

**MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

Held in the Conference Room, Epping Hall, on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 6pm.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr C Burgess (Deputy Town Mayor)  
Cllr N Avey Cllr S Baker Cllr H Pegrum  
Cllr G Scruton Cllr M-L Whitbread Cllr M Wright

**OFFICER:** Beverley Rumsey (Town Clerk)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr L Burrows, Cllr H Whitbread

**468 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B Scruton (Town Mayor), Cllr R Griffiths, Cllr J Duffell, Cllr C McCredie and Cllr J Whitehouse.

In the absence of Cllr B Scruton (Town Mayor), the meeting was chaired by Cllr C Burgess (Deputy Town Mayor).

**469 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr H Pegrum declared a pecuniary (negative) interest in agenda item 5 Epping Neighbourhood Plan as is a tenant of the land at South Epping.

Epping Town Council have a pecuniary (negative) interest in agenda item 5 Epping Neighbourhood Plan, as they manage Brook Road recreation ground in the South Epping area..

**470 DISPENSATIONS**

Cllr H Pegrum requested a dispensation from Council in relation to agenda Item 5 Epping Neighbourhood Plan, to enable him to participate in the discussion regarding the overall Neighbourhood Plan.

Council granted Cllr H Pegrum this dispensation, due to his extensive local knowledge. He remained in the meeting, participated in the discussion, but did not vote. The dispensation was recorded in the appropriate legislative manner.

**471 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions or comments.

**472 EPPING TOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr S Baker entered here.

Council discussed Epping Town's Neighbourhood Plan, as per **Attachment A**.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- (i) The statutory basis for this item be **NOTED** as the Localism Act 2011;

- (ii) Epping Town Neighbourhood Plan was APPROVED to progress to Epping Forest District Council (EFDC) and then subject to any EFDC amendments, on to examination and referendum.
- (iii) The following amendments would be made:  
P14 above average playground provision

Page 14: Play at Stonards Hill, Coopersale / Lower Swaines, Frampton Road and Parklands. However, access to play facilities in the town can only be described as "average," and some additional provision would be desirable.

Remove the line in yellow and amend to are above average

P33 welcome the leisure centre and the sports centre staying until the leisure centre is provided/open

Page 33: • the retention of the Epping Sports Centre until a replacement facility is provided in Epping,

Amend to: • the retention of the Epping Sports Centre until the replacement facility is provided in Epping (which has now been agreed)

#### **CLOSURE**

The Chair of the meeting, Cllr C Burgess, closed the meeting at 5.40pm.

**Signature of Chairman**

**Date**