



Broomfield Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Broomfield Parish Council held in Broomfield Village Hall on Wednesday 10th July 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

24/62	Members attending. Chair: Cllr Bowman, Cllrs Thomson, Perera-Morris, Blake, Faulds, Travis, Boreham, Howell, Taylor and Odelana. Also present, Clerk, Mark Hembury. Resolved. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Barnes, Blkeet and Scott. Proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Perera-Morris. All in agreement.
24/63	Declarations of interests None received.
24/64	To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th June 2024. Resolved. The minutes of the Full Council meeting of 12th June 2024 are accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Perera-Morris and seconded by Cllr Boreham. All in agreement.
24/65	Public Question Time. None
24/66	To receive a report from the County Council for items not on the agenda. The following report was provided by Councillor Steel – Member Led Highway Defects Of the 13 carriageway defects submitted in my April batch, all but one have been completed. My May submission was mainly pavements, but did include the sunken drains on the RDR. These are waiting to be scheduled. In June, I submitted 2 carriageway defects, 2 pavement defects (including In total I have submitted 45 defects, and 18 have been completed. Pylons City Council: Because of purdah, the City Council response to the NGET consultation which should have been discussed at the 11th June Policy Board, was delegated to CEO. However, I requested that this should be reviewed at a meeting which included public, and it will now be on the agenda of the 9th July cabinet Meeting. I have contributed to the City Council response, and can say that it fully represents all the concerns raised by residents of my ECC division where 10 of my 11 Parishes are affected, and is robust in its opposition. However, it would be helpful if residents attend the meeting to make their feelings known: In summary – it is proposed that the City Council maintains an objection in principle to the use of onshore pylons and power lines. • This objection is because insufficient evidence has been provided to show that the powerlines are needed by 2030 and that the accelerated programme of consultation has taken the project outside of the scope for Holistic Network Design (HND) as part of the Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR). • The preferred strategic option for Norwich to Tilbury remains an integrated offshore technology that minimises onshore transmission infrastructure and does not include overhead lines and pylons.

- Notwithstanding the overall objection in principle, the City Council provides comments on the proposed alignment and raises concerns over the harmful landscape impacts, potential for harm to residential amenity and in particular the harm to designated heritage assets along the route.
- There is significant concern regarding the impacts on designated and non - designated heritage assets at Little Waltham and Great Waltham, where the route passes between the two historic villages.
- There is also significant concern that the archaeological remains of an Iron Age and later settlement at Ash Tree Corner at Little Waltham extends beyond the designated scheduled monument area. This area, extending into the order limits, may be of national significance and therefore further work is needed to determine the extent of the archaeology.
- Insufficient effort has been provided to mitigate the impact of the Project (particularly on heritage assets) and insufficient information has been provided to be able to properly assess the likely impacts of the Project and mitigation proposed.

City Council issues

ICBs and Primary Care:

I have met with the NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) several times to raise concerns about primary care roll out not keeping up with the build of new houses. It has become apparent that this is a problem caused by the ICB not having a strategic plan for provision of primary care services, and even where they have requested S106 planning contributions, these have not been sufficient and have not been claimed. It appears there are contributions going back 10 years that have not been claimed, and will be returned to the developers at the 10th anniversary.

Therefore, I have proposed a motion to the 17th July Chelmsford City Council for our planning dept to do more to get the ICBs to step up.

I recognise that this is not a Chelmsford City Council caused problem, but we cannot just continue building more houses whilst Primary Care lags behind.

Education and Highways have this under control, and make all the right demands and negotiate appropriate timescales for delivery with City Council. But the ICB, do not have this under control.

I realise that this is a bit of a punt, as I am pushing City Council, who are not the cause of the issue. But we cannot continue to ignore the lag between the accelerated housing provision in Chelmsford, and the provision of primary care services.

The motion is copied below:

MOTION TO COUNCIL

Proposed b Cllr Mike Steel, seconded by Cllr Roy Whitehaed:

There is continuing concern that there are insufficient medical facilities in Chelmsford to cope with the increase in the City's population and all Political Parties highlighted this in their recent election literature.

Whilst it is the duty of the Integrated Care Boards to deal with the provision of medical services, and in particular GP surgeries, the City Council is currently consulting on the Local Plan to further increase the housing supply which will in turn increase the pressure on these facilities.

