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Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Full Council Meeting held on Friday 20th March 2026 at 7:00pm at the St Johns Centre, Wrotham Road, Meopham, DA13 0AA

Members Present: Cllr S Buchanan
Cllr R Collings
Cllr J McNamara
Cllr B Wade
Cllr P Watson

In Attendance: Cllr D Morton – Kent County Council
Cllr G Harding – Gravesham Borough Council
Lots of members of the public
L Winter – Clerk

Meeting commenced 19:00

F.C.243 In the absence of the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Council, a Chairman for the meeting needed to be elected. Councillor Buchanan was proposed by Cllr Wade and seconded by Cllr McNamara. All in favour.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence: To receive and accept apologies

F.C.244 Apologies were received from Cllr Bramer (prior engagement), Cllr Fisher (away), Cllr Gofton (prior engagement), Cllr D Johnson (family commitment), Cllr S Johnson (work commitment) and Cllr Sims (funeral).

Item 2: Declarations of Members' Interests: To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests for this meeting

F.C.245 None declared.

Councillor Buchanan stated that Meopham Parish Council has no affiliation to any campaign groups. We are consultees only and urged the public to comment as individuals.

Item 3: Public Session & External Reports

3.1 Public Session

Disclaimer: The statements made during the Public Session reflect the opinion of the speaker(s) and are not necessarily accurate or factual information.

F.C.246 Many comments were received from the public with the fundamental areas focussing around the highway capacity and traffic flow, local services, flooding, drainage, visual impact.

The public were advised that the parish council response would be published on our website once it had been submitted to Gravesham Borough Council.

3.2 Borough Councillor and County Councillor

F.C.247 Councillor Harding addressed the public to stress that they need to realise that these large scale developments are all individual applications and comments need to be submitted for each one. They need to pass this message on to their neighbours.

3.3 Police

F.C.248 There were no Police present.

Item 4: Planning Application: To consider and make recommendations on the following planning application

F.C.249 All recommendations made will be actioned under delegated authority to the Clerk

20260207 – Land North of Camer Road, Meopham, Gravesend
Outline planning application for up to 725 dwellings (Use Class C3), a new two-form entry primary school (Use Class F1), a Local Centre (up to 500sqm of Class E floorspace), the provision of Public Open Space including sport and recreation facilities alongside associated access, landscaping, parking, and infrastructure; with all matters reserved except for access.

The Councillors of the parish council all contributed to the debate.

Councillor Collings proposed that MPC objects to the planning application and submits a formal response raising concerns in relation to highway access and traffic, drainage and wastewater infrastructure, landscape and visual impact, cumulative effects, and site constraints. All in favour.

Item 5: Standing Agenda Item: To consider any need for professional advice or reports on planning related issues

F.C.250 Councillor Collings stated that he had approval to represent the Council in a formal capacity in meetings for Regulation 19. However, he requested that this be extended to all Planning related matters.

PROPOSED: That Councillor Collings and Cllr D Johnson have delegated authority to represent MPC on all matters related to Regulation 19 and Planning. All in favour.

The meeting closed 20:38