

**Minutes of the meeting of the
PLANNING COMMITTEE
held on Monday 20th September 2021 at 8:20pm
at the Rochford Day Centre, 33a Back Lane, Rochford**

Councillors present: Chairman Mrs M Weir, S May, R Patient & M Strubel.

Also present: Cllr R Gardner Mrs L Dalby.

PL 21/18 Receive apologies for absence:
Apologies were received from Cllr T Manyika.

PL 21/19 Declarations of any:
a) **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest;**
b) **Other Pecuniary Interest; or**
c) **Non-Pecuniary Interest**
on any matter on the agenda for 20th September 2021:
Members made no declarations or any change in their Register of Members' Interests.

PL 21/20 Public Forum:
No members of the public were present.

PL 21/21 Approve Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 13th September 2021:
It was **resolved** that Members approve Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 13th September 2021.

PL 21/22 Consider response to Rochford District Council (RDC) Spatial Options Consultation:
Cllr R Patient expressed his personal view that it was disturbing that the Clerk had not attended an informal meeting. He had been aware the Clerk did not work on the day of the informal meeting, but he had expected a reorganisation of her working week. He thanked the Chairman for documenting the meeting points from that evening. Chairman Mrs M Weir also thanked Cllr Mrs L Dalby for her written contribution following the meeting. The Clerk reminded Cllr R Patient a Clerk was not required to attend informal meetings and the matter was for Members to consider, not Officers. Members had been unable to formulate a response at the previous meeting due to time being limited so they had agreed to meet informally to discuss a response. It was noted minutes were not expected from the informal meeting; the Clerk pointed out the urgency for a response and asked that Cllr Patient move on from his personal grievance so Members could focus on the response that evening. It was noted it was thanks to the Clerk that Members had been given a week's extension for a response as they had not been able to formulate one in time and that she had also been instrumental in ensuring there had been a public consultation event for Hawkwell residents. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for keeping her regularly updated about the meetings and deadlines, noting she would not have been aware of the meetings had it not been for the Clerk.
Members went through questions 31-67 and agreed a response for each one.

Cllr R Patient left the meeting at 9:22pm.

The Clerk recorded Members' comments and would compile a final formal response for Members to review by the end of the week. It was noted Members' final comments/revisions would be required by Monday 27th October 2021 to allow the Clerk to make the final submission by email.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:41pm

Chairman

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