

MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
HELD 25th NOVEMBER 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING

PRESENT - Councillor Josh Burns (In the Chair) and Councillors (Cllrs): June Burns, Carr, Carlsen, Carragher, Desmond, Ferguson, K & T Hughes, Lloyd, McKinley, J & Y Sayers and Sharp.

ALSO PRESENT – A. McIntyre (Town Clerk), P. Dillon (Community Services Manager), S. Lawrence (minutes), Edward & Philippa Landor (Landor Planning Consultants), Peter Dixon (Barrister) Public viewing via YouTube.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from Cllr Doherty.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** due to the Covid 19 pandemic public participation is by submission of comments or questions to the Council prior to the meeting commencing. None received.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of Full Council held on 30th September 2020 were approved as a correct record.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS DC/2020/01437:**

The major planning application was for a new Aldi food store to be situated on Northway with associated access, car parking, servicing and hard and soft landscaping following demolition of existing buildings, and outline permission for the erection of two drive thru restaurants. Town Clerk advised to resubmit previous response with any additional comments.

Comments made by Cllrs:

- Resubmit comments regarding; S106 payments requested and for works/improvements, Flooding, adding another set of lights could be confusing to drivers.
- Gather information from a third-party regarding wastewater to provide to the Aldi developer, they could be encouraged to have tanks on the roof to collect wastewater which have slow release.
- Suggestion to close the pedestrian crossing and only use the new crossing at the proposed site.

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- Noise could be an issue for local residents during the development phase, a proposal for screening around the site to ensure minimal noise.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Town Clerk to take resubmit questions/comments made by Cllrs to the planning authority.
2. Letter to be sent to all future developments asking for Section 106 payments;
3. The application be recommended for approval;
4. The application be noted.

6. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES FOR NOTING:

RESOLVED that the minutes of Amenities 23rd September 2020 and Community Services on 19th August 2020 be noted.

7. WEBSITE UPDATE:

Members were informed of the need to update the website so that it would be more responsive. The current website hosted by BOnline has proved to be increasingly difficult to modernise and update. The proposed website has an attractive and user friendly front page, with an easy to access menu that incorporates all the key areas that are the focus of public queries, and highlights the key meetings and events that are pending at a glance. Also includes a private area for Cllrs and staff allowing access to procedures and policy documents and enabling closed discussion areas. The new website also ensures that the Council is fully compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 AA standard. Members was encouraged to take part in upcoming training. The website to go 'live' in 30 days if agreed.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Council's website be updated to the proposed version;
2. The report be noted.

8. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND RETURN:

Members were informed that the external auditors had not yet responded to the Council regarding the Annual Return.

RESOLVED that this item be deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

9. LOW SECURE UNIT MAGHULL HEALTH PARK:

Members were asked to note the consultation for the low secure unit, Maghull Health Park.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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10. NALC CONSULTATION COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE:

Members are asked to note the consultation for NALC committee on standards in public life.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

11. MUNICIPAL CALENDER:

Members were asked to agree the municipal calendar for the year.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Council agreed the municipal calendar 20-2021.**
- 2. The report be noted.**

12. CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS:

Christmas tree: Members were asked to discuss options for a Christmas tree. Traditionally a Christmas tree has been erected in Maghull Square. However now the car park has been resurfaced etc this is no longer viable. KGV is suitable as electric supply has been installed previously.

Comments made by Cllrs:

- All in agreement to buy a Christmas tree bring the community together.
- Tree should be planted not bought and discarded.
- KGV should be the permanent place for the Christmas tree.

TH Christmas close down period: Members were asked to consider closing TH on Wednesday 23rd December for the Christmas period and returning after New Year's Day. Cllrs agreed to gift an extra annual leave day for 24th December 2020 and thanked all staff for their hard work during the pandemic.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. A Christmas tree be provided at KGV playing fields;**
- 2. The Council offices would be closed from 24th December 2020 until 4th January 2021;**
- 3. The report be noted.**

13. CHAIRS CLOSING COMMENTS:

The Chair thanked everyone for attending. A special Thank you to Cllrs Ken & Thomas Hughes for laying the wreath of remembrance.

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14. EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC:

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded due to confidential nature of the item under discussion. Live streaming ended.

15. LAND EAST OF MAGHULL – PLANNING INSPECTORATE HEARING UPDATE:

Members received an update regarding the progress of the Public Inquiry relating to the Appeal for the southern site on the Land East of Maghull. Members were informed of the key dates leading up to the Inquiry which was due to be held 15th – 18th December 2020.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Clerk's instruction of Counsel to represent the Council at the Public Inquiry be approved;
2. The Statement of Case, as drafted by MTC's Planning Consultants and agreed by Counsel be agreed by Council and forwarded to the Planning Inspector;
3. The representation from Maghull Town Council for case hearings and round table discussions would be the Town Clerk in conjunction with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council;
4. The report be noted.



CHAIRMAN