

Minutes 9th August 2018
Elmstead Parish Council Planning Committee
Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7ET

Present: Councillors Nick Bell, Mike Kirby, Jean Routledge (Acting Chair)

Also Present: Mrs Baxter (clerk) and 5 members of the public

Not present: Councillors John Gray and Solma Ahmed

18/019 Apologies of Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Gray

18/020 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Non Pecuniary Interests

None

18/021 Approval and signing of the minutes from 14th June 2018

It was resolved to accept the minutes from 14th June 2018 as true and accurate.

Proposed: Cllr Routledge, Seconded: Cllr Kirby, all in favour.

18/022 Public Speaking

Mr Jennings spoke about the application for 62 houses on School Road. He asked the committee for their support in requesting that the swale pond be moved over so that it is adjacent to the boundary with his land as it would give more of a buffer. District Councillor Nicholls has delivered a letter from Mr Jennings to Graham Nourse, the planning officer for this application. The clerk asked Mr Jennings for a copy of the letter. The request will be added to the agenda for the PC meeting on 16th August.

18/023 Planning applications – to discuss and decide comments to submit

- i) *ESS/17/18/TEN Land to the South of Colchester Main Road (known as Sunnymead, Elmstead and Heath Farms), Alresford, Essex, CO7 8DB. Extraction of 4.0 million tonnes of sand and gravel as an easterly extension to the existing Wivenhoe Quarry, erection of sand and gravel processing plant and ancillary facilities, new vehicular access onto the B1027 Brightlingsea Road, and restoration to agriculture and low-level water-based nature conservation habitats, lowland meadow, woodland planting and hedgerow enhancement using approximately 1.2 million cubic metres of imported inert waste material. Response deadline 17th August 2018.*

It was discussed that as the existing quarry finishes Tarmac wishes to extend its operations to the other side of Keelar's Lane, with access from the B1027. All those consulted have said that the plans are OK and as we are not specialists any objections we make will have to be on planning grounds. It was raised that the plans for the recycling plant have been removed.

Residents who live adjacent to the proposed site asked the PC if it could address the direction that the traffic travels to and from the site and the hours of operation. It was discussed that it would be preferable for lorries to turn towards Wivenhoe when they exit the quarry. Tarmac have said that that would be an option. In the original ECC development plan the access was the old access to the quarry, so this new access is a departure from the plan. There were concerns around traffic turning into and out of the quarry onto the B1027 with the speed of traffic at that point and that it will cause congestion as there will be no turning lane. It was discussed that Birds Farm Lane is not suitable for heavy vehicles, it is too narrow and the verges keep breaking up. It would be difficult for lorries to use School Road without using Birds Farm Lane due to the angle that School Road meets the B1027 at.

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It was resolved to make the following comments to ECC:

- 1) A request to restrict the hours of operation to 8am to 5pm during the week and 8am to 12pm on Saturday.
- 2) To state that the new access is at variance with the original development plans.
- 3) If the proposed access is approved to request that lorries enter and exit the quarry from the Wivenhoe direction as Birds Farm Lane is unsuitable for lorries.
- 4) To request that the 40mph speed limit in Alresford is extended to beyond the proposed access point for reasons of safety.

Proposed: Cllr Routledge, Seconded: Cllr Bell, all in favour.

ii) 18/01054/FUL Barnfield Lodge Clacton Road Elmstead Colchester Essex CO7 7DB. Two detached dwelling houses. Response deadline 15th August 2018.

It was discussed that these houses have already been built, this application is for a change in the access location. No comments.

18/024 Planning applications – for information only

i) 18/01124/FUL 3 Hatchcroft Gardens Elmstead Colchester Essex CO7 7AJ.
First floor extension. No comments returned.

18/025 Determinations (for information only)

None

18/026 Items for next agenda or for information only.

None

There being no further business Councillors were thanked for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 8.32pm.

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