# MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AD HOC ADVISORY GROUP HELD ON THE 20 FEBRUARY 2017

- 0 Councillor Walden Chairman
- \* Mr A Palmer Vice Chairman
- 0 Councillor Bolton \* Councillor A Bott
  0 Councillor Hunter \* Mr K Lightfoot
  L Mr J Murray L Councillor Poulter
  \* Mr P Stevenson \* Mrs P Talbot
- # Councillor Williams
- \* Present # Absent & No Apology Received 0 Apology for Absence L Late

# 510. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 January 2017 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

# 511. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

# 512. PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No petitions/statements/questions had been received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order No 4.

# 513. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members made no declarations of interest in relation to any item on the agenda for