

Minutes of the Meeting of Terling and Fairstead Parish Council held on 27th April 2011 at 7.00pm at Terling Village Hall

Present: Mrs S McNamara (Chairman)
Mrs P Bird
Mrs A Anderson
Mr I Smith
Mrs S Alder
Mr D White
Mr C Cutler
Mr R Dixon
Mr T Lewis
Mr L Sime
Mrs J Halfhide (Clerk)
19 members of the public

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Apologies for absence: none.

11.186 Meeting Open to the Public

Representatives of the Pub Working Group gave the results of the recent ballot to determine which proposed scheme for the future of The Rayleigh Arms the community favoured. These had not been detailed plans, but a means of establishing what the majority of the community wanted. 110 households had voted. There had been a good turn out of Terling residents, and a low turn out of Fairstead residents. 73 were in favour of proposal "C" which was for partial preservation of the existing building, with the Parish Council being gifted a pub. There was the possibility of relocating the village shop there and perhaps other community facilities for multi-functional use.

26 were in favour of "A" (function suite and boutique hotel) and 11 in favour of "B" (complete demolition of existing buildings).

The developer who has a legal charge on the property had been informed of the result and a meeting was being arranged to discuss further and to progress to determine whether he would be able to deliver a scheme based on proposal "C" which the Parish Council could support. The Chairman thanked the Working Group for arranging the ballot.

Members of the public then put forward their comments which were discussed at length.

The Chairman thanked all those present and commented that this now left the Parish Council in no doubt about what the majority of the community wanted, which had been an important step forward.

11.187 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2011 were unanimously approved. It was proposed by TL and seconded by AA that the Chairman should sign a copy of the minutes as a true and accurate record.

11.188 Declaration of Interests

None.

11.189 The Rayleigh Arms Development

Further to the Working Group's engagement with the community it was unanimously agreed that the Working Group should now be asked to engage with the developer or any other interested parties with a view to the delivery of proposal "C". It was agreed that the Parish Council should now support what the community had expressed it wanted. The Chairman had been in contact with The Pub is the Hub and she felt they would be able to give further advice. The Chairman thanked LS for all her hard work.

LS

11.190 Approval for the Purchase of Reference Guides

The Clerk sought approval for the purchase of Local Council Administration 8th Edition by Charles Arnold-Baker £52.50 plus postage and packing and Local Councils Clerk's Guide

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by Bill Claydon £14.90. Proposed by DW and seconded by TL. Unanimously agreed.

11.191 **Planning Application**

11/00295/OUT Erection of two storey house, Norman House, Norman Hill, Terling.
As this outline application falls within the village envelope and conservation area the Planning Committee would meet to discuss a response. Concerns were raised about the proposed entrance and the proximity to Bramley Cottage bungalows. . This was felt to be a robust and competent application, other than the fact that there is no reference to flood protection.

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11.192 **Information Exchange / Next Agenda Items**

SM, DW, TL and LS had met with representatives from the Parish Paths Partnerships scheme.

IS confirmed he would be able to present the unaudited accounts to the Council on 17th May for approval.

There had been a number of complaints from the Community of antisocial behavior from the occupants of the Manager's Accommodation above the pub. The Clerk was asked to report the noise nuisance to Braintree District Council and to report the tenant's behavior with the letting agents.

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10.193 **Date of Forthcoming meeting**

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council: 7pm Tuesday 17th May, 2011, at Terling Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting: 7pm Tuesday 21st June at The Square & Compasses, Fuller Street

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.