

**Minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>TH</sup> April 2019 at 7:30pm in Wickham Market Resource Centre**

**Present:**

Cllr Dick Jenkinson (Chairman)	
Colin Owens	Angela Hadley
George Hering	Hannah Benstead
Anne Westover	Ray Lewis
Arthur Stansfield	

In attendance: Jo Peters, Parish Clerk. There were 13 members of the public present.

**1. Chairman's opening remarks and to receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Robin Cooke, Sonya Exton, Roger Theobald, Wendy Slaney and Stephen Brown, SCDC.

The Chairman confirmed Debenham & Stradbroke's Neighbourhood Plan now been Approved. He reported on a recent article in the EADT regarding concerns made by Ufford and Pettistree in respect of the proposed Pettistree development

**2. Public Forum**

Introductions were given to and from members of the public present.

Concerns were raised by members of the public present that agendas for these meetings had not been advertised on the noticeboards. The Chairman and Colin Owens provided clarification but it was felt by members of the public that residents whom lived close to the proposal for the Mill Lane car park should have been consulted with earlier. The Chairman gave details regarding Public Consultations carried out to date and the Regulation 14 Consultation process.

The Chairman stated that a local resident had requested that the Mill Lane field which is currently proposed for a car park should be a Designated Green Space to which he provided clarification as to why her request would not be put forward. The local resident whom was present stated her concerns for the Suffolk Punch horses and her gave her reasons as to why she felt this area should be designated. Anne Westover stated the next step would be for the Committee to consider comments received in respect of the proposed car park as a result of the Regulation 14 Consultation and then consider the policy for the car park at Mill Lane and address any changes necessary.

Concerns were raised regarding the Neighbourhood Plan process and as to how the Designated Green Spaces were chosen to which the Chairman provided clarification including details regarding the Site Assessment carried out by Aecom. The Chairman confirmed that Mr Hayward had now withdrawn to develop the Old School Farm site and his preferred site is now the Pettistree site. Angela Hadley raised concerns regarding this statement to which the Chairman and Anne Westover provided clarification.

The Chairman provided details regarding the Regulation 14 response received from A Dutton, agent for Berlain Ltd to which concerns were raised.

Members of the public raised concerns regarding the current sewerage levels within Wickham Market and stated these services were already overloaded.

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest as he plays golf with James Holland (son of Simons Cross allotment site landowner). George Hering declared a Pecuniary Interest as he is Director of Ibis Marketing. Some concerns were raised regarding these interests from the members of the public present.

### **4. To approve the draft minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The draft minutes of the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. These were proposed for **Approval** by Colin Owens, seconded by George Hering and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

### **5. Matters arising not covered elsewhere**

There were none.

### **6. Review Neighbourhood Plan Action List and Schedule and record all completed and outstanding items**

The Action List was updated accordingly.

### **7. Richard Kitson Court Parking**

The Chairman provided an update regarding the status of Richard Kitson Court and stated as this is no longer classed as Sheltered Accommodation the resident's car parking permits were going to be withdrawn. He provided details regarding the Car Park Permits sold by the Parish Clerk for the Long Stay car park and stated currently there would not be enough permits to provide one for each of the 9 cars from Richard Kitson Court that may require one.

### **8. Independent Health Check**

The Chairman confirmed that Ray Lewis would be carrying out the suggested amendments made by Aecom. Anne Westover raised concerns regarding the report received and stated it was not professional and should be on headed paper.

### **9. Regulation 14 Consultation Responses and Actions required**

The Chairman confirmed 62 responses had been received to date to which he gave details.

#### **a. Working Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019**

The Clerk had tabled notes of this meeting to all Committee members.

#### **b. Statutory Consultee responses**

The Chairman confirmed the Clerk had chased the Statutory Consultees that had not responded, to date. He confirmed the response from SCC and SC Highways had now been received and Suffolk Wildlife Trust hoped to submit their response within the next few days. He confirmed the Clerk has also chased up Natural England as no response had been received in respect of the Regulation 14 Consultation or the SEA or HSA Scoping Reports.

#### **c. A Dutton, agent for Berlain Ltd response**

This item was covered under Public Forum. The Chairman confirmed a meeting with Stephen Brown & Chris Bowden would be arranged to discuss this matter in further detail.

#### **d. R Hayward response**

This matter was covered under Public Forum and it was agreed this matter also needed to be addressed with Stephen Brown and Chris Bowden.

#### **e. Car Park Allocation Policy Wick 9**

The Chairman confirmed around 25 responses to the Regulation 14 Consultation had raised concerns regarding the proposed site for a new car park. He advised the location would need to be addressed as a result of these comments received. He explained the Committee could not come to any resolutions tonight but they would be addressing this matter in the near future. The Chairman **closed the meeting** to allow members of the public to comment.

A member of the public stated he lived opposite the proposed site for a car park and raised concerns regarding appearance, lighting and access. A member of the public also raised concerns regarding Policy Wick 9 and stated she felt that most of the village would be against this proposal. Anne Westover stated some serious concerns regarding this policy had been raised and in her view this was an inappropriate site and would be very difficult for the Neighbourhood Plan Committee to deliver due to highways issues. A member of the public asked if the Chairman had written to the Townlands Trust to see if this land could be made available. He also queried if this piece of land had been included within the list of locations for a possible car park in the first instance to which Colin Owens provided clarification. A member of the public asked why the Penny Field could not be taken into consideration and the Parish Council could look into moving the football in order to make more space for car parking. The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their comments and **reconvened the meeting**

#### **f. Wider issues (those not included, but perhaps should have been)**

The Chairman stated some additional policies may need to be implemented within the Neighbourhood Plan to which he gave details.

#### **10. Access to Simons Cross - Proposed Allocation, Wick 13**

The Chairman stated the Committee needed to discuss the access to this site as a result of the Regulation 14 responses received to which Anne Westover provided further clarification regarding possible options available. Anne Westover suggested the Committee should ask James Cutting/Ben Chester, SC Highways as to their views on the possible routes.

#### **11. Other comments from Neighbourhood Plan Committee**

Angela Hadley asked if the Committee knew how many cars used Thong Hall Rd to which no clarification was able to be given. The Chairman gave details regarding the response submitted to EDF Energy in respect of the Sizewell C Stage 3 Public Consultation.

Colin Owens asked how the above matters would have an effect on the timescale for the Neighbourhood Plan to which the Chairman provided clarification. The Chairman **closed the meeting** to allow a member of the public to comment. A member of the public suggested the Committee should look at the Mill Lane/Church Terrace junction. A member of the public stated more spaces could be implemented within the Long Stay Car Park and this should be considered in the first instance. The Chairman thanked the members of public for their comments and stated these matters would be looked into. The Chairman **reconvened the meeting**.

The Chairman provided information regarding Mr Carter's response to SCDC's Draft Local Plan.

#### **12. HRA Screening Report and SEA Scoping Report**

The Chairman reported no response had been received to date from Natural England. He confirmed the Clerk had chased Natural England and would continue to do so. The Clerk stated she would also send a chase up letter via post instead of e-mail.

The Chairman suggested she should also clarify the correct address with Stephen Brown, SCDC. **Action 46.1 – Clerk to clarify Natural England address with Stephen Brown and send chase up letter.**

**13. Budget Update**

Nothing to report.

**14. Any Other Business**

The Chairman asked the Clerk to set a date with Chris Bowden, Navigus Planning and Stephen Brown, SCDC. **Action 46.2 - Clerk to liaise with Chris Bowden and Stephen Brown.**

**15. Public Forum**

A member of the public suggested a link to the Neighbourhood Plan website should be sent via the round robin e-mail in order to assist with future communication.

**16. Date of next meetings**

The next Neighbourhood Plan Committee meetings will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

There being no further discussion the Chairman formally closed the meeting at 9:35pm

Signed:.....

Dated:.....