



**MINUTES of
NORTH WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE
7 FEBRUARY 2024**

PRESENT

Vice-Chairperson
(In the Chair)

Councillor M E Thompson

Councillors

M F L Durham, CC, J C Hughes, S J N Morgan, C P Morley,
R H Siddall, E L Stephens, S White and L L Wiffen

1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

Councillor M E Thompson called for nominations for Chairperson of the North Western Area Planning Committee for the remainder of the municipal year. Councillor M F L Durham proposed that Councillor M E Thompson be appointed as Chairperson of the Committee and this was duly seconded by Councillor S J N Morgan.

There being no other nominations it was:

RESOLVED that Councillor M E Thompson be elected Chairperson of the North Western Area Planning Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

IN THE CHAIR: COUNCILLOR M E THOMPSON

There now being a vacancy for Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Councillor Thompson then proposed that Councillor M F L Durham be appointed as Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for this meeting for the remainder of the municipal year. There being no other nominations this was duly agreed.

RESOLVED that Councillor M F L Durham be appointed as Vice-Chairperson for the North Western Area Planning Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

2. CHAIRPERSON'S NOTICES

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through some general housekeeping arrangements for the meeting.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10 January 2024 be approved and confirmed.

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor M F L Durham declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 7 23/00302/PROW - Land Opposite St Margaret's Church, Maldon Road, Woodham Mortimer, due to him being a professional funeral celebrant. He then left the Chamber and did not return.

6. 23/01109/FUL- LAND NORTH EAST OF HONEYWOOD FARM, HONEYPOT LANE, PURLEIGH

Application Number	23/01109/FUL
Location	Land North East of Honeywood Farm, Honeypot Lane, Purleigh
Proposal	S73 application for the retention of two self-contained holiday units.
Applicant	Mr A Brown
Agent	Mollie Foley - Stanfords
Target Decision Date	14.02.2024
Case Officer	Devan Hearnah
Parish	PURLEIGH
Reason for Referral to the Committee / Council	Member Call In – Councillor S White (policies S1 and D1)

It was noted from the Members' Update that since the agenda had been published the application had been **WITHDRAWN** following advice for the the Lead Specialist: Legal.

7. 23/00302/PROW-LAND OPPOSITE ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, MALDON ROAD, WOODHAM MORTIMER,

Application Number	23/00302/PROW
Location	Land Opposite St Margaret's Church, Maldon Road, Woodham Mortimer, Maldon, Essex, CM9 6SN
Proposal	Diversion of part of Public Footpath 269_17 Woodham Mortimer leading south from Maldon Road
Applicant	Mr Richard Evans
Agent	Julian Sharpe – White & Sons
Target Decision Date	N/A
Case Officer	Kathryn Mathews
Parish	WOODHAM MORTIMER
Reason for Referral to the Committee / Council	Not Delegated to Officers

Following the Officer's presentation, the Chairperson opened the floor for debate.

Councillor S J N Morgan proposed that the application be approved in accordance with the Officer's recommendation and this was duly seconded.

A brief debate ensued where concerns were raised around members of the public accessing the current footpath due to the development of the crematorium blocking the route. Officers confirmed that when Essex County Council are contacted their attention will be drawn to the possible safety risk to members of the public accessing the footpath in its current state.

There being no further discussion the Chairperson put the proposal to approve in accordance with the Officer's recommendation and upon a vote being taken it was agreed.

RESOLVED that a permanent Diversion Order of the highlighted section of Public Footpath 17 Woodham Mortimer is **MADE** and, if no relevant objections are received, **CONFIRMED** by Maldon District Council, as 'competent authority' under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

There being no other items of business the Chairperson closed the meeting at 7.43 pm.

M E THOMPSON
CHAIRPERSON

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