

**Minutes of the meeting of the Clare Town Council Planning Committee
held in The Old School Community Centre at 7.00pm
on Tuesday 2nd December 2014**

Present: Cllrs. K Haisman, M Godwin and P Gryce
Claire Ebeling – Clerk

1 Apologies for absence – None

2 To receive declarations of members' interests and consider requests for dispensation
None
Section of the meeting open to the public:

3 Public Participation
None
End of public section of the meeting

4 To approve minutes of previous meeting on 13th November 2014
Approved unanimously.

5 Matters arising from the minutes – None.

6 To discuss matters arising not on this agenda

The Clerk reported receipt of a notification from Braintree District Council regarding a planning application for a 5MW solar farm at Paines Manor Farm, Belchamp Road, Pentlow. It was agreed that the response be 1) that the solar farm should not be visible from a scheduled ancient monument including Clare Castle Country Park and 2) that transportation should avoid the centre of Clare and Ashen Road bridge (being restricted access). Cllr. Godwin to send response.

The Clerk reported an enquiry from CLASP regarding a vulnerable resident/cascade scheme. Cllr. Gryce will contact the Secretary of CLASP and liaise with a view to producing an item for the next Chevron to attract volunteers. The Clerk will also consult Lizzi Cocker for any information she may be able to provide.

**Cllr.
Gryce,
Clerk**

7 Planning applications:

a) DC/14/2154/TCA – Havebury Housing, Erbury Place – Prune Swedish Whitebeam to clear phone lines - The application is not considered contentious. It was agreed that it would be good tree management and the Committee agreed unanimously to approve the application on behalf of Clare Town Council.

Clerk

8 To receive a report on current items being tracked/planning issues for the future.

The Clerk reported that she had received confirmation from St Edmundsbury Borough Council that the Hastoe development will be named Aragon Court, as suggested by the Town Council.

Cllr. Godwin reported that meetings are scheduled locally to discuss the purchase and use of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) and that some Section 106 funding has been earmarked for Clare to pay for such signs.

Following the discharge of conditions for the installation of the wind turbine in Chilton Street, Cllr. Godwin proposed that the Town Council arrange some communication regarding the possibility of TV interference. It was agreed that the information should be provided to parishioners via Chevron (in January) and possibly the press with details of the procedure for reporting such interference.

9 To discuss Neighbourhood Planning

Following a review of the information provided by St Edmundsbury Borough Council on Neighbourhood Plans, the Committee discussed some concerns about the cost of creating a plan and the restrictive nature of its impact. It was agreed that it would not be appropriate to go ahead with such a large project at the present time and that it should be raised next year for the Town Council to consider as part of a fresh 4 Year Plan.

10. To receive agenda items for next meeting.

To consider current items (including planning applications received).

To receive a report on long-term items being tracked and on planning issues for the future

To discuss Emergency Planning and a vulnerable residents scheme.

11 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 15th January 2015 at 6pm.

Confirmed.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm