

HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 7.00 pm in the village hall

197/18 Present: Ian Stevenson (IS), Val Rubie (VR), David Maughan (DM), Geraldine Hobson (GH), Jo Witherden (JW), Malcolm Wilson (MW) plus 4 members of the public

198/18 Apologies for absence: Received from Keith Harrison (KeH), Ken Huggins (KH), Liz Stockley (LS) and Jill Noades (JN).

199/18 Declarations of Interest: None

200/18 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2018: The draft minutes were approved.

201/18 Matters arising from these minutes: Covered in the minutes

202/18 Public session: Given the lack of weight being given by NDDC to the emerging Plan in making its decisions, Mr Richards questioned the worth on continuing with the Plan – wasn't it a waste of people's time and public money? The current spate of opportunistic planning applications was unwelcome in the village but NDDC seems powerless to stop them because it does not have a deliverable 5 year housing supply. The Plan will continue until 2031 and covers other matters including green spaces, design, heritage etc and it is hoped NDDC will get back into step in the foreseeable future. The Committee will be discussing continuity later in the meeting but ultimately it will be for the parish council to decide whether to continue or not. Mrs Hannam expressed concern that at the recent consultation event the Chairman of the parish council had allegedly been lobbying a member of the public not to vote in favour of site 2. She had challenged him. She is also concerned that the active pressure group against this site might intimidate or influence other people – could this be stopped? IS said the Committee had no remit or power to prevent people being influenced. As parish clerk MW said his guidance would be that, whilst parish councillors had their personal views, at parish council events the public will have an expectation that they are attending as councillors and should therefore support parish council policy rather than give their personal views.

203/18 Pre-submission consultation – review of 20th April event and any changes etc required for 5th May event: The event went well with at least 47 people attending. The pavilion was a very good venue. There was no need to alter anything for the second event on 5th May – 10 am to 4 pm in the village hall. Attendees were keen to ask questions and discuss the Plan so it is hoped all those Committee members who have volunteered will be able to attend.

204/18 Design guidelines report and possible action: A final report had been received from AECOM. They say the requested changes have been made to the first draft. The report will be a supporting document for the final Plan.

205/18 Meeting with Ed Gerry, Planning Policy Team Leader, NDDC – to consider the implications for the continuing development of the Neighbourhood Plan: MW had circulated a summary of the parish council's meeting with Ed Gerry which were discussed. JW doesn't think that the creation of the new unitary authority will help NDDC's numbers. She also highlight a potential change to NPPF regulations that where a Plan had been made, but the District council then only had a three year housing supply, that the policies in the Plan would only have full validity for two years. She suggested the parish council might submit comments objecting to this change and she will provide a form of words to MW. All Committee members were in favour of continuing with the Plan, subject to parish council approval.

206/18 Grant funding update: MW has applied to Locality for a final grant to complete the Plan, a decision is imminent.

207/18 Second public session: Mr Richards reported NDDC had approved a planning application in Fifehead Neville with a condition of "completion within 3 years". This seems unusual and probably unenforceable.

208/18 To consider any other relevant matters: JW has devised a format for collecting free-text comments from the questionnaires. DM and IS will shortly start to input the data. JW will deal with the statutory consultee responses. MW will chase the statutory consultees for responses a week or

so before the closure on 21st May. He will also do the same with the Local Green Space owners, although JW confirmed we only need to be able to demonstrate we have contacted them rather than have their formal agreement. VR had received a flyer from Blue Cedar Homes wanting to work with the Committee but it was agreed we are too far down the line for this to be relevant.

209/18 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 5th June 2018: This was confirmed, 7.00 pm in the village hall.

210/18 Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.50 pm

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