



**MINUTES of
COUNCIL
16 DECEMBER 2021**

PRESENT

Chairman	Councillor M S Heard
Vice-Chairman	Councillor C Mayes
Councillors	M G Bassenger, Miss A M Beale, B S Beale MBE, V J Bell, R G Boyce MBE, Mrs P A Channer, R P F Dewick, M F L Durham, CC, M R Edwards, A S Fluker, M W Helm, B B Heubner, A L Hull, K W Jarvis, J V Keyes, K M H Lagan, C P Morley, C Morris, S P Nunn, N G F Shaughnessy, R H Siddall, N J Skeens, W Stamp, CC, E L Stephens, Mrs J C Stilts, C Swain, Mrs M E Thompson and Miss S White

416. CHAIRMAN'S NOTICES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through some general housekeeping arrangements for the meeting. He referred to arrangements for the meeting and that the Council was working to all mitigations within public guidance. He informed Members that further clarification had been received from the Director of Public Health and as a result of this, masks should be compulsory when not speaking. On this basis he had considered that the meeting would go ahead as planned.

417. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs J L Fleming.

418. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor K M H Lagan disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 17 – Land North West of Hamberts Farm, Burnham Road, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford Consultation as he had received and acknowledged email correspondence from a resident in that area.

Councillor M F L Durham disclosed a non-pecuniary interest as a Member of Essex County Council in relation to in Agenda Item 17 – Land North West of Hamberts Farm, Burnham Road, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford Consultation and advised he would not be voting as this land was under the ownership of the County Council, although there was no pecuniary element. He also declared an interest as a Governor of the Essex Partnership NHS Trust.

Councillor W Stamp disclosed a non-pecuniary interest as a Member of Essex County Council and in relation to in Agenda Item 17 – Land North West of Hamberts Farm,

Burnham Road, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford Consultation advising she had a non-pecuniary interest but did not feel she could not vote.

Councillor C Mayes disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 13 – Langford and Ulting Neighbourhood Plan – Decision on Examiner’s Report as she lived in the Parish and Agenda Item 14 – South Essex Parking Partnership – Proposed New Working Arrangements for New Term of Partnership Agreement from April 2022 as she was the South Essex Parking Partnership representative.

Councillor Mrs P A Channer disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in relation to in Agenda Item 17 – Land North West of Hamberts Farm, Burnham Road, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford Consultation as she had received correspondence since the proposed site was first raised.

Councillor Durham clarified that he would not be voting on Agenda Item 17 because in his capacity at Essex County Council he had been involved in meetings regarding this project.

Councillor C Morris advised that he had a declaration and preceded with some preamble. The Chairman asked Councillor Morris what his declaration was, following which some discussion took place and the Chairman repeated his request for Councillor Morris to make his declaration. Councillor Morris continued with his preamble at which point the Chairman moved that Councillor Morris no longer be heard. This was duly seconded and agreed by the Council.

RESOLVED that Councillor C Morris no longer be heard.

Following the Council’s resolution and in response to further comment from Councillor Morris, the Chairman referred to Procedure Rule 10 – Disorderly Conduct and advised Councillor Morris that he needed to be quiet or would be asked to leave the meeting. The Chairman then moved that Councillor Morris leave the meeting and this was duly agreed by the Council.

RESOLVED that in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 Councillor C Morris leave the meeting.

419. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

The Chairman advised that he would now be adjourning the meeting to allow Councillor Morris to leave.

RESOVLED that the meeting of the Council be adjourned at 7:44pm.

420. RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING

RESOLVED that the meeting resumed in open session at 8:16pm.

The Chairman advised the Council that Councillor C Morris had been asked to obey the resolution of the Council and leave the chamber because of his disorderly conduct. If he did not leave, the meeting would be closed and Councillor Morris will have prevented the Council from transacting business. Councillor Morris was given a final chance to leave the meeting. Councillor Morris continued to remain in the meeting.

The Chairman informed Members that he was going to close the meeting because of Councillor Morris' refusal to obey the resolution of the Council and that his conduct had deliberately prevented the transaction of business.

Members were advised that within the Constitution the Directors had power to make decisions with their emergency powers and they would exercise these when necessary. He then closed the meeting at 8:17pm.

M S HEARD
CHAIRMAN

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