



## GREAT HORKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE 2022 IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH, ELSTAR LANE AT 7.45PM

#### Those present:

Cllr M Mead (Chairman)  
Cllr C Arnold (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr G Baker  
Cllr L Taverner  
Cllr L Williams  
Mrs Morwenna Sudbery

#### 22/18 Introduction by the Chairman

Cllr Mead welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was noted that this special meeting has been called solely to approve the required documents for the External Audit before 30 June 2022 and discuss and agree on a response to the new planning application received for the Manor development.

#### 22/19 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Ewing and Cllr Barber.

#### 22/20 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

#### 22/21 Co-Option of New Members

Cllr Arnold reported on discussions that had taken place between Councillors and Mrs Sudbery after the last Council meeting.

**It was resolved** to co-opt Mrs Morwenna Sudbery as a member of Great Horkesley Parish Council, proposed by Cllr Arnold, seconded by Cllr Baker and unanimously agreed. Mrs Sudbery signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

#### 22/22 External Audit

*Mrs Sudbery did not participate in discussions relating to item 22/22 as she was signing the acceptance of office.*

- (a) It was noted that the Annual Internal Audit Report 2021/22 had been received, after being completed by Jan Stobart on 16 June 2022.
- (b) The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) was considered, approved and signed.
- (c) The Accounting Statements (Section 2) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) were considered, approved and signed.
- (d) The bank reconciliation for 2021-22 was considered, approved and signed.

- (e) The explanations of any significant year on year variances in the accounting statements were considered, approved and signed.
- (f) It was noted that the period for the exercise of public rights will be for 30 days (including the first 10 working days of July) and will commence on Friday 1 July 2022 and end on Thursday 11 August 2022. Under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, this information will be published on the Great Horkesley Parish Council website along with Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance Accountability Return.

**22/23 Public Open Forum (Have Your Say)**

No members of the public were present.

**22/24 Planning Applications**

The following planning application was considered and a response agreed:

**213363 Land to the east of, Nayland Road, Great Horkesley**

Residential-led development comprising 100 dwellings, together with new access and crossing points on A134 and Ivy Lodge Road, allotments and associated ancillary building and parking, Scout and Girl Guiding building and associated external areas and parks.

The revised application was discussed at length, concentrating on elements which the Council had found wanting at its January 2022 meeting. It was noted that whilst the layout of the northern end of the site had improved considerably, the proposed changes to the A134 were broadly similar. In particular, the applicant was still refusing to provide a complete cycle link from the site to Chesterwell.

**It was unanimously agreed** to recommend to the planning authority that unless this link was provided, the application should be refused.

Members agreed a series of recommendations relating mainly to the Transport Statement but also to Savill's response to the Council's January 2022 submission and matters relating to the proposed Scout and Guide HQ, the allotments, the location of the new playground, the ownership and management of the woodland and the diversion of the Essex Way through the site.

**It was also agreed** that given the close proximity of some dwellings to each other, CBC be asked to consider withdrawing permitted development rights within the development.

**It was agreed** that Cllr Arnold would draw the Council's recommendations and comments together into a single document and submit it to the planning authority as the Council's response to the consultation on the revised application. The response document is appended to these minutes to provide a detailed record.

**The Chairman closed the meeting.**

***No other business was conducted at this meeting, which was been called solely to enable deadlines to be met for the External Audit and a major planning application.***

***The next ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled to take place on 4 July 2022.***

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