

# Minutes

## Planning Committee

22nd December 2015



### Present

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
J Abbott	Yes	Lady Newton	Apologies
R Bolton	Yes	J O'Reilly-Cicconi	Yes (from 7.22pm)
Mrs L Bowers-Flint	Yes	Mrs I Parker	Yes
P Horner	Yes (from 7.22pm)	R Ramage	Apologies
H Johnson	Yes	Mrs W Scattergood (Chairman)	Yes
S Kirby	Yes	Mrs G Spray	Yes
D Mann	Yes		

Councillor P Schwier was also in attendance.

### 60 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**INFORMATION:** The following interests were declared:-

Councillor Mrs W Scattergood, the Chairman of the Planning Committee, declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 15/01260/FUL - land at Street Farm, The Street, Ashen on behalf of those Members of the Committee who knew Mr N McCrea, the applicant.

Councillor R Bolton declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 15/01260/FUL - land at Street Farm, The Street, Ashen as Mr N McCrea, the applicant and the applicant's agent, who was a former employee of Braintree District Council, were known to him.

Councillor Mrs L Bowers-Flint declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 15/01260/FUL - land at Street Farm, The Street, Ashen as Mr N McCrea, the applicant was known to her as the Chairman of the local Conservative Association and the applicant's agent, who was speaking during Question Time, was known to her as a former employee of Braintree District Council. Councillor Mrs Bowers-Flint declared a non-pecuniary interest also in Application No. 15/00914/FUL - Highview, Church Street, Great Maplestead as the applicant's agent was known to her as a former employee of Braintree District Council.

Councillor H Johnson declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 15/01260/FUL - land at Street Farm, The Street, Ashen as Mr N McCrea, the applicant was known to him as a member of the local Conservative Association.

Councillor S Kirby declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 15/01260/FUL - land at Street Farm, The Street, Ashen as Mr N McCrea, the applicant was known to him.

Councillor Kirby declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Application No. 15/00914/FUL - Highview, Church Street, Great Maplestead as the applicant was his wife's employer and was known to him. Councillor Kirby left the meeting whilst this application was discussed and determined.

Councillor D Mann declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 15/01260/FUL - land at Street Farm, The Street, Ashen as the applicant's agent, who was speaking during Question Time, was known to him as a former employee of Braintree District Council. Councillor Mann declared a non-pecuniary interest also in Application No. 15/00914/FUL - Highview, Church Street, Great Maplestead as the applicant's agent was known to him as a former employee of Braintree District Council.

Councillor J O'Reilly-Cicconi declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 15/01260/FUL - land at Street Farm, The Street, Ashen as Mr N McCrea, the applicant was known to him as a former elected Member of Braintree District Council and the applicant's agent, who was speaking during Question Time, was known to him as a former employee of Braintree District Council.

Councillor Mrs W Scattergood declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No. 15/01260/FUL - land at Street Farm, The Street, Ashen as Mr N McCrea, the applicant was known to her and the applicant's agent, who was speaking during Question Time, was known to her as a former employee of Braintree District Council. Councillor Mrs Scattergood declared a non-pecuniary interest also in Application No. 15/00914/FUL - Highview, Church Street, Great Maplestead as the applicant was known to her and the applicant's agent was known to her as a former employee of Braintree District Council.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Councillors remained in the meeting, unless stated otherwise, and took part in the discussion when the applications were considered.

## 61 **MINUTES**

**DECISION:** That the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 24th November 2015 and 8th December 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 62 **QUESTION TIME**

**INFORMATION:** There were four statements made. Details of the people who spoke at the meeting are contained in the Appendix to these Minutes.

Principally, these Minutes record decisions taken only and, where appropriate, the reasons for the decisions.

## 63 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED**

Planning Application No. 15/01368/FUL - The Hollies, Church Road, Greenstead Green was determined en bloc.

**DECISION:** That the undermentioned planning applications be approved under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, including Listed Building Consent where appropriate, subject to the conditions and reasons contained in the Development Manager's report, as amended below. Details of these planning applications are contained in the Register of Planning Applications.

<b><u>Plan No.</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Applicant(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Development</u></b>
*15/00914/FUL (APPROVED)	Great Maplestead	Mrs P Hennessey	Replacement dwelling for Highview and erection of 2 no. dwellings, Highview, Church Street.

The Committee approved this application, subject to the addition of an Information to Applicant as follows:-

### **Information to Applicant**

It is requested that the drainage systems to be installed should have a warning system to reduce the risk of overflow and pollution to neighbouring properties.

Councillor Martin Elms, representing Great Maplestead Parish Council, attended the meeting and spoke against this application.

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*15/01368/FUL (APPROVED)	Greenstead Green	Mr K Rogers and Mrs A Monk	Erection of single storey side extension, The Hollies, Church Road.

## 64 **SECTION 106 AGREEMENT**

<b><u>Plan No.</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Applicant(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Development</u></b>
*15/01260/FUL (APPROVED)	Ashen	Mr Nigel and Mrs Susan McCrea	Erection of two detached dwellings, land at Street Farm, The Street.

**DECISION:** That, subject to the applicant entering into a suitable legal agreement pursuant to Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to secure the payment of a financial contribution of £20,000 for the provision of off-

site affordable housing and the payment of a financial contribution of £4,598.40 for the provision of public open space locally, the Development Manager be authorised to grant planning permission for the above development in accordance with the approved plans and the conditions and reasons set out in the report. Alternatively, in the event that a suitable planning obligation is not agreed, the Development Manager be authorised to refuse planning permission. Details of this planning application are contained in the Register of Planning Applications.

Councillor Colin Hainsworth, representing Ashen Parish Council, attended the meeting and spoke against this application.

## 65 **PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT APPEAL DECISIONS – NOVEMBER 2015**

**INFORMATION:** Consideration was given to a report, for information, on planning and enforcement appeal decisions received during November 2015. The report included a summary of each case and a précis of the decision.

**DECISION:** That the report be noted.

### Next Meeting

The Chairman announced that the next meeting of the Planning Committee scheduled for 5th January 2016 had been cancelled.

PLEASE NOTE: The full list of standard conditions and reasons can be viewed at the office of the Development Manager, Council Offices, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree, Essex CM7 9HB.

(Where applications are marked with an \* this denotes that representations were received and considered by the Committee).

At the close of the meeting the Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Councillor Mrs W Scattergood  
(Chairman)

APPENDIX  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Details of Questions Asked / Statements Made During Public Question Time

- 1 Statements Relating to Application No. 15/01260/FUL - Land at Street Farm, The Street, Ashen
  - (i) Statement by Mr Jim Butler, Applebee House, The Street, Ashen (Objector)
  - (ii) Statement by Mr Neil Hendry, Longways Cottage, The Street, Ashen (Objector)
  - (iii) Statement by Mr Paul Munson, PMunson Planning, 18 Abercorn Way, Witham (Agent)
- 2 Statement Relating to Application No. 15/00914/FUL – Highview, Church Street, Great Maplestead

Statement by Mrs Pauline Hennessey, Library Cottage, Monks Lodge Road, Great Maplestead (Applicant)