

**MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE  
OF MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**

**Present:** Mrs Hall (Chair), Messrs Blundell, Boswell, Irwin, Thompson, Williamson

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

There were no members of the public present.

**1. APOLOGIES:** None

**2. INTERESTS:**

2.1 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI): None declared.

2.2 Local non-Pecuniary Interest (LNPI): Mrs Hall declared an interest in item 6.5 as the cable route crosses near to her property.

**3. PUBLIC FORUM:** No members of the public present. No correspondence from the public.

**4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** 9<sup>th</sup> February. Noted. Approved by Full Council 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.

**5. REVIEW OF DETC COMMITTEE POLICIES AND STRATEGIES:**

(Circulated by email, COR1 and copy documents filed in the office together with the minutes) Noted. The options debated for each of the following, were to retain, revise or abolish the policy.

5.1 Policy on Funding Highways Projects. DETC's view remains that the precept should not be used for highways projects which are the responsibility of SCC.

**DECISION D2022/4a:** Retain the existing policy with an amendment to update the CIL reference. Agreed.

5.2 Cycling and Pedestrian Strategy For Martlesham. The meeting concluded this policy should be reviewed post publication of the final ESC Cycling and Walking Strategy recently out to consultation.

**DECISION D2022/4b:** Review the existing policy post publication of the final ESC Cycling and Walking Strategy Agreed.

5.3 Development Plans Committee 5 Year Plan. The meeting noted the name of the Policy requires updating. It noted each of the Committees has a 5-year plan. It debated the need for such a policy.

**RECOMMENDATION D2022/4a:** Full Council to consider whether there is any need for a 5-year plan for each of the Parish Council Committees. Agreed.

5.4 Pre-Planning Applications Consultations Policy. The meeting concluded this policy should be retained provided there is no conflict with SALC's 'Informal views' Pre-Planning Application' document. CO to circulate the latest version of SALC's document.

**DECISION D2022/4c:** Retain MPC's existing Pre-Planning Applications Consultations Policy provided there is no conflict with SALC's 'Informal views' Pre-Planning Application.' document. Agreed.

5.5 The Highways Register. The meeting thought this document is a useful tool for future reference in discussions with Highways (for example, Agenda item 8.2, Road Safety Community Partnership meetings) to evidence the timeline for issues, showing how long issues have been raised and which remain unresolved. DETC could re-start the register and add current data to it without revising previous entries, reporting all the issues recorded in the Highways Register to the meeting to be considered under Agenda item 8.2.

Alternatively, DETC could refer any Highway issues direct to the Road Safety Community Partnership meetings to manage alongside issues reported by other Parish and Town Councils.

**DECISION D2022/4d:** Retain MPC's existing Highways Register but not add to it. **Agreed.**

## **6. DEVELOPMENT:**

6.1 Land off Black Tiles Lane (Dc/21/2571/VOC) (COR2 filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted

6.2 McCarthy Stone Retirement Development (DC/21/3305/FUL) (COR3& ESC update filed in the office together with the minutes). The meeting noted:

- Car park signage - useful but would need to be enforced to be effective. In principle, DETC is satisfied with the look, size and design of the community car park signage proposed by MCS.
- EV Charging – This slow charge proposal is under-powered and unsatisfactory. Need to look into ultra-rapid or rapid charging facilities to serve as an effective community amenity. Need to obtain EVC advice and quotes from more than one supplier. Doubtful the £350 reduction is still available. It misses an opportunity to provide a facility of real use. MCS must be required to finance the supply and installation of the community car park EVC charger before MPC assumes any responsibility for the ongoing maintenance and payment facility charges, if MPC takes over the community car park.
- Landscaping – MPC notes the bund and village gate design has been replaced with a rain garden and hydro- planters design. MPC needs to know more about the ongoing maintenance requirements of rain gardens and hydro- planters, and the maintenance cost implications. Is it still the case MPC will be assuming long term (i.e. 20 year) landscaping responsibilities for the community garden? It is noted there is still no information forthcoming on the lighting strategy which was previously raised as a potential issue for eco habitats on the Green and a potential loss of amenity for local residents particularly residents in Lark Rise. MPC has previously requested a three dimensional/cross sectional image of the design for the community car park and this request is repeated for the new landscape design.
- Car Park Features Plan - The fixed bollards replacing the bund design proposed by MPC, may not be effective to deter motor bikes entering the Village Green. Need to confirm what vehicular access arrangements are now proposed for Village Day and land contractors' maintenance access. Cycle shelter design still to be upgraded. What plans are there to replace the loss of 3 car parking spaces?

