

CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

held on Monday 7th February 2005

PRESENT Councillor C.H. Spruytenburg, Deputy Mayor (presiding)

Councillor V.M. Abraham	Councillor Mrs. P.R. Lindsley
" A.K. Bacon	" Mrs S.M. McEwan
" E.L. Bamford	" Mrs A.M. Pirouet
" N.L. Brown	" Mrs. P.R. Wilkinson, MBE
" M. Fayyaz	" P. Woodburn

Officer: Mr W. Richards, Town Clerk

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors, M.Z. Bhatti, Ms J.E. Bramwell, D.J. Lacey Mrs M. Molesworth, P.J. Murphy and P.W. Yerrell

106. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest that were brought to the Deputy Mayor's notice.

107. **MINUTES**

It was

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on Monday 17th January 2005, be confirmed and signed by the Deputy Mayor as a true record.

108. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered all planning applications received from Chiltern District Council since the last meeting of the Committee and made comments and observations thereon as set out on the attached schedule.

109. **DECISION NOTICES**

The Committee noted the Decision Notices received from Chiltern District Council since the last meeting of the Committee as set out on the attached schedule.

110. **RESPONSE TO LONDON UNDERGROUND CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO SERVICE**

Members considered London Underground's plans to withdraw the Chesham peak through train service to and from central London and replace it with an enhanced shuttle service between Chesham and Chalfont and Latimer. Members who were present at the London Underground public meeting held at the Town Hall on 1st February 2005, advised the Committee on the strength of feeling against the changes expressed by the vast majority of the underground users who

participated in the extremely well attended presentation and question and answer session. It was agreed the Council should support the views expressed at the meeting and, while welcoming the commitment to keep Chesham Station open for at least ten years, emphasise to London Underground the impact the withdrawal of the through train would have on increasing local traffic; the particular inconvenience for disabled travellers who had to alight at Chalfont and Latimer and the general negative impact upon the town. It was also agreed that the Town Clerk be instructed to make representations to Buckinghamshire County Council Transportation officers expressing the Committee's concerns on the likely increases in local road travel if the through train is withdrawn.

The Committee agreed it was important to respond as a body and accordingly it was

RESOLVED

the Town Clerk be requested to write to London Underground reflecting the views of the Council expressed at the meeting as part of the consultation process.

111. **RENUMBERING OF HOUSES IN CAMERON ROAD**

The Committee noted with dismay that existing residents in Cameron Road may be required to renumber their houses to accommodate five new homes to be built by Try Homes Developers. Members were advised that Chiltern District Council was proposing to request that the developers pay for all costs incurred by the residents in instigating notification of change of address. It was considered by the Committee that this is somewhat of an unsatisfactory solution and possible that the developers would not accede to such a request. Accordingly it was

RESOLVED

that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Post Office, Try Homes and Chiltern District Council expressing the Council's concerns over the current position and suggest that the five new homes be numbered 1A-E to avoid the necessity of number changes for existing residents.

112. **AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Councillor Woodburn presented a brief verbal report on the matters arising from the Buckinghamshire County Council Area Local Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2005. The following issues were particularly brought to Members' notice:

- Special Parking Area (SPA) on schedule to be operational in May.
- No date set as yet for public consultation on the Area 10 Speed Limit Review.
- The Sunnyside Road one-way system to be operational in a fortnight.
- The Mount Nugent road narrowing scheme to commence in March.
- High Street block paving replacement to be undertaken, starting end of March until early May.
- Buckinghamshire County Council is considering the possibility of installing a footway either at Chartridge Lane or Latimer Road through the Delegated Budget Scheme but the Deansway parking scheme would be unlikely to be considered until the SPA and associated Traffic Regulation Orders were operational.

113. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

The items presented in Information Sheet No. 23 were received and noted.

114. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN

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