

Minutes of the Meeting of Terling and Fairstead Parish Council held on 29th January 2011 at 7.00pm at Terling Village Hall

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

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Apologies for absence: Trevor Lewis, Ian Smith, Sheila Alder

10.149 **Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2011 were unanimously approved. It was proposed by AA and seconded by LS that the Chairman should sign a copy of the minutes as a true and accurate record.

10.150 **Declaration of Interests**

None.

10.151 **Finance**

Approval was given for the following expenditure:

- Councillor training day (for LS) at EALC - £60. Proposed by CC, seconded by RD and unanimously agreed.
- Professional legal advice in relation to The Rayleigh Arms development - £1,250. Proposed by DW, seconded by LS and unanimously agreed.

10.152 **Meeting Open to the Public**

The Chairman explained that the Parish Council was keen to be fully engaged with the community and explained that this was the public's opportunity to comment on the proposed plans for the development of The Rayleigh Arms, put forward by the developer at the last Parish Council meeting and which had been available in Terling Stores. Emails, letters and comments left in the Suggestions Box had also been received by the Parish Council, for which Councillors were grateful.

Members of the public put forward their concerns for the present proposals and expressed their wishes for this important community site, which were discussed at length.

RD commented that some time ago the Parish Council had sought to take a lease with Mrs Riley for the bar area in order to keep the facility, but she had not responded.

The overwhelming consensus from the floor was that the Parish Council should reject the plans and advise the developer accordingly.

The Chairman expressed thanks to LS and Alex Clarke who heads the Save our Pub working group.

10.153 **The Rayleigh Arms / Terling Inn**

The Councillors discussed at length the issues arising from the Public session and agreed unanimously that the Clerk should write a letter to the developer to state that the Parish Council could not support any of the proposals so far put forward.

JH

10.154 **Any Other Business / Next Agenda Items**

None

10.155 **Date of Forthcoming meeting**

Tuesday 1st March, 2011, at Terling Village Hall, 7pm.

Tuesday, 5th April, 2011, at The Square & Compasses, Fuller Street, 7pm.

The meeting closed at 11:20am.