

MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
 Held at the Lawling Park Hall on
TUESDAY 26th July 2011 at 7.00pm
Present

Councillor Robinson (Chairman)
 Councillor Evans

Councillor Hawkes
 Councillor Oatham

In the Clerk's absence Cllr Robinson took the minutes.

40. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Spires, Cllr Massenhove, Cllr Lund

41. Code of Conduct Declaring an Interest

None

42. Public Discussion Session

No members of public were present

43. Planning

Consideration of applications for the council to make comment to the Planning Authority.

HOUSE/MAL/11/00537

Decked raised platform with timber balustrade around the annexe
 28 Steeple Road Mayland Essex CM3 6BB

4 objections:

- The Parish Council objects in principle to retrospective planning applications.

HOUSE/MAL/11/00477

Two storey extension and detached garage/carport
 The Laurels 23 Imperial Avenue Mayland

4 objections:

- The proposed extension is too large for the size of the existing house
- Development of this scale is out of keeping with the character of that part of the village
- This would create extra traffic in an already hazardous corner location
- This would place extra strain on the sewage system
- The description of a car port is misleading when in effect the building resembles an independently sited triple garage

This proposal is therefore contrary to policy BE6 of the adopted Maldon District Replacement Local Plan.

FUL/MAL/10/01070

Wind farm development consisting of seven three-bladed, horizontal axis wind turbines, each up to 126.5m maximum height to blade tip, with associated electricity transformers, underground cabling, access tracks, road widening works, crane hardstanding, control building, substation compound, communications mast and anemometry mast for a period of twenty five years. Also temporary works including a construction compound, laydown area, rotor assembly pads, turning heads, welfare facilities and four guyed anemometry masts.

Turncole Farm, The Marshes, Southminster, Essex.

4 objections:

- The proposed wind farm development would have a detrimental impact upon the character and quality of the local landscape which is recognised for its natural beauty and tranquillity as a Special Landscape Area. The landscape is also recognised for its ecological and conservation importance, particularly for its rich bird life including flagship species. This proposal is therefore contrary to policies CC6, CC7, BE1 and PU6 of the adopted Maldon District Replacement Local Plan.
- The proposed development would have a detrimental impact upon the living conditions of nearby residents and the wider area resulting in a loss of outlook to the detriment of visual amenity and potential noise and disturbance arising from the wind turbines and associated infrastructure.
The proposal is therefore contrary to policies BE1 and PU6 of the adopted Maldon District Replacement Local Plan.
- The proposed development would lead to vibrations, noise and disruption from the construction traffic using the local road networks to and from the site, particularly to Marsh Road, Burnham.
The local road network would be subject to an excessive increase in vehicle movements, particularly from heavy goods vehicles where the local road network to the site is narrow and restricted.
As a result the proposal would have a detrimental impact upon the residential amenities of properties all along the construction route and would be detrimental to highway safety for pedestrian and vehicle users of the public highway.
The proposal is therefore contrary to policies BE1, T2 and PU6 of the adopted Maldon District Replacement Local Plan.
- Rural roads should not be widened to accommodate heavy goods vehicles, as this type of expansion would change the rural character of the Dengie Hundred for longer than the 25 years of the application.
- MDC's policy PU6 on Renewable Energy appears weak and should address different types of renewable energy separately. As stated, this Wind farm proposal conflicts with this policy in that it will have a significant visual impact, generate unacceptable levels of noise and traffic, and have an adverse impact. MDC should develop policy for alternative renewable energy sources so these are encouraged over wind farms. For example solar panel farms work in any weather and are far less visually intrusive.

Cllr Robinson closed the meeting at 7.55pm.