

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

The meeting took place in a virtual environment using “Zoom” video conferencing technology and members of the public and press were given the opportunity to observe or participate in the meeting.

Held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 at 10am

PRESENT: Cllr Rae Frederick (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Hilary Edge  
Cllr Gloria O’Reilly  
Cllr Tony Ring

IN ATTENDANCE: Jo Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk  
Nicola Vodden, Meetings Administrator  
Cllr John Haywood

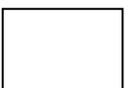
ABSENT: Cllr Andy Briers  
Cllr Philip Day (Chairman)  
Cllr Gareth Deboos  
Cllr Peter Kelleher  
Cllr Glenys Turner

### **P/5745 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were three members of the public present. One wished to address the Committee in the public participation section of the meeting and the other two were interested in a planning application.

A concerned Poulner resident reiterated his concerns regarding speeding on the local roads in Poulner and detailed a recent accident at the junction of Northfield Road, North Poulner Road and Seymour Road. He indicated that if it had occurred slightly later in the morning when children were heading to school, the outcome could have been terrible. He said that he had spoken many times about this and asked the County Councillor for measures to be put in place, for example, speed humps, pinch points and speed indicators, but nothing had been done. He explained that the speed and volume of traffic varies on these residential roads when there are issues on A31 and A338. He believes the problem will become worse with the forthcoming A31 roadworks and new developments planned and suggested that the whole of Poulner should be subject to a 20mph speed limit, not just Gorley Road which had been proposed by the REAL Working Party and reported in the press recently. He requested that urgently needed road safety measures be implemented in the area and asked the Council to support this view.

### **P/5746 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**



The Deputy Town Clerk reported that apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Briers, Day, Deboos, Kelleher and Turner.

**P/5747**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Although it was not a declarable pecuniary interest, Cllr Ring indicated that in respect of application 20/00624, the applicant was a neighbour.

Although it was not a declarable pecuniary interest, Cllr Frederick indicated that in respect of 20/10938, she knew the members of the public present and objecting to the application. She also knows the applicant for 20/10369.

**P/5748**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

**P/5749**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members agreed that application 20/10938 be brought forward for the benefit of the members of the public present. The remaining list was dealt with in list order.

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**RESOLVED:** That the observations summarised in *Annex A* be submitted.

<b>ACTION</b> Nicola Vodden
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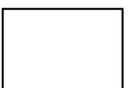
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**PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE WHITE PAPER CONSULTATION**

Members considered the White Paper, NALC's Summary and Summary of Proposals and Questions (*Annex B*) and whether to respond to the Planning for the Future consultation.

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The Deputy Town Clerk commented that a key theme of the White Paper was that land would be identified and categorised for growth, renewal or protection right at the beginning of the Local Plan process.



It was thought that if a Neighbourhood Plan could be in place before the changes to legislation become law, there would be more potential for the Council to influence development than had previously been the case.

It was noted that NFDC as the Planning Authority would respond to the consultation, as would HALC and NALC on behalf of the sector. It was agreed that no response be submitted by the Council, as there would be nothing that could usefully be added to those representations and, if there were, that they would carry little weight.

**RESOLVED:** That the White Paper be noted.

<b>ACTION</b> Jo Hurd
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**P/5751**

**RINGWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION LEADERSHIP WORKING PARTY**

**RESOLVED:** That the notes of the REAL Working Party on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (*Annex C*) be received.

<b>ACTION</b> Jo Hurd
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**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

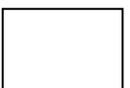
The Deputy Town Clerk updated Members following a meeting (session 1 of 3) of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and consultants ONeill Homer on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The session focussed on:-

1)Project Governance and Management – The responsibilities of the Town Council, Steering Group and consultants were outlined. It was noted that membership of the Steering Group (including election of a Chairman) and its Terms of Reference will need to be reviewed when the scope of the Plan has been agreed. The consultants were of the view that a Plan could be completed by the end of 2021 and could be fully funded by available grant support.

2)Designated Neighbourhood Area – There are options for this including designating the whole parish; only that part of the parish within the NFDC area; or perhaps including all or part of EH&I parish. The consultants recommended designating only that part of the parish within the NFDC area and asking the Examiner to extend the voting franchise to include residents of the parish in the NFNPA area.

3)Strategic Policy Drives and Evidence Base – There is a great deal of evidence available and policy already in place, so this would mean not starting with a “blank sheet of paper”. The evidence will need to be reviewed when the scope of the Plan has been agreed.

4)Stakeholder Analysis – The Steering Group was advised to invite officers from both NFDC and NFNAP to attend Session Two. There is a need to actively involve stakeholders and recognise those with interest and influence.



Session Two will take place on 22nd October and will focus on establishing a vision for the future of the town and the potential role of a Neighbourhood Plan in achieving this. All Town Councillors will be invited to attend this session.

**RESOLVED:** That the update on the Neighbourhood Plan following the Steering Group meeting with consultants (session 1) on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 be received.

<b>ACTION</b> Jo Hurd
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**P/5753  
PROJECTS**

A2 – Crow Stream Maintenance – The Deputy Town Clerk reported that many volunteers helped with the clearance of three skips worth of excess weeds and branches from the stream. The provision for this work is £1,000 annually and is currently funded from developers’ contributions, however once that fund is depleted in 2 years’ time, the Council will need to consider including this in the budget for future years.

She also highlighted other work required on the section of the stream from the Elm Tree to the Crow crossroads, as sediment was high in certain areas and work was needed to clear the ditches and culverts.

Cllr Ring indicated that work to maintain the flow of the stream is essential and without which would leave the area vulnerable to flooding.

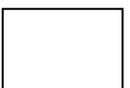
A3 – Human Sundial – The Deputy Town Clerk was disappointed to report that no progress had been made and she was unable to indicate a commencement date. The message from HCC, which had been the same since March 2020, was that that it is still awaiting comparative quotes. The matter has been referred to the County Councillor for his assistance in progressing the works. Members thanked the Deputy Town Clerk for her efforts with regard to this.

C1 - Pedestrian Crossing Christchurch Road – The Deputy Town Clerk was pleased to report that the crossings had been completed ahead of schedule.

C2 – A31 Improvement Scheme – A meeting with Highways England (and delivery partner) was scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> October for an update on the A31 works. There were many items to be discussed and the notes of the meeting would be presented at the next Committee meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the update in respect of projects (*Annex D*) be noted.

<b>ACTION</b> Jo Hurd
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There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.26am.

RECEIVED  
29<sup>th</sup> October 2020

APPROVED  
6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

TOWN MAYOR

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

**Note: The text in the Action Boxes above does not form part of these minutes.**