



# Oundle Town Council

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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.00pm in The Oundle Suite, Fletton House, Fletton Way, Oundle.**

**Members Present:** Cllrs R Sparkes, N Oakes, S Oakes, D Chapple, C Humphreys V Chesser, C Best and M Glen

**In attendance:** Emma Baker – Town Clerk  
District Councillor Rupert Reichhold, Philip Stearn,  
Oundle Neighbourhood Plan Group - Mark Benz and Neil Fraser.

## **17.37 Apologies for Absence**

- 17.37.01. To receive apologies for absence.  
Cllr Peel and Cllr Fuller
- 17.37.02. To accept apologies for absence.  
The apologies were accepted.

## **17.38 Declarations of Interests**

To receive and consider any declarations of interest from Members and Officers under Section 50 of the Local Government Act 2000 (*Standing Order 35*)  
(This requirement applies only in respect of matters, which are to be considered by the Council at this meeting.)

- 17.38.01. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.  
None
- 17.38.02. To declare any Other Interests.  
Cllr N Oakes, S Oakes, M Glen, C Best, C Humphries, Cllr Chapple,  
V Chesser and Cllr Sparkes  
Cllr Chapple is a member of the Glaphorn Neighbourhood Plan group.
- 17.38.03. To consider any requests for Dispensation  
None
- 17.38.04. To report any gifts or hospitality accepted over the value of £50.00.  
None
- 17.38.05. To report any inappropriate gifts or hospitality offered.  
None

Councillor Philip Stearn informed the Council that now the draft plan has been accepted by Oundle Town Council they should put together a group of Councillors to form the team to continue with the Plan. The NPIERS report should be available by the end of the week. The Neighbourhood Plan group agreed that they are happy to act as consultants and will help if required, however the new committee should take over and run it for the Town Council. It was agreed that a policy to strengthen the Oundle boundaries must be written to protect them from development.

## **17.39 Draft Neighbourhood Plan**

- 17.39.01 To discuss matters arising from a meeting between Oundle and Glaphorn

on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Councillor Sparkes, Councillor Best and Councillor Stearn attended the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> June. Malcolm Moss Chairman of the Glapthorn NP and NP Secretary Alan Barnish were also present. The meeting was to see both groups could put together a policy that would cover both plan to ensure any development did not take place outside the Oundle boundary. Glapthorn informed the Councillors that they had no funding to spend on a joint statement, however if Oundle wrote it they would examine it to see if they were going to include it in their plan. Cllr Sparkes informed the meeting that 80% of the residents in Glapthorn had voted against development on the Oundle border.

17.39.02 To discuss matters arising from the Glapthorn Neighbourhood Plan meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Cllr Sparkes attended the Glapthorn Neighbourhood Plan meeting. Cllr Chapple attended as a member of the Glapthorn Neighbourhood plan group.

Cllr Chapple informed the meeting that some of the Glapthorn group were in favour of the development– some in the group favour the development and seem to be able to justify it. However, this did not agree with the votes on the emerging Glapthorn policies as the recommendation was that the land should not be included for development. There have been some concerns from the Glapthorn Neighbourhood plan group that Oundle Town Council have not been helpful.

Cllr Chapple has drafted a policy referring to non-coalescence and a letter to be sent to Glapthorn Neighbourhood Plan group.

17.39.03 To propose a response and future course of action in relation to the above matters.

Cllr Chapple read out the policy and letter he had drafted.

Any houses built just outside the Oundle border would increase the Glapthorn tax base by 25%. Like would also like include some affordable housing on the site that they could control who moves into.

It was agreed that we should continue with getting our plan approved so that it can be used. We should include the additional policy if we can and share it with the community as soon as possible. The Councillors were in agreement that we should strengthen the boundaries and that they were not in favour of permitting development outside the boundary.

All were in favour except for Cllr Chapple who abstained.

It was agreed that the policy should less specific and cover all boundaries. Any input from Oundle Town Councillors should be sent to Cllr Chapple before the 13<sup>th</sup> July. The Clerk will contact James Wilson, our planning consultant for his input.

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

Cllr Chapple informed the meeting that once we have received the report from NPIERS we should formally adopt the Design Statement.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.02pm

Signature:.....

Dated:.....18/7/17.....