



# Oundle Town Council

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## Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 6.30pm in The Oundle Suite, Fletton House, Fletton Way, Oundle.

**Members Present:** Cllrs D Chapple, V Chesser, M Glen, C Humphreys, J Hutton, P Peel, N Oakes, S Oakes, I Clark, T Robinson, T Stagg.

**In attendance:** Emma Baker – Town Clerk

14 members of the public

**Absent:** Cllr S Baker

### 19.90 Apologies for Absence

19.90.01. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Fuller, R Sparkes and N Oakes

19.90.02. To accept apologies for absence.

The apologies for absence were accepted.

### 19.91. Declarations of Interests

To receive and consider any declarations of interest from Members under Section 50 of the Local Government Act 2000 (*Standing Order 13*)

(This requirement applies only in respect of matters, which are to be considered by the Council at this meeting.)

19.91.01. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

19.91.02. To declare any Other Interests.

Cllr Robinson – resident of St Christopher's Drive and Cllr Clark – a resident of St Peter's Road.

19.91.03. To consider any requests for Dispensation.

19.91.04. To report any gifts or hospitality accepted over the value of £50.00.

19.91.05. To report any inappropriate gifts or hospitality offered.

There were no declarations of interest.

### 19.92. Public Participation from Interested Parties or Members of the public

Presentation from Oundle Business Association on cycle racks.

*For a maximum of 15 minutes.*

There were none.

### 19.91. Consideration of Requests from Interested Parties

There were none

### 19.94. Neighbourhood Plan

19.94.01. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan following the Public Hearing.

Cllr Peel gave an update following the public hearing. The examiner informed the participants at the hearing that he will produce and interim report for the Town Council advising us of his decision. He asked the lawyers for Persimmon and Gladman to write a legal advice document and submit it to ENC by 8<sup>th</sup> November. The document will be circulated to all participants. All participants will have a chance to make comments on the document and submit them by 22<sup>nd</sup> November. However, from the final summing up by the examiner it was felt that the NP was not as safe as it could be and that there was a strong possibility that it would be rejected or that we would be asked to go back to Regulation 14 and re-submit the plan following some extra work that would be required. The examiners interim report is expected to be completed by the beginning of December.

6.38pm Cllr Chapple arrived at the meeting

The Mayor reported on the technical issues that were raised at the hearing and the sustainability of the sites.  
If the NP is challenged due to the Sustainability Appraisal the ENC local plan can also be challenged by the developers in our plan.  
Cllr Chapple – informed the meeting that we should continue to challenge the current planning applications for Cotterstock Road and St Christopher’s Drive and challenge the ENC Local Plan.  
There were discussions regarding what the next steps would be for the Plan and whether we should challenge the minutes from the ENC Planning Policy Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July meeting as the resolution to defer the decision on the Local plan housing allocation for Oundle until after the NP had been examined had been minuted incorrectly.  
The Mayor informed the meeting that there were clear errors in the Local Plan, however we should continue to work with ENC to ensure that the Local Plan goes through go through with the allocations for Oundle that are right for Oundle.

19.94.02. To consider what next steps are required for the plan and to approve any further funding required.

It was agreed that OTC challenge the minutes from the 29<sup>th</sup> July meeting and write to ENC asking for the minutes to be amended. Cllr Chapple agreed to draft a response. and

**Proposed:** Cllr Robinson      **Seconded:** Cllr Chesser      **Resolved:** All in favour

It was agreed that the Clerk arrange a meeting with the Chief Executive of ENC to discuss the Town Council’s concerns about whether the local plan is sound

**Proposed:** Cllr Robinson      **Seconded:** Cllr Chesser      **Resolved:** 8 in favour

Cllr Stagg asked that the members of the public present write to the Council with their views on the matter.

**19.95. To receive an update on the IT System for the Town Council and approve funding to enable the Council IT systems to continue running.**

The Mayor gave an update on the IT System issues the Town Council were having. The quote for £5,362.00 to replace the server and get the Town Council system working again was approved.

**Proposed:** Cllr Chesser

**Seconded:** Cllr Robinson


**Resolved:** All in favour

**19.96. Any Other Relevant Matters for Report**

Cllr Peel informed the meeting that on the 17<sup>th</sup> November the Christmas Tree is going to be put up so and he needs volunteers to help.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signature: .....



Dated: .....

19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019