

**NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST 2015 AT 7.30PM
AT ROFFEY MILLENNIUM HALL**

Present: Councillors Mrs Haigh, Torn, Turner, R. Wilton* and Mrs S. Wilton*

* denotes absence

In attendance: Sue Kemp, Parish Clerk
Councillor Britten
Two members of the public
Gerry Benham, Clerk to Warnham Parish Council

In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, it was proposed by Councillor Haigh and seconded by Councillor Turner that Councillor Torn be appointed Committee Chairman for this meeting only.

IT WAS RESOLVED

That Councillor Torn be appointed Committee Chairman for this meeting only.

LP/011/15 PUBLIC FORUM

There were two members of the public present – Dr Richardson and Mr Shutt. Neither wished to speak at this particular time and asked if they could contribute to the discussions on the agenda items throughout the meeting.

The Chairman commented that this was procedurally incorrect but, if other Committee members were in agreement, he would allow public interjection.

LP/012/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Wilton and Mrs S. Wilton

LP/013/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Torn declared a **Personal Interest** in agenda items 5, 6 and 7 as he was a sitting District Councillor on Horsham District Council

LP/014/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's Announcements

LP/015/15 CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT NORTH OF THE A264

Councillor Torn commented that there had not been a lot of change since the last Committee meeting. The Examination in Public (EIP) had taken place and the Plan had not been overturned, with the Inspector saying that the Plan was sound.

Councillor Torn read an email from the Parish Council's Counsel, Ashley Bowes advising of the action that the Parish Council might take when the Plan was adopted and the associated cost risk.

Councillor Torn commented that he considered that no decision was required to be made at this Committee meeting, but a future plan might be considered so that the Parish Council was 'not caught short'.

Dr Richardson commented that he felt that a meaningful sum for legal fees would be £30,000. Gerry Benham commented that he felt it was unlikely that Warnham Parish Council would make any contribution because of the alternative scenario potentially at Kingsfold.

Following discussion

IT WAS RESOLVED

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

That it be agreed in principle that, subject to receiving legal advice regarding the appropriateness, lawfulness and viability of the Plan, that the sum of £30,000 be allocated from General Reserves for legal expenses.

LP/016/15 PUBLICATION OF MATERIAL IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT NORTH OF THE A264

Councillor Torn outlined the background to the wish to publish a leaflet in this regard and advised the Committee that a grant application from Mr Richardson for monies for such a publication had been rejected in favour of the Parish Council itself producing a leaflet.

Following lengthy discussion

IT WAS RESOLVED

- (a) **The production of a leaflet would be subject to the view of the Parish Council as to the instigation of legal proceedings**
- (b) **That in the event of a leaflet being produced, advice be sought as to the canvassing for public subscriptions towards the cost of any legal proceedings**

LP/017/15 INDEPENDENT TRAFFIC SURVEY

Members expressed the view that potentially this issue had been left too late and if such a survey was commissioned now it would be based on the sketchy information currently available. Following lengthy discussion

IT WAS RESOLVED

That advice be sought from the Parish Council's Counsel as to the viability of commissioning such a survey.

LP/018/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be arranged

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

..... Chairman

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