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Minutes of a meeting of the full council held at 8pm on 21st March 2024 at 8pm Held at the Council Offices, Bansons Way CM5 9AS

35/24 Those present and apologies for absence.

Chair Cllr Gunn

Present Cllrs Walton, Barrell, Vaz, Eydmann, Cole, Roberts,

Also present Acting Clerk, Press officer, Mary Dadd ONPCG

Resolved. The council accepts apologies for absence from Cllrs Acornley, O'Neill, Mendoza, Feetham

Proposed Cllr Barrell seconded Cllr Walton carried unanimously.

36/24 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Members of the Council are subject to paragraphs 6 (DPIs), 7 (Other Pecuniary Interests) and 8 (non-pecuniary interests) of that Code. Members are also subject to paragraphs 9-11 of that Code as regards declaration of interests and participation in the meeting insofar as any item of business involves such an interest.

Cllr Walton declared an interest in item 38/24 Correspondence regarding work to be carried out in Manor Square.

37/24 Public participation.

To receive any representations from members of the public. The maximum time allowed for this item is 15 minutes. A member of the public shall not speak for more than three minutes.

Mary Dadd addressed the committee regarding 38/24 bullet point 1 – would like the council to investigate an alternative site for a new skate park for young people of the town.

38/24 Correspondence

- Noted the email regarding vandalism at Ongar Piste
- Noted the Case Management Hearing date to take place on 22nd March 2024 @ 2pm.
- Noted the street lighting maintenance agreement.
- Noted quotes for tree work on European Elm in Love Lane cemetery.
- Noted receipt of monies from residents to carry out work in Manor Square. A pro-forma invoice has been requested from NEPP to allow the council to make payment to EFDC.

39/24 Reports from District and County Councillors

To receive a five-minute report from District and County Councillors on matters relating to Ongar.

Nothing to report from the District councillor.

Nothing received from the Essex County councillors.

40/24 Consultations

None received.

41/24 Report from ONPCG - Projects and Actions

Persimmon application EPF/2787/23 re ONG.R4

A number of other statutory Consultees have made objections (and are on EFDCD website) and ONPCG requested the last QRP Report of Oct 2023 (which still recommends some revisions.

Persimmon have indicated to ONPCG that they are making some revisions and will be resubmitting their plans and expect to reconsult in April. Comments from Essex Highways are not yet on EFDC website.

Other allocated sites:

- a. ONG.R1 & ONG.R2 West Ongar Concept. ONPCG has been no contact with landowners/developers at this stage.
- b. ONG.R5 Greensted Rd. ONPCG met with Bellway prior to their public exhibition at Budworth Hall but have no further details.
- c. ONG.R6 off Stanford Rivers Rd. ONPCG met with Stonebond to ensure they are aware of Ongar Neighbourhood Plan policies and Ongar Design Guide. Stonebond has since met with the residents' group MAAG and were advised to meet with OTC before submitting a detailed application.
- d. ONG.R7 and ONG.8. ONPCG understands that there are outstanding access arrangements to be agreed before developers are likely to progress any plans. ONPCG Road Improvements Subcommittee (which has reps from residents' groups and OTC). ONPCG has submitted 4 improvements via the LHP (3 for crossings- 1 new and 2 to be improved) and a request for Gateway features on entrance to 30mph at Fyfield Rd, together with evidence of traffic counts, collisions etc.

42/24 Police matters

Update from PC Shepherd

Community Special constables update

43/24 To agree the minutes of the Full Council meeting of 15th February 2024

Proposed Cllr Eydmann seconded Cllr Barrell carried unanimously.

44/24 The Council is asked to RESOLVE to exclude the press and public for this meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as the following item contains confidential information relating to staffing matters (44)

- 45/24 To appoint a Locum Clerk**
Proposed Cllr Cole seconded Cllr Roberts carried unanimously to appoint the chosen Locum Clerk to commence as soon as possible.
- 46/24 The Council is asked to RESOLVE to permit the press and public to return to the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**
- 47/24 Cemetery price structure**
Agreed to adjust the current cemetery price structure as per the Burial Clerk's suggested proposal.
Proposed Cllr Walton seconded Cllr Barrell carried unanimously.
- 48/24 Motion. Finance reporting**
- a. To receive a list of all payments up to the end of February 2024.
Proposed Cllr Eydmann seconded Cllr Roberts carried unanimously.
 - b. To receive a list of budgetary information on all accounts.
Proposed Cllr Roberts seconded Cllr Barrell carried unanimously.
 - c. To consider quotes for supply of gas to the council offices
Agree to accept EDF's three year fixed contract.
Proposed Cllr Eydmann seconded Cllr Walton carried unanimously.
- Motion.** The Council notes the budgetary information and confirms that the account balance £48380.66 agrees with the reconciliation.
Proposed Cllr Cole seconded Cllr Barrell carried unanimously.
- 49/24 To review the quote for the camera change to existing CCTV in Shelley**
Agreed to defer this item until next meeting.
Proposed Cllr Cole seconded Cllr Barrell carried unanimously.
- 50/24 To consider a grant request from Ongar Primary Committee**
After discussion it was decided to reject this application.
- 51/24 Community Updates.**
Councillors to provide reports on interactions with constituents.
Noted that the chairman Cllr Gunn, Cllr Eydmann and Cllr Roberts were attending the 40th anniversary of Ongar/Cerizay twinning over the Easter weekend. The chosen gift will be presented to the Mayor of Cerizay during that time.
- 52/24 Date of next meeting.**
18th April 2024
- 53/24 Items for later agendas.**
Risk assessments.
Memorial management.
Future Events.
Emergency plan.

Review of CCTV system and provider.

Grants and feedback.

Annual reports

Skate Park

Projects and Actions in the ONP Appendix 2021. Many will need a body such as OTC to coordinate volunteers and applying for funding, as appropriate. ONPCG hopes that some Projects and Actions will be planned to get up and running and/or completed in 2024/2025.

Meeting closed at 9.13pm