

Notes of an Inquorate meeting of the NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN LOCAL COUNCIL JOINT COMMITTEE held at Mountfield, Bridport on Tuesday 29 August 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT Cllrs: Ian Bark (Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council), Sarah Williams (Bridport Town Council), Amanda Streatfeild (Symondsburry Parish Council) and Tricia Dendle (Bradpole Parish Council).

Also present: Colin Baker (Bradpole Parish Council), Bob Gillis (Clerk to the Joint Committee), Katy Graham (Project Manager and Community Initiatives Officer) and Phyllida Culpin Chair of the Steering Group.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR 2017/18

It was agreed that Cllr Tricia Dendle would be elected as Chair for the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was recorded from Cllr Phil Lathey (Allington Parish Council).

3. MINUTES

AGREED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2017 be confirmed.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PROJECT UPDATE AND REVIEW

There was an update on the Project, the ongoing consultation and the attendance at the Melplash Show. The project timetable remained as previously reported.

It was reported also that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was to meet with a representative of Haywards to discuss next steps on St Michaels following approval of the recent planning application. It was agreed that a representative from the Joint Committee should attend that meeting and Cllr Ian Bark would attend if he could.

AGREED: that the update be noted.

6. CONSULTATION PROGRESS

There was a discussion of the ongoing consultation process.

It was agreed that a meeting of all councils should be held in October, to consider the consultation results. The arrangements and process for the meeting would be agreed by the next Joint Committee. The aim of the joint meeting would be to seek to identify any outstanding issues of contention and clarify any positions with the District Council. It would also be an opportunity for all councils to hear back on the outcome of the consultation.

West Dorset District Council should also be invited to the next Joint Committee meeting to discuss the initial findings from the public consultation exercise, future

WDDC support in the shaping/wording of the planning policies and WDDC input on policy interpretation. They should also be asked if they could clarify the implications of the timing of the Local Plan review for the Neighbourhood Plan, especially should the Local Plan review conclude before the Neighbourhood Plan. In addition, if still needed, WDDC could be asked to clarify any outstanding housing questions.

AGREED:

- (1) that arrangements be made for the meeting of all councils to consider the outcome of the consultation and discuss next steps.
- (2) that West Dorset District Council be invited to the next Joint Committee meeting to discuss the issues as above.

7. BUDGET

The latest position on the budget was reported and it was agreed that proposals should be brought forward in due course on options for technical support in drafting the plan, should this be needed.

The budget was still looking healthy, but councils should consider setting aside future funding, when looking at their budgets for next year.

AGREED: that the latest position on the budget be noted.

8. OTHER INFORMATION UPDATE ITEMS

There was a discussion about the need for further volunteers on the Steering Group.

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

AGREED: that the Joint Committee meet next on Tuesday 26 September at 10am at Mountfield.

The meeting closed at **11.20 a.m.**