

FELSTED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting Tuesday 18th May 2021 on-line at 6 pm

Attending: Councillors Richard Freeman (Chairman), Andy Bennett, Alec Fox, Graham Harvey, Penny Learmonth and Roy Ramm. In attendance Clare Schorah - Assistant Clerk

1. Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Roy Ramm, seconded by Cllr Alec Fox and unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Richard Freeman as Chairman of the Planning Committee.

2. Apologies for Absence

There were no Apologies for absence

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Graham Harvey declared a prejudicial interest in application UTT/21/1511/HHF / UTT/21/1512/LB Peartree Farm Mole Hill Green and stated that he would remove himself from the meeting when the matter was discussed.

4. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the April meeting were formally approved. They will be signed when the Planning Committee next physically meet.

6. New Applications to be considered

[UTT/21/1511/HHF](#) / [UTT/21/1512/LB](#)

Peartree Farm Mole Hill Green

Demolition of modern extensions, removal of modern staircase and construction of new single storey extension.

Comment: Felsted Parish Council objects to this proposed development. It believes that the design does not enhance or respect the original dwelling. It fully accepts that the existing, probably early or mid-20th century additions do not compliment the original dwelling but consider that the applied for alternatives are also, in both size and style, unsympathetic and the scale of the proposed extensions are so dominant that the original listed dwelling becomes subservient. The Parish Council believes that a more imaginative design which respects the listed building is needed.

[UTT/21/1633/LB](#)

Straits Farm Dunmow Road Stebbing

Proposed replacement external windows and doors

No Comment

7. Decisions received since 16th March

[UTT/21/0637/LB](#) / [UTT/21/0636/HHF](#)

Sewards House Stebbing Road

Proposed landscaping works including relocation of oil tank and internal alterations including change to rear fenestration including deepening of window within brickwork wall panel.

Application Withdrawn 4th May 2021

[UTT/21/1061/LB](#)

Brook Cottage Gransmore Green Lane

Proposed replacement of existing windows, internal alterations, and partially re-build existing garage

Permission Granted 10th May 2021

[UTT/21/0895/FUL](#)

RTF Commercial Ltd Willows Green

Demolition of existing office, and the erection of a two storey replacement/addition to existing workshop

Permission Granted 13th May 2021

[UTT/21/0881/HHF](#)

Loreley Bannister Green

Proposed two story and single storey extensions, alterations, landscaping and enlargement of private drive.

Permission Granted 12th May 2021

8. Appeals Update

[UTT/19/3091/FUL](#)

Appeal ref: APP/C1570/W/20/3263184

Land to the West of Chelmsford Road Felsted Essex

Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for 5 gypsy families, each with two caravans including laying of hardstanding, erection of 3 utility buildings and construction of access.

The Planning Committee has prepared a response for this Appeal, and it was noted that the Appeal had not started yet.

9. Solar farm pre-application presentation

Cllr Andy Bennett attended a virtual meeting about Pre-Application enquiries across UDC for Solar Farms on the 16th May 2021 and gave an update on the presentation to the Committee.

It was noted that an application had been made to Uttlesford District Council (UDC) for a Request for a screening opinion for - Erection of a Solar Photovoltaic Farm with a capacity not to exceed 49.9MW of energy, with associated battery storage and supporting infrastructure including inverters and a transformer, fencing, CCTV installation and landscaping works at the Land East Of School Road And Main Road Felsted (UTT/21/1671/SCO).

The Committee will pay attention to developments in this area, in particular the response from UDC to application UTT/21/1671/SCO, and will discuss the issue with the whole Parish Council at a Full Parish Council Meeting when there is more information available.

10. Stansted Expansion Appeal

It was noted that the Stansted Expansion Appeal Process finished on 12th March and the results will follow in due course.

11. Draft Local Plan - Uttlesford DC

The Assistant Clerk has commented upon the following consultation topics with responses agreed by the committee.

1. Where I live
2. Character and Heritage
3. Climate Change
4. Transport
5. Healthy Lifestyles
6. Biodiversity
7. Local Economy
8. Homes
9. Creating New Places and Communities

It was noted that the Parish Council had not yet received any feedback on Call for Sites.

Draft Local Plan Braintree DC

Braintree District Council, by decision at the meeting of Full Council on Monday 22nd February 2021, has formally adopted the Braintree District Local Plan 2013-2033 Section 1 North Essex Authorities Shared Strategic Section 1 Plan.

12. Other Urgent Planning Business and Future Dates

The Committee agreed on a response to the email from the planning officer responsible for application UTT/19/2118/OP Land East and North of Clifford Smith Drive for 41 dwellings requesting information about the proposed housing mix.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 15th June at 6pm

..... Chairman

15 June 2021

Residents wishing to make comments on Planning Applications or view other comments submitted can go to the Uttlesford District Council Website:
<https://publicaccess.uttlesford.gov.uk/online-applications>

To find out more about Appeals please go to the Planning Inspectorate Website:
<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>