



Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7pm in the Sportsman Meeting Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield.

PRESENT: Councillor Linda Mendez – Town Mayor  
Councillor Mark Bolitho Councillor Caron Juggins  
Councillor Lenny Brandon Councillor Hazel Laming  
Councillor Jackie Brennan Councillor Angus MacKay  
Councillor Richard Brisbin Councillor Lee Newman  
Councillor Rory Craig Councillor John Percival  
Councillor Eames-Petersen Councillor Tristan Wiltshire  
Councillor Richard Griffiths  
OFFICERS: Carrie Lloyd (Town Clerk)

## 22. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bhumi Zhaveri (work commitment).

## 23. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS

Members of the Labour Group declared an interest in the Hill Top Planning application as they had their office located there.

Cllr Griffiths declared a personal interest in the Hill Top Planning application as his son was employed by the developer and did not take part in the discussion on that item.

## 24. MINUTES

Councillor Eames-Petersen clarified that only newly elected Councillors required a copy of details on the bromate plume not returning Councillors.

In the Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record.

## 25. THE DELL

Members considered Mr Hutton's concerns regarding the highway works at The Dell following the last meeting. Councillors had undertaken a site visit and had looked at the proposals. Members were concerned at the need for quality highway works balanced with a need to protect pedestrians and cyclists in this area.

RESOLVED that;

- (i) This Council wishes to see fencing repaired or replaced that has already broken on the site;
- (ii) A reduction in signage to make this less urbanised;
- (iii) Approval be given to completing Stage 1 and Stage 2 utilising Council land with good quality workmanship and materials;
- (iv) If possible the work be completed before September 2019.

(Action: Town Clerk)

26. HILL-TOP NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE HIGH VIEW HATFIELD AL10 8HZ - REDEVELOPMENT OF PART OF THE HILL-TOP SHOPPING CENTRE AT HIGH VIEW TO PROVIDE 18 RETAIL UNITS (CLASS A1, A2, A3, A5, B1 AND SUI GENERIS) A DOCTORS' SURGERY (FLEXIBLE USE CLASS A1, A2, A3, A5, AND D1) 146 RESIDENTIAL UNITS (CLASS C3) NEW PUBLIC OPEN SPACE INCLUDING CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA, NEW PUBLIC SQUARE, ASSOCIATED PARKING, HIGHWAYS AND DRAINAGE WORKS AND PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS FOLLOWING DEMOLITION OF EXISTING

Members noted the concerns of Simon & Sheila Archer representing the PCC & Youth Centre at St John's on the following grounds;

- (1) There is insufficient turning room for hearses in the space named Church Square;
- (2) There are insufficient parking spaces for high days, holidays and funerals at the Church which would lead to bad congestion in the area;
- (3) The Church needs a minimum of 15 – 20 car parking spaces;
- (4) There are insufficient spaces generally which will lead to unauthorised parking, the Youth and Community Centre has 8 spaces which will likely be taken up in unauthorised parking;
- (5) The plan 3515/C/524 shows the newly refurbished steps owned by the Church that run between the Church and the pub leading straight onto 2 vehicular access points with no means of preventing a pedestrian (particularly a child or person with poor vision) from walking straight into the path of a car or lorry;
- (6) The whole plan leads to pedestrian and vehicular conflicts;
- (7) There appeared to be no provision for an increase sustainable transport.

Members raised their own concerns regarding the shortfall of 80 parking spaces and lack of disabled access to the Jim McDonald Centre.

Furthermore there appeared to be no provision for electric vehicle charging points nor bike racks and conflict with student parking.

The four storey flats were in conflict with the Church and surrounding area and were unacceptable as over development and out of keeping in the neighbourhood.

The proposed layout would also lead to a west/east wind tunnel through the high rise buildings.

RESOLVED that this Council object to the application on the grounds detailed above and request that the Borough Council go back to consult with the

Church, business owners and other interested parties to bring forward a scheme which more resembled that which came out of the original public consultation.

Councillor Juggins and Craig requested a recorded vote;

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
Councillor Mark Bolitho	X		
Councillor Lenny Brandon	X		
Councillor Jackie Brennan	X		
Councillor Richard Brisbin	X		
Councillor Rory Craig	X		
Councillor Eames-Petersen	X		
Councillor Richard Griffiths			X
Councillor Caron Juggins	X		
Councillor Hazel Laming	X		
Councillor Angus MacKay	X		
Councillor Linda Mendez	X		
Councillor Lee Newman	X		
Councillor John Percival	X		
Councillor Tristan Wiltshire	X		

(Action: Town Clerk)

## 27. QUESTION TIME

Sheila Archer asked the Council what they would be doing regarding the proposed night closure of the QE2 night time urgent care unit.

Members deplored the proposed action and advised that they would debate the matter at the next Council meeting.

(Action: Town Clerk)

## 28. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2018/19

Members considered the Return and the reason for the variances from 2017/18.

RESOLVED that;

- (i) The dates of the period for the exercise of public rights be confirmed as 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019;
- (ii) Section 1 - The Annual Governance Statement on Page 4 be approved and the Mayor and Clerk be authorised to sign Page 4 on behalf of the Council;

- (iii) Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2018/19 on Page 5 be approved and the Mayor and the Clerk be authorised to sign Page 5 on behalf of the Council;
- (iv) The Annual Internal Audit Report 2018/19 at Page 3 be noted and referred to Resources and Policy Committee;
- (v) The checklist at Page 2 be agreed.

(Action: Town Clerk)

29. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the following Meetings of the Council's Committees be noted;

- a) Planning Committee – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

30. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted that the next Council meeting would be 7.30pm on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019.

Closure: 20:15

Mayor