

**MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE  
OF MARTLESHAM COUNCIL HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2022**

**Present:** Mrs Hall (Chair), Messrs Irwin, Williamson(ex-officio)

**In attendance:** Debbie Chappell (Council Officer).

There were no members of the public present.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Messrs Boswell and Burrows. Absent: Messrs Blundell, Thompson and Whitby.

**2. INTERESTS:**

2.1 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI): None declared.

2.2 Local non-Pecuniary Interest (LNPI): None declared.

**3. PUBLIC FORUM:** No members of the public were present. The Chair informed the meeting of residents' interest in application DC/22/0914/FUL Land adjacent to Main Road and Bealings Road junction, Martlesham and provided an update. ESC decision letter pending.

**4. DEVELOPMENT:**

4.1 Meeting with ESC Community Partnership Officer 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022. (COR 1 filed in the office together with the minutes).

Noted. There have been internal meetings within ESC to progress matters and DETC will continue to chase this through with County Councillor Patti Mulcahy.

The Chair will raise the issue of the Tesco roundabout congestion again at the next SAVID meeting.

**The following item was taken in camera.**

**DECISION D2022/12a:** The Committee resolves that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw. **Agreed.**

The Council Officer accepted the invitation to stay in the room.

4.2 Transfer of McCarthy Stone Car Park (COR 2&3 and CONFIDENTIAL CP filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted.

**CONFIDENTIAL REPORT D2022/12**

Clerk to chase Birkett Solicitors for the action plan and revised fees, and to request a quote from the land contractor for the annual costs estimated to be incurred in maintaining the APD assuming it is transferred to MPC and maintained as grassland. **Agreed.**

The in-camera item was concluded.

The tarmac display design ideas are awaited. Changes to the text for the heritage plinth. Noted.

4.3 DC/22/4587/CLP– Bloomfields Farm, Blacktiles Lane, Martlesham - Certificate of Lawful Use (Proposed) The Chair explained the background to the application and gave a useful explanation of PNH and CLP validations. The proposed response is no objection. Noted.

4.4 SCC/0122/22SC-Heather House Main Road Martlesham Heath The Chair explained the background and proposed response of no objection. To add the comment to be included that Patricia O'Brien ceased to be a SCC Councillor in May 2020. Noted.

4.5 AP/22/0057/REFUSE– 5 Buckingham Close, Martlesham An appeal against ESC 's refusal of permission for construction of a detached single storey dwelling. (Copy letter filed in the office together with the minutes).  
MPC objected to the proposals under DC/22/1500/FUL, and MPC's recommendations were reflected in the ESC decision letter. Council Officer to track the progress of the appeal.

4.6 Combined Planning Report on planning responses filed with ESC since last meeting (28<sup>th</sup> September 2022) (Copy filed in the office together with the minutes).  
Noted.

**DECISION D2022/12b:** The Combined Report of Planning Responses to be ratified by DETC.  
**Agreed.**

4.7 Healthy Environments Supplementary Planning Document – (CP filed in the office together with the minutes).  
Noted.

4.8 Energy Projects update – (CP filed in the office together with the minutes).

The DETC Chair updated the meeting:

- EA1 - the AONB in Martlesham has not been fully restored to its pre-works state
- Friston substation judicial review – the Chair is monitoring progress on the judicial review
- Sizewell C –Update provided.

Noted.

## 5. ENVIRONMENT

5.1 Brightwell Lakes Community Forum. (CP filed in the office together with the minutes)

Mr Irwin as Chair of the Brightwell Lakes Community Forum reported on the schedule of delivery dates:

- School opening target date, September 2027
- Main Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace, 2026
- Sports pitches and changing rooms, 2029
- Community Buildings/ Primary Local Centre, 2032
- Secondary Local Centre, 2029/30
- Western corridor allotments 2026
- Eastern corner allotments 2034

Mr Irwin reported:

- The NHS provision is still in the planning stage. The 2000 new dwellings to be delivered at Brightwell Lakes falls a long way short of the 3000 new dwellings benchmark believed to be required to commission a new medical facility
- Ideas for street naming for Phase W1 and E1 have been submitted to the developers. Other suggestions can be collated for street naming for later phases
- [DC/22/4788/DRC](#) - Discharge of Conditions Nos. 61, 18, 55, 50, 51 and 52 of DC/17/1435/OUT has been filed with on the ESC planning portal
- Bus stops will be facilitated on the spine road of the new development, but in itself this does not mean a regular bus service will run.

