

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BROADHEMPSTON PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 5 AUGUST 2021

Present: Cllrs Wright (Chair), Goddard, Head, Isaacs, Sutcliffe, Widger.

Apologies:

Also present: 2 members of Broadhempston residents' working group
12 (this varied) members of the public on Zoom
Cathy Aubertin (Clerk)

No	Subject	Comments
1	The Chair will open the Meeting and receive apologies.	Cllr Wright opened the meeting at 7.31pm No apologies received.
2	To declare any interests arising at this meeting.	Cllr Widger declared an interest in some of the land being considered in the Local Plan.
3	Approval to consider, amend as agreed by the Council and approve the minutes of the following meeting: 10 June 2021.	Cllr Isaacs PROPOSED that the minutes of 8 July 2021 be APPROVED. This was SECONDED by Cllr Goddard and AGREED.
4	To consider the Parish Council's response to the Local Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural environment and landscape • Historic and built environment • Land use (including brownfield sites and agriculture) • Housing (including affordable housing, custom homes, homes to rent) • Health and wellbeing • Access, transport, and connectivity • Employment and economy, including town centres • Infrastructure (including healthcare and education) • Anything else. 	<p>It was noted that the working group's aims were to make villagers aware of the proposals, and their impact, to allow parishioners to make informed decisions. The group concluded that, whilst the village should be allowed to develop, none of the sites included in the plan were suitable, and that a community-led plan would be more appropriate for Broadhempston.</p> <p>The group feels it is important for the village to maintain its linear character, as only one of two villages left with this linear layout.</p> <p>It was also noted that over 40 buildings in the village are listed.</p> <p>From an ecology point of view, there is a need to protect Great Crested newts, Greater Horseshoe bats and Cirl buntings.</p> <p>Factual inaccuracies in the Local Plan include the statement that the village has a frequent bus service, and that Stoop is a level site. The group requested that the PC correct TDC on these inaccuracies as it will impact on the credibility of other statements.</p> <p>The group requested that the PC endorse the report from the working group and consider working with the group in future in respect of smaller-scale development that the village has a good track record for, such as Kings Close and Easterways. This would also meet TDC's goals.</p> <p>It was noted that the priority is to prove that the three proposed sites are not appropriate but that this may lead the PC and working group into Neighbourhood Plan (or similar) territory. The PC response will include reference to this, and the desire to support development in smaller sites. The response needs to be more credible than simply disagreeing with the sites proposed by TDC.</p> <p>The response from the PC will also refer to the previous TDC policy of infilling and rounding off. This approach would still achieve 12 houses which could be affordable.</p> <p>The working group's report will be ready by Sunday 8 August, and they will provide a copy to the PC. In the meantime, the PC was provided with a copy of the executive summary.</p>

		<p>The previous Drainage Engineer's report was referenced, and this will be included in the PC's response.</p> <p>All Councillors supported the Executive Summary.</p> <p>Cllr Goddard PROPOSED that the PC response to the Local Plan should endorse the working group's report and propose that the PC work with the working group to achieve TDC's goal of providing 12 houses in the village. This was SECONDED by Cllr Sutcliffe and AGREED.</p>
5	To consider funding the cost of leaflets produced and distributed by Broadhempston Residents' Association.	<p>Cllr Goddard PROPOSED that the PC pay for the printing costs for the first batch of leaflets produced by the working group, at a cost of £49.00. This was SECONDED by Cllr Isaacs and AGREED.</p> <p>Clerk to arrange payment.</p> <p>The working group will provide financial information so that the PC may consider contributing towards additional costs at its meeting in September.</p>
6	To note the date of the next meeting: Thursday 9 September 2021.	This was noted.