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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 1st August 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, M Glen and J Hutton

In attendance: Emma Baker – Town Clerk
District Councillor Phil Stearn
3 members of the public

The Mayor welcomed the new Councillor for Oundle Town Council, Cllr Jerry Hutton, to the meeting.

17.54 Apologies for Absence

- 17.54.01. To receive apologies for absence.
Cllr Peel and Cllr Fuller
- 17.54.02. To accept apologies for absence.
The apologies were accepted.

17.55 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.)

- 17.55.01. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
None
- 17.55.02. To declare any Other Interests.
Cllr N Oakes, S Oakes, M Glen, C Best, C Humphries, Cllr Chapple, V Chesser, J Hutton and Cllr Sparkes
Cllr Chapple is a member of the Glapthorn Neighbourhood Plan group.
- 17.55.03. To consider any requests for Dispensation
None
- 17.55.04. To report any gifts or hospitality accepted over the value of £50.00.
None
- 17.55.05. To report any inappropriate gifts or hospitality offered.
None

17.56 Public Participation from Interested Parties or Members of the public
For a maximum of 15 minutes
None

17.57 Consideration of Requests from Interested Parties
None

17.58

Draft Neighbourhood Plan

17.58.01 To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and consider the NPIERS report.
The Mayor gave an update on the NPIERS report and informed the meeting that most of the changes have already been made.

The Consultant has made some of the amendments and emailed an updated copy of the plan to the Clerk. The Mayor has drafted an appendix on Coalescence which has been added to the plan. The Consultant has drafted a policy on Coalescence which has been added to the plan as an appendix.

Members of the former Neighbourhood Plan working group have helped the Mayor put together a timeline and project plan which will be discussed later in the meeting.

The decision on Fletton Field has been received and will be considered at the next full council meeting.

We have received a letter from Provision one of the developers named in the plan regarding their site. The issues raised in the letter cover transparency and openness, conflict of interest, cross boundary site with Glapthorn Parish and lack of effective consultation.

The letter refers to both Glapthorn and Oundle Council. However there seems to be some misunderstandings in the letter. It was apparent from the letter that Living Land thought they were in an agreement with Glapthorn Neighbourhood Plan group to develop the land on the boundary of Oundle but in the Glapthorn Parish. Provision are concerned that in some meetings, which they regard as secretive, Glapthorn NP group have now decided not to include the site in their plan. Glapthorn Parish Council recommended that the sites on our boundary were rejected as they did not meet the criteria. Following a number of presentations, 80% of the residents agreed that this site be rejected.

The Mayor felt that Oundle has been open and transparent. Our meetings are now as they were before published and in full council and the agendas and minutes are on our website and we record the meetings.

Following a discussion, it was felt that we need to respond to the letter and that we need to get some professional help with our response. The Mayor and Clerk will be meeting with our Consultant to get advice on how to respond.

Cllr Chapple agreed that the comments in the letter misrepresents the position and Glapthorn NP group should respond to this section of the letter.

We will be seeking professional advice from our consultant regarding failure to effectively plan for a Cross Boundary site.

With regards to the lack of effective consultation the Mayor reported that the Oracle has a list of meetings which will be available for members of the public and the developers to come to a series of meetings and surgeries.

Cllr Chapple felt that the timeline should include an opportunity for the developers to present their sites to the members of the public prior to the Regulation 14 consultation.

It was agreed that we schedule a meeting for public engagement with the developers in September and that we include this in the response to Provision.

Cllr Chapple addressed the issues in the letter that related to his involvement in both plans. He has been involved in the Glapthorn NP but is not a member of Glapthorn PC. Cllr Chapple will be contacting ENC to ensure that they update his register of interests to include his new address. Cllr Chapple will reply to Provision in his own right but will engage with OTC with the response beforehand.

Cllr S Oakes thanked Cllr Chapple being open and transparent.

17.58.02 To report on letter received from the Glapthorn Neighbourhood Plan Group.
It was agreed that the Clerk and Mayor would draft a response to send to Glapthorn Neighbourhood Plan Group.



17.58.03 To approve the Neighbourhood Plan Management and Timeline document
The Mayor presented the timeline and the plan management document to the Council. The timeline has been amended to show the Plan being made by September 2018 as it was felt that this would be more realistic.

17.59 To approve the September Oracle Draft for Publication

There were some houses that did not get a copy of the June Oracle as not enough were printed. The number of copies will be increased to cover all the houses in Oundle for the September edition. If there are any left over they will be delivered to the shops in Oundle. Cllr Humphreys had some concerns about the format as he felt it could be improved. However, it was agreed that there was not enough time to do any major changes to the format at this late stage.


Proposed: Cllr Humphreys **Seconded:** Cllr Glen **Resolved:** 8 for 1 abstention

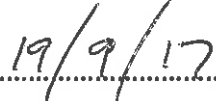
17.60. Any Other Relevant Matters for Report

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received a claim for damages from member of Bridge Club who had tripped over in the car park of Fletton House after playing Bridge. The details have been sent to the Council insurance company.

Cllr Humphreys informed the meeting that he has received some complaints from residents regarding overgrown shrubs and trees on Station Road. The Clerk will investigate and report it on Street Doctor.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Signature:..........

Dated:..........