



Oundle Town Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 6th June 2017 at 8.00pm in The Oundle Suite, Fletton House, Fletton Way, Oundle.

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

In attendance: Emma Baker – Town Clerk

17.19 Apologies for Absence

17.19.01. To receive apologies for absence.

None

17.19.02. To accept apologies for absence.

17.20 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.)

17.20.01. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

None

17.20.02. To declare any Other Interests.

Cllr Peel, Cllr N Oakes, S Oakes, M Glen, C Best, C Humphries, Cllr Chapple D Fuller and V Chesser

17.20.03. To consider any requests for Dispensation

None

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

None

17.20.05. To report any inappropriate gifts or hospitality offered.

None

17.21 Draft Neighbourhood Plan

17.21.01 To consider whether to approve the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Chapple gave a summary of how the Draft Neighbourhood Plan has been developed.

The Council proceeded to go through all the go through the policies within the draft plan. The following comments were made:

Page 6 Consultation – more detail is required.

Page 16 – Vision

Page 23 – Town Centre and Retail There were some concerns regarding the wording. It was agreed that the first two sentences were swapped around. (O.TC1)

O.C1 – Oundle school masterplan – accessible to the wider community open to guidance.

O.C2 – Enhancement & Protection of community facilities

O.CR1 – Cycle / Pedestrian route –

The OTC NP is having an impact on other villages.

O.H 1 – Residential windfall sites in development. Windfall sites definition. There are cross references to the design statement. There does not appear to be anything in the plan that talks about back land development. It was suggested that we ask the consultant whether we should include garden developments in the plan.

Cllr Peel had concerns that there is not any social housing in the plan. There is affordable housing but not social housing.

Cllr Best responded to say that at Town Council level we cannot provide social housing. It was agreed that we ask the planning consultant if we can include social housing provision.

O.H2 New Housing Site Allocations – p32. There are a total of 312 dwellings across a number of sites. The decision to spread the number of houses across different sites was taken from the questionnaire delivered to residents. The residents preferred to restrict development to within a 1 mile radius of Oundle across a number of sites and not one big development.

Cllr Fuller suggested that the introduction should include how the site selection has been made.

The Council looked at all the sites listed in the plan. They had no objections to the number of houses suggested in the plan.

There was a discussion about how the plan is delivered to the residents. An Open meeting for residents and for developers to have the opportunity to show their plans to the residents. A summary brochure of the Plan will need to be produced that can be delivered to all the residents in Oundle

Cllr Chapple summed up to say that a lot of work has been carried out by the working group and that Oundle Town Council will send a letter of thanks to the Working group members.

It was agreed that the Council approve the Neighbourhood Plan.

Proposed: Cllr Chapple

Seconded: Cllr Fuller

Resolved: All in favour

17.21.02 To consider whether to approve the first draft of the Design Statement
Deferred to a future meeting

17.21.03 To consider whether to approve the NPIERS Health Check.
It was agreed that the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and Design Statement has the NPIERS Health Check.

Proposed: Cllr Chapple

Seconded: Cllr N Oakes

Resolved: All in favour

17.21.04 To consider whether to continue to use the consultant services to progress the Neighbourhood Plan.
To be deferred until the NPIERS Health Check is completed.

17.22. Any Other Relevant Matters for Report

There were no matters for report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.28pm.

Signature: .....

Dated: .....