Noted.

**DECISION D2022/12c:** Council officer to investigate the criteria required to be met to trigger the provision of new medical facilities, and consider if it can be argued that cumulatively, across the Parish, Martlesham meets the threshold, and add a Brightwell Lakes update to the Council website and social media. **Agreed.**

5.2 McCarthy Stone Forum meetings. The weekly meetings with McCarthy Stone (MCS) are very useful but have recently been reduced to fortnightly meetings. A formal schedule of 2023 meetings would be helpful. MCS provided details of the proposed water standpipe for MPC approval. Other MPC questions remain unanswered on warranties, bike charging, and EVC

charging. The lighting strategy questions may be answered within the forthcoming MCS application to discharge Condition(s) 16 (Landscape Management Plan); and 24 (Design, Usage, Heritage and Landscape Strategy) of DC/21/3305/FUL.

- 5.3 ESC Walking and Cycle Strategy adopted by ESC 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022. (A link to the strategy was circulated prior to the meeting).

One year on from Martlesham Council submitting its comments, the DETC Chair is pleased to report that MPC's comments and recommendations were taken on board and the ESC strategy is now adopted. Consider what this means for Martlesham.

**DECISION D2022/12d:** Council officer to research what the ESC Walking and cycling Strategy means for Martlesham. Agreed.

**DECISION D2022/12e:** Council Officer to advertise the strategy and provide an update to the Council website and social media, and the Clerk to include it as one of the proposed themed pages for the Martlesham Monthly. Agreed.

- 5.4 ESC Housing in Clusters Supplementary Planning Guidance adopted November 2022.

(Link circulated prior to the meeting).

Noted.

- 5.5 Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan Review (COR 4 filed in the office together with the minutes).

The meeting noted that

- The 2016 – 2031 Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan (MNP) preceded the 2020 ESC Local Plan,
- The Parish Council declaration of a Climate Emergency, and
- The proposed Government planning law and policy changes.

Given the heavy workload of the DETC, which is currently undertaken by very few of its members, a working group dedicated to any review of the Neighbourhood Plan would be required and professional consultants would need to be brought in to help.

**DECISION D2022/12f:** Council Officer and DETC Chair to meet with the consultant who advised on the 'made' MNP to gauge the workload and costs involved in a review of the Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan, reporting back to next DETC meeting. Agreed.

## **6. TRANSPORT** (includes highways issues)

- 6.1 Rural Mobility Survey (CP filed in the office together with the minutes).

Noted.

- 6.2 SAVID Minutes of meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (CP filed in the office together with the minutes).

Noted. MPC joined SAVID since the last DETC meeting.

- 6.3 SIDS Report (CP filed in the office together with the minutes).

Noted.

## **7. FINANCE AND TRAINING:**

- 7.1 DETC Annual Budget (COR 4 filed in the office together with the minutes).

Noted. Training has been cost effective. Some training costs in the next year may be included within other Committee or Full Council budgets. Budgets can be increased mid-year if necessary.

**DECISION D2022/12g:** That the Parish Council sets a DETC budget for 2023/24 of £500. Agreed.

## **8. MARTLESHAM NEWSLETTERS/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK:**

- 8.1 What this meeting has achieved

- Useful explanation of PNH and CLP validation for training purposes
- Decision to look into reviewing the MNP
- Decision to research the effects of the ESC Walking and Cycling Strategy on Martlesham,

- Recommendation for MPC to take on the Public Open Space in the event that Martlesham Heath Householders Limited declines the Transfer
- Decision to provide an update on the Brightwell Lakes delivery timetable on social media.

8.2 Items for Newsletters/Website/Facebook

- Brightwell Lakes delivery timetable.
- ESC Walking and Cycling Strategy

**9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:**

- Progress report on Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan Review
- Progress report on Friston substation judicial review
- SALC Town and Parish Council survey results of the ESC planning process

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

8<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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Chairman, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023