitigate potential flood risk and support the Environment Agency in its efforts.

The report provided background information on Environment Agency (EA) negotiations regarding the reconstruction of a failed private quay frontage that supported the flood defence wall at the Granaries, Maldon. Appendix 1 to the report provided photographs of the affected wall.

Members were advised of the options considered for the repair of the quay and flood defence. It was noted that the EA were setting up a project to deliver the required replacement infrastructure and would be seeking funding partners to help deliver this as the Grant in Aid would not support the total project delivery cost. The Council had been asked to support the investigation of potential funding partnership to deliver the scheme and also hold joint discussions with local key partners.

Councillor R G Boyce proposed an additional recommendation be added to state that the repairs be at no cost to the Council and if the monies were recycled this still be at no net cost to the Council. This was duly seconded and agreed.

RESOLVED

- (i) that the contents of this report be noted;
- (ii) that the Chairman of the Planning and Licencing Committee (or his / her substitute) is authorised to represent the Council at joint meetings with the Environment Agency;
- (iii) that the Council fully supports the need for an urgent repair to the defective river defence at the Granaries in Maldon;
- (iv) that progress on the repairs is reported to the Planning and Licensing Committee;
- (v) that the repairs be at no cost to the Council and if grants were applied for and received by the Council to aid the works this project shall still be at no net cost to the Council.

1104. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following urgent item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, and that this satisfies the public interest test.

1105. THE EMERGING LOCAL PLAN AND RECENT PLANNING APPEAL DECISIONS

The Council considered the urgent report of the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services providing Members with an update in relation to advice sought from Counsel in relation to three recent Planning Appeal decisions in Tollesbury, Wickham Bishops and Bradwell-on-Sea (as detailed in the report). It was noted that this urgent report had been brought forward with the agreement of the Chairman as there was a deadline for making any Section 288 application in respect of the Wickham Bishops appeal.

The report set out the advice received from Counsel and the prospects of the Council challenging the decisions by way of an application under Section 288 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Councillor H M Bass advised that when Wickham Bishops planning applications had been determined by the North Western Area Planning Committee he had declared a non-pecuniary interest as he lived in the same road and therefore made the same declaration in respect of this agenda item. He then proposed that the Council suspend standing orders relating to Rule 22(1) to allow Members to speak for more than three Minutes. This proposal was duly seconded. Upon clarification from another Member,

the Chairman advised that the length of speaking was at his discretion and therefore the proposal of Councillor Bass was not agreed.

A debate ensued and a number of concerns were raised by Members particularly in relation to the potential costs and risk to the Council involved.

Councillor Bass spoke at length in support of making a Section 288 application in respect of the Wickham Bishops appeal decision. He called upon Members to support judicial review in respect of the Wickham Bishops appeal.

Councillor D M Sismey advised that when it came to the Local Development Plan (LDP) he had previously declared an interest with regards to the policies of the LDP but had confirmed with the Monitoring Officer that it was not appropriate for him to declare an interest in respect of this item of business and related planning applications.

Members discussed the report further and in response to a question, the Monitoring Officer provided the Council with an indication of the stages of work required if progressing with a Section 288 application and the approximate costs for the first stage of the process.

In accordance with Procedure Rule No. 13 (3) Councillor Miss M R Lewis requested a recorded vote. This was duly seconded.

Councillor Miss Lewis proposed that the Council accept recommendations 6.1, 6.3 and 6.4 and in respect of the Wickham Bishops appeal that the Council instruct Officers to make a Section 288 application.

The Chairman put the recommendation of Councillor Miss Lewis and the voting was as follows:

For the recommendation:

Councillors H M Bass, Miss A M Beale, Mrs P A Channer, M F L Durham, J V Keyes, Miss M R Lewis, M R Pearlman and Mrs M E Thompson.

Against the recommendation:

Councillors Mrs B F Acevedo, M S Beale, R G Boyce, A T Cain, R P F Dewick, Mrs H E Elliott, A S Fluker, Mrs B D Harker, B E Harker, M S Heard, R Pratt, N R Pudney, S J Savage, Rev. A E J Shrimpton, D M Sismey and Miss S White.

Abstention:

Councillor P G L Elliott.

The motion was therefore declared lost.

The Chairman then put the Council that recommendations 6.1, 6.3 and 6.4 be agreed and that in respect of recommendation 6.2 that the Council agrees that no Section 288 application be made. This was agreed.

RESOLVED

- (i) that no further action be taken in respect of the three appeal decisions referred to in the report and in respect of the Bradwell-on-Sea appeal the position as advised be noted;
- (ii) that the Council notes that the Secretary of State has no power to intervene and overturn this consent / permission once the decision letter has been issued.

There being no further items of business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.49 pm

P G L ELLIOTT
CHAIRMAN