

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF
ONGAR TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT:

Councillors:	B. Surtees (Chair)	P. Gode	S. Jackman
	A. Kaye	D. Roberts	J. Rushton

Officer: E. Gough (Admin Assistant)

155/14 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Gambardella, Prosser, C. Knights, F. Knights & Wingfield.

156/14 Declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest

Cllrs B. Surtees and P. Gode declared personal non-prejudicial interests as members of Epping Forest District Council.

157/14 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

No public present.

158/14 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 27th November 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

159/14 Matters arising from the previous minutes

Cllr Surtees is currently liaising with Kelvedon Hatch Parish Council regarding timetable changes to the No.21 bus service. The office to record all complaints from residents regarding this service.

The office to continue to record all complaints

160/14 Clerk's Report

A press release from Essex County Council, indicating results from Essex road scanners, was noted. Members were concerned that the Epping Forest area has the worst current record for main road defects.

161/14 To consider current Planning Applications:

RESOLVED NOT TO OBJECT to the following applications:

- i) **EPF/2648/14 – Freedom, Land adj 2 Boarded Barns Cottages, Fyfield Rd, Ongar**
Circular 14/90 notification for new overhead lines and column on corner outside 2 Boarded Barns Cottages.
- ii) **EPF/2649/14 – Freedom, Land adj 7 Epping Road, Epping Road, Ongar**
Circular 14/90 notification for works to low voltage overhead lines and replacement columns and new pole on land east of 7 Epping Road.
- iii) **EPF/2650/14 – Freedom, Land adj 9, 11, 21 & 23 Glebe Road, Ongar**
Circular 14/90 notification for replacement low voltage overhead lines and replacement columns.
- iv) **EPF/2651/14 – Freedom, Land adj Keepers Cottage, Blake Hall Road, Ongar**
Circular 14/90 notification for new low voltage overhead lines column on land

adjacent Keepers Cottage.

- v) **EPF2652/14 – Freedom, Land adj 1 & 2 Lion Cottages, Toot Hill Road, Ongar**
Circular 14/90 notification for new low voltage overhead lines and column on land to front of 1 & 3 Lion cottages.

162/14 To note (for information) the following application:

- i) **EPF/2712/14 – Ms R Loukes, Zinc Arts, High Street, Ongar**
Ongar conservation area: T1 Hawthorn: Fell.

163/14 To consider licence application:

It was **AGREED** that the application for the new premises licence for The Café Bar in Budworth Hall, High Street, Ongar be approved. Members noted that the effect of this application would be to restore licensing conditions that had lapsed during the last five years.

The application is for:

- The sale of alcohol Monday to Sunday 11.00am to 23.00.
- Late night refreshment Monday to Sunday 23.00 to 23.30pm.

164/14 To note the decisions of EFDC on recent applications:-

None received.

165/14 CCTV – Skate park

It was **AGREED** that the Council will not proceed with cctv cameras at this location at the present time. This item will be re-considered during 2016/17. Meanwhile the clerk to seek further advice from the Safer Community officer.

166/14 Bus Shelter

It was **AGREED** that a member of the Council's outside staff clear the vegetation from the roof of the bus shelter outside Bowes House.

The clerk was asked to investigate the provision of a new bench to be sited alongside the existing bus shelter. It was noted that there is no further information available about the liquidation of Shelterstore Limited who were to provide the new bus shelter.

167/14 Protection of footpath

It was **AGREED** that the clerk, on behalf of residents, contact Essex County Council footpath officer to apply for registration of this footpath on the ECC definitive map to ensure its protection.

168/14 Budget

It was **AGREED** that the Council will not proceed with the cctv broadband link at St Peter's Avenue in view of the high cost from the only available supplier. This item will be re-considered during 2016/17. Meanwhile the clerk to investigate broadband costs from other providers.

Open Forum

No items raised.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed:

Chair of the Planning & Environment Committee

Date: