



Newbold Verdon PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP Held on Friday 4th September 2020 at 10.00am

Pursuant to the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) England Eales Regulations 2020 No. 392, this meeting was held via the online video conference call facility Zoom, with council members and the general public linking in online.

Chairman Cllr Heather Davison

Attendees: Cllr D.Finney, Cllr Pletcher, Cllr Sheppard-Bools, Janet Sykes and Margaret and Dave Cope

Clerk: Mrs Josie Flavell

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20/007	APOLOGIES
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Gary Kirk – apologies accepted. Cllr J Crooks.

20/008	NHP RESPONSES UPDATE
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The responses received thus far are as follows:

- Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC)
- Severn Trent
- Parishioner Response – email regarding parking and speeding traffic (Newbold Heath)
- Natural England
- Historic England
- Parishioner response – handwritten letter off the back of the NHP drop in session

Cllr Davison (Chairman) stated that the HBBC response is very divisive and the Steering Committee need to decide if they want to respond. Gary Kirk (NHP Consultant) will be led by our decision. There will be an impact from this and it will go through to the Examiner.

Janet Sykes (Committee member) responded that as they are back to Reg 14. i.e. back to draft stage, they can make amendments to cater for any feedback. We need to ignore it and move forward and then make it clear we intend to review the plan once its made. We may or may not have enough housing allocations when the White Paper is finally agreed.

Margaret Cope (Committee member) reported there are concerns that when the Plan was started a few years ago, it was different, due to what was happening in the village then, which is different to what is happening in the village now. Things have changed in Newbold Verdon since then, so we can only respond to each item as it takes place and should just move forward. We need to consider acknowledging the letter but explain what we plan to.

Janet Sykes reported that after the NHP process has been finalised, we ought to give robust feedback to HBBC on the process as a whole.

Cllr Sheppard-Bools reported that as a Borough Councillor and having met with HBBC’s Planning Department recently. It was discussed how the department deal with applications and there is a lack of empathy towards applicants and how planning decisions affect people’s lives. Including enforcement, planning policy and NHP’s. Newbold Verdon PC are not the only parish who has had to deal with this issue and it is an ongoing problem. Cllr Sheppard-Bools is happy to raise the issue again with the Head of Planning.

Cllr Davison (Chairman) reported there are 10 sites which have been assessed and made available, with other sites having been assessed and ranked also.

It might be worth creating an appendix to the Plan, and making it clear that once the NHP has been 'made' it is our intention as a Parish Council to review it straight away, given the current uncertainty surrounding the planning system changes.

Dave Cope (Committee member) agreed that he does not see an issue and we should move forward.

The Committee unanimously agreed for no response to be made.

Cllr Davison (Chairman) asked for committee members to email her with any thoughts about how to respond to part 2, to enable her to update the NHP Consultant, Gary Kirk.

In the absence of further business, the meeting closed at 10.31am