

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
HELD ON**

25 November 2009

7.30pm – 9.03pm

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

Tony Hall (Chairman)

Joel Charles (Vice Chairman)

Maggie Hulcoop

Chris Millington

Clive Souter

APOLOGIES

Eddie Johnson

Lorna Spenceley

SUBSTITUTES

Lesley Rideout (for Lorna Spenceley)

Sue Livings (for Eddie Johnson)

52. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

53. **NON-CONTENTIOUS**

RESOLVED that the following items would be taken as non-contentious business:

- (i) Agenda item 5 - Parking Standards
- (ii) Agenda item 6 – Green Spaces Strategy

54. **TRO REPORT**

The Committee received a report on (1) the outcome of consultation to introduce permit parking at Sherwood House underground garages, Stow Depot car park and the garage forecourt at the rear of Jenner House and (2) to seek approval to commence statutory consultation on the possible introduction of new traffic orders in Park Lane and Seeleys, Tumbler Road and Hamstel Road.

The Committee received representations from the public in respect of proposals for The Stow and Old Harlow.

Arising from a discussion about proposals for Old Harlow, the Committee noted the request from Officers that proposals for additional on street parking (outlined in Appendix H) be for resident permit parking and not business permit parking as detailed in paragraph 11 (d) of the report.

RESOLVED

- (a) to introduce permit parking at Sherwood House underground garages, garage forecourt at the rear of Sewell Harris Close and the Stow and that the necessary traffic orders be implemented.
- (b) to carry out further consultation at the Stow with a view to introducing on street residents parking scheme.
- (c) to introduce permit parking at Old Harlow as (amended by paragraphs a-c of the report) and that the necessary traffic orders be implemented.
- (d) that Officers submit to Essex County Council detailed proposals for on street resident parking (as shown in Appendix H) and report back to the Committee in January 2010.
- (e) to carry out public consultation on the possible introduction of residents parking permit areas Park Lane and Seeleys for the reasons set out in paragraph 13 of the report.
- (f) to carry out public consultation on the possible introduction of an additional parking restriction at the junction of Tumbler Road and Traceys Road for the reason set out in paragraph 14 of the report.
- (g) to carry out public consultation on the possible introduction of additional parking restrictions at Hamstel Road for the reasons set out in paragraph 15 of the report.

55. **PARKING STANDARDS – DESIGN & GOOD PRACTICE**

The Committee received a report on Essex County Council's revisions to parking standards for Essex.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the Parking Standards: Design and Good Practice, September 2009 (attached to the report) be adopted.

56. **GREEN SPACES STRATEGY**

The Committee received an updated Green Spaces Strategy and Action Plan.

As this item was taken as non-contentious, no matters were raised for amendment and therefore no delegation of authority to the Assistant Chief Executive was required.

RESOLVED to adopt the Green Spaces Strategy and Action Plan as Council policy with the amendments to Open Space, Sport and Recreation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) as set out in the report.

57. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE