

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council to be held in the Clavering Christian Centre, Stortford Road, on Wednesday 2nd October at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr S. Gill (Chairman), Cllr F. Bullen, Cllr F. Smither & Cllr M. Ryan

In attendance: Three Members of the Public

Meeting opened 19.30hrs

154. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all. The Clerk was unable to attend the meeting as had been previously advised.

155. Apologies for absence

Cllr Elliston sent apologies (work)

156. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Gill asked that it be noted that one of the sites presented in the Call for Sites after Regulation 18 neighboured her property. It was noted that as the meeting was to deal with the Draft Local Plan overall and there was not expected to be a comment on the inclusion or removal of the site then there was no requirement for a disclosable pecuniary interest to be made.

157. Public Participation Session

A member of the public, who is the Chairman of the Village Hall, advised that the Village Hall had not been successful in being awarded a grant by UDC to refurbish the two toilets at the rear of the hall. The Hall would be applying for an ECC CIF grants. Councillor suggested that that the District and County councillor be approached in case they were aware of any grants. It was requested that Clavering Parish Council considers placing councillors as trustees on the Village Hall Charity. The Chairman advised this would be an agenda item for the Council's October 14th Meeting.

158. Approval and signing the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting (EOM) of 5th September 2024

The minutes of the EOM were agreed. P: Cllr Smither S: Cllr Bullen In Fav: 3 Abst: 1

The minutes would be signed at the next Full Council Meeting as the Chairman only had a copy marked draft and un-numbered to hand.

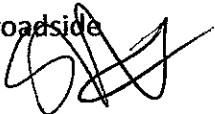
159. UDC Draft Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation: consultation period ends 14th October

A summary of the points raised and as minuted at the EOM 5th September was considered.

In discussion it was noted that the Protected Lane status of Cock Lane when it becomes Lower Way after Chestnut Cottage has been removed. With the Council's permission, a member of the public gave an answer to a question raised by councillors.

Agreed that the Reg 19 Consultation submission made:

- Would list all the Land Registry References for omissions and errors made on the Policy Map re Allotments, Village Greens, and known wildlife sites and ask for amendments
- Would refute inclusion of Development Sites 34 Clavering 014 RES and 35 Clavering 015 RES as both were refused permission at Inspectorate Level before the publication of Reg 19 Documentation in July 2024
- Would comment that an historic site assessment ought to have been carried out for Site 38 Clavering 019 RES given its proximity to listed buildings and historic centre
- Would comment that the plot outline of Site 30 Clavering 009 RES appears to be inaccurate at the roadside



- Would comment that the opening paragraph of Core Policy 36 indicates, by including the words 'where possible', that houses will be permitted on flood plains. This is contrary to the NPPF which requires a sequential test to be carried out.
- Would comment that the Glossary does not include a definition of Blue Infrastructure.
- Would comment that Appendix 8 shows the planned relief road map at Saffron Walden rather than land at Takeley as indicated

It was proposed that these comments would be placed on word document and forwarded to councillors for checking prior to the Clerk uploading them in the required Comment Boxes 5 &6 in the online consultation document.

P: Cllr Smither S: Cllr Bullen In Fav: Unanimous

Comment Box 4.

That the plan is Legally Compliant -proposed response to be 'NO'

P: Cllr Smither S: Cllr Ryan In Fav: Unanimous

That the Plan is Sound – proposed response to be 'NO'

P: Cllr Smither S: Cllr Ryan In Fav: Unanimous

That the Plan is Compliant with the duty to co-operate – response to be 'YES'

P: Cllr Gill S: Cllr Bullen In Fav: Unanimous

Comment Boxes 7 & 8

Proposed that the Council does consider it necessary to participate in the hearing as the modifications requested are due to grave mapping inaccuracies. P: Cllr Smither S: Cllr Bullen In Fav: Unanimous

160.Close of Meeting and announcement of next meeting:

The meeting closed at 20.11 hrs, with the Chairman thanking all who had attended.

The next meeting of the Full Council will be held at Clavering Village Hall on Monday 14th October 2024 at 7.30pm.

Signed: S. W. Gill Dated: 14th October 2024
Chairman