	Officers from the City Council do liaise with the ICB on planning matters and in particular on the major new housing sites but they are only able to advise the ICB of developments Whilst our Planning Officers are able to negotiate S106 and CIL for provision and timing of physical buildings, the real outcome of a surgery being ready to operate, is being delayed because of the complex requirements of setting them up as businesses. It is clear that there is an ever increasing shortfall between new builds and primary care services. City Council Planning dept can only place obligations on the applicants, hence they are limited such things as the buildings from which a surgery would operate. It is noted that City Council planning dept do include healthcare infrastructure requirements in the Local Plan and engage with the ICB on the Infrastructure Delivery Plans that support the Local Plan and that officers are invited to the Healthcare Providers Strategic Estates Group organised by the ICB. However, these are not resulting in satisfactory outcomes with surgery provision not keeping pace with new occupations. It is therefore proposed that The City Council works much more closely with the ICB to create better outcome plans and commitments by: 1. Expand Local Plan Information delivery plans to include primary care delivery outcomes. 2. Encourage ICBs to use such plans to increase their funding requirements on S106 and CIL to ensure that sufficient monies are obtained from developers to cover all of the costs of new healthcare facilities.
24/67	To receive a report from City Council for items not on the agenda. See agenda item 24/66
24/68	Correspondence None received.
24/69	Consultations None received.
24/70	To receive reports from Councillors on outside bodies. Local Highways Panel – see agenda item 24/66 Woollards Charity – Cllr Faulds reported that a application form has been designed and a number of new applicatioins are being dealt with.

	Broomfield Hospital liaison – Cllr Blake stated that we now have a link as reported at the last meeting, but no update at this time. Nothing has been heard from the Estates Manager re the pylons. Football Sports Clubs – No update. Elderly Care Homes – The new care home behind the hospital has been visited and the manager is now a volunteer on a Wednesday at coffee morning. Transport – Councillor Thomson reported that timetables for the X10/X30 are still wrong. An online meeting has been advertised but the date is unclear – either 18th or 19th July, clarification is being sought. If members have anything they would like to raise, please pass to her. A request for a replacement bus shelter at Patching Hall Lane will be raised. Schools – Councillor Bowman has sent a list of possible dates to Chelmer Valley High School regarding a slot at a Council meeting, awaiting a response. Police – No report. North West Parishes Group – Councillor Blake reported that the Group had presented a joint submission for the Chelmsford City Council Local Plan Review. Further work is being done on the pylons, but there have been no formal meetings.
24/71	To note financial reports for June 2024 To approve the bank statement and reconciliation for June 2024 To note cashbook, income and expenditure for June 2024. To note salary payments for June 2024. It was agreed that due to staff sickness, the financial reports are not yet complete and will be deferred to the next Council meeting in September. The salary figures and bank statement were noted.
24/72	The Village Hall Charity has reduced its available balance on its current account to a level where there is the potential at the beginning of each month to be unable to pay bills until due income from hirers is received. To assist with this cash flow issue, a grant of £5000.00 is requested by the Village Hall Charity. Resolved. The Parish Council approves of a loan of £5000 to the Village Hall Charity and the continued necessity of the loan will be reviewed in September.
24/73	To review the Council Safeguarding policy. Resolved. Subject to including the name of the Safeguarding lead, eliminating acronyms and making the Council Chairman the point of contact in a complaint against the Safeguarding lead, the Safeguarding Policy was approved. Proposed by Cllr. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Travis. All in agreement.
24/74	To review the Council Freedom of Information Act policy. Resolved. The Council approves the Freedom of the Information Act policy. Proposed by Cllr. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Perera-Morris. All in agreement.
24/75	To review the Council Lone Worker policy. Following a discussion, it was agreed that further work needs to be done on the contents of the policy before it can be brought back to a meeting for consideration.
24/76	National Grid is undertaking a consultation process into its plan for the erection of pylons from Norwich to Tilbury. The Parish Council is asked to consider its response to this consultation process. Cllr. Blake stated that he was aware there were a range of opinions within the Council and any response agreed would not keep everyone happy. A summary was given of the previous document circulated to members. Cllr. Blake stated that he would include a recommendation to move the pylon that is planned for the archaeological site. Cllr. Howell suggested that a recommendation be included to increase the compensation available to farmers who would

	lose access to part of their land. It was then agreed to delegate the response to the consultation to the Planning Committee, who would need to arrange an additional meeting to deal with this matter.
24/77	Clerk's Update. The Clerk reported that the King's Arms will be re-opening on the 29 th July. A reminder was given to all members of the Suymmer Fair to be held on Sunday 21 st July – volunteers to help are needed as well as donations of various items. Donna Hance has been successful in securing a fgrant of £18,000 for a chemical toilet for the allotment site.
24/78	To note minutes from the following Committees:
24/78.1	Finance and Personnel Committee – noted at the April Council meeting.
24/78.2	Environment Committee – draft minutes from 19 ^h June. These were noted.
24/78.3	Property & Planning Committee – draft minutes from 3 rd July. These were noted.
24/78.4	Communications Committee – Cllr. Bowman stated that the Communications Committee would be meeting again in September
24/78.5	School Lane Working Group – No update.
24/79	Matters for the next meeting Review of the Policies and Procedures exercise. Financial records for June. Infrastructure Plan The meeting concluded at 8.41 p.m.