

**MEETING OF RENDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD VIA ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY 5 MAY 2021 AT 7.30PM**

Minutes

In accordance with Standing Order No: 38 any matter relating to an employee shall not be considered until the Council or Committee has decided whether or not the public shall be excluded (See SO No: 67). Due to the nature of the business to be transacted the meeting, or parts of it, may be closed to the press and public.

Under Standing Order No. 1. c) Meetings will last no longer than 2 hours and 1. d) If the business of the meeting has not been concluded after 2 hours a resolution will be taken to continue to conclude or defer the business in hand. In any event the meeting will last no longer than 2 hours 30 minutes.

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Present: Mike Stevenson (Chairman); Martyn Redfern (Vice Chairman);
Douglas Burness; James Carter; Mike Parry;
Victoria Proctor; Dave Moore; Steff Evans;
Malcolm Booth;

In Attendance: Mrs Heelis – Parish Clerk
1 member of the public

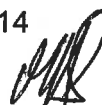
PUBLIC FORUM – 15 minutes

The resident attended thanked the Council for all the hard work they do.

Mike Stevenson raised the matter of the recent roadworks in Tunstall.

- County Councillor Report – Apologies received as the elections are on 6 May 2021
- District Councillor Report – Cllr Herring reported that ESC had met a 0% council tax increase. He noted that:
 - The government grant has more than adequately covered the loss made during the covid pandemic.
 - All the local covid business grants have been administered by ESC which had supported a considerable number of small businesses on the base.
 - From the first lockdown until today, staff have been principally working from home and Managers were now starting to look at bringing people back to the office.
 - Leisure facilities are now coming back on stream.
 - Key funding through the community partnership.
 - District wide they have been putting in a number of projects in the Lowestoft area.
 - He has been working with Iken PC getting them back on track, the whole PC resigned. A new PC has now started.
 - He met parishioners last week re 41 Knight Road and gave them advice on how to respond.

The Council thanked Cllr Herring for attending.



1. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Ali Gibbs (4 January 2021) and Peter Wyartt on Medical grounds.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION.

To receive and record members' declaration of interest on any other matter on the agenda. None.

3. ADOPTION OF THE RENDLESHAM CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY

Presentation by Victoria Proctor

Mike Stevenson supported the adoption of the Climate Action Plan.

Victoria Proctor proposed that Rendlesham Parish Council adopt the Rendlesham Climate Action Strategy. Mike Stevenson seconded. **Agreed** unanimously.

4. PLANNING APPLICATION

DC/20/5278/FUL | A phased development of 75 dwellings, car parking, public open space, hard and soft landscaping, and associated infrastructure and access. | Land To The North And West Of Garden Square And Gardenia Close Rendlesham Suffolk

Martyn Redfern reported that the applicant had not engaged with the Parish Council, simply providing a fait accompli on their proposals/amendments. It was noted that the Planning Committee were recommending an objection. The following points were noted:

- Flood Risk Drainage Strategy – two options had been put forward; a) policy compliant but would reduce the housing to around 50 units and b) non-compliant with policy but would retain the 75 units
- The applicant would set up a new company to manage the land as opposed to the transfer of public land to the Parish Council to maintain for the benefit of residents.
- Marketing strategy – the applicant continues to deny that they are marketing the properties despite the evidence saying otherwise.
- The amendment does not have the proposed acoustic barrier. This appears to have been removed.
- Play park – RPC had objected to the proximity of the play area to the water treatment works. In the amended application it has been moved nearer.
- RNPP3 – The application does not comply. They do not want to supply allotments. The proposed 'orchard' does not comply and is a step backwards.
- The accumulative impact of housing in Rendlesham needs to be considered.
- ESC has come back with the statistics on the affordable housing need in Rendlesham – the application does not meet this need in the type of housing being provided.

- They are proposing to set up their own affordable housing management company. Objecting to this.
- Viability report – this document was questionable, the pay before built concept does not make it viable for the everyday buyer.
- Adoption of roads – the roads on Garden Square are not up to an adoptable standard according to SCC Highways, however the applicant says they are.
- Some of the houses were not disability compliant.
- The length of the 3 construction phases, each being 3 years, totalling 9 years of ongoing construction work.

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- Martyn Redfern proposed delegation to the Planning Committee to object to the application.
- Dave Moore gave a vote of thanks to Martyn Redfern for all his work on this application and emphasised that the development needs to meet the RNP.
- The applicant had repeatedly failed to engage with RPC.
- Victoria Proctor noted that at the end of every meeting the applicant had attended, they had agreed to engage, however, this has not been forthcoming and the amendment had been submitted without any engagement.
- The Clerk reiterated that the application was not policy compliant with RNPP3 or the Allotment Strategy, which required developer to make provision for allotments. The applicant repeatedly states that SSP13 will be providing allotments even though the proven demand exceeds the provision coming forward from SSP13.
- The latest application does not describe orchard trees and right in the corner.
- Rendlesham was seeing an increase in building by creep, there is a need to recognise and identify the cumulative effect of this.
- Part of the objection is that the application will exceed the 100 new homes allocation.
- Malcolm Booth – lifetime homes – there is a need to build to this standard, which may affect the number of homes built. However, this can be ignored by developers unless the LPA tell them they have to.

Mike Stevenson seconded. **Agreed** unanimously.

5. **ADOPTION OF THE 2020-2021 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

Mike Stevenson proposed the accounts were adopted. James Carter seconded. **Agreed** unanimously

6. **APPROVAL OF SECTION ONE OF THE AGAR – GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

Mike Stevenson proposed. James Carter seconded. **Agreed** unanimously.



7. APPROVAL OF SECTION TWO OF THE AGAR – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Mike Stevenson proposed. James Carter seconded. **Agreed** unanimously.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Planning Committee – Martyn Redfern – circulated.
- b) Finance & Asset Committee – Mike Stevenson - circulated.
- c) Rendlesham Youth Group – Dave Moore reported that the Youth Group Committee will be producing a Youth Strategy for Rendlesham to be adopted by the Parish Council. He has set up 2 meetings with ESC regarding their youth forum. The asset register has been completed for stage one. A Youth Group Committee meeting is coming up where the drafting of the strategy will start.
- d) Jubilee Park Committee – James Carter – circulated. James Carter added that RPC were still in dispute with ETC. He will be meeting with Peter Wyartt regarding the turfing/seeding and that the MUGA is staying closed due to vandalism on the fence.

9. LAND TRANSFERS (Mike Stevenson)

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The meeting was re-opened.

10. PARISH MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

To raise any matters for inclusion on the next full Council agenda.

- a) Meetings and events – a strategy for post Covid 19.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 1 July 2021

Meeting closed at 21:15

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DATED

11/7/2021