6.3 Brightwell Lakes (DC/17/1435/OUT and DC/21/4004-4005/ARM) (COR4 filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted. The meeting also noted that ESC is holding a Planning Committee South, Planning Meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April (the day after the Easter Bank Holiday weekend) despite the ESC portal appearing to show the consultation is open until 29<sup>th</sup> April.

6.4 Suffolk Constabulary HQ(DC/21/0902/OUT) (COR5 filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted, along with the Agent's consultation notification.

6.5 East Anglia Three Offshore Windfarm (COR6 filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted. The EA3 current is HVDC rather than the EA1 HVAC. 62 jointing bays will run along the route from Bawdsey to Bramford crossing the Parish with vehicles traversing the fields along the haul routes. It is incumbent upon MPC to ensure Scottish Power Renewables are held accountable to keep working hours, contractors' waste, the number of vehicles and associated jointing bay and traffic noise, kept under control. It was considered that DETC should accept an EA3 offer to meet with EA3 management and invite other local Parish Councils to attend.

**DECISION D2022/4e:** Messrs Thompson, Irwin and Mrs Hall to meet with EA3 management inviting EA3 to make a presentation, and to invite other local Parish Councils to attend.

**Agreed.**

6.6 Sizewell C (COR7 filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted. Mr Whitby unavailable to give a verbal update.

## **7. ENVIRONMENT:**

7.1 Suffolk County Council Air Quality Summit 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022. (COR8 filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted.

## **8. TRANSPORT:** (includes highways issues)

8.1 A14 Copdock Interchange The Chair gave an update to the meeting. Noted.

8.2 A12 Major Road Networks (COR9 filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted. Volunteers were sought to attend the proposed meeting which was considered a good idea to build relationships and find out more.

**DECISION D2022/4f:** Messrs Thompson & Irwin and Mrs Hall to attend meeting.

8.3 Road Traffic Orders (COR10 filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted.

## **9. Working groups reporting to the DETC**

9.1 Advisory Planning Working Group Notes of Meeting (Copies filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted.

9.2 Brightwell Lakes Working Group Notes of Meeting (Copy filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted.

9.3 McCarthy Stone Working Group Notes of Meeting (Copies filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted.

9.4 Combined Report of Planning Responses to ESC (Copy filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted. **DECISION D2022/4f:** The Combined Report of Planning Responses to be ratified by DETC. **Agreed.**

## **10. CONSULTATIONS DOCUMENTS AND TRAINING**

10.1 ESC Housing Clusters Workshop. The Chair gave an update and training presentation following attendance at the ESC workshop (slides to follow). The ESC draft guidance on

housing clusters, gaps, and building outside settlement boundaries, is out to consultation with Parish Councils this Spring and the public will be consulted later this year.

10.2 ESC Consultation on Validating Planning Applications (COR11 filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted.

10.3 Levelling Up White paper (CP filed in the office together with the minutes). Noted.

10.4 Permitted Development Right for Communication infrastructure. Noted

**11. Martlesham Newsletters/Website/Facebook**

11.1 Any items for promotion or information

Publicise the McCarthy Stone and EA3 community liaison contacts when we receive them

**12. Any items for the next agenda**

Allotments

**13. Date of next meeting** The DETC meeting is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

*M Williamson*

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Chairman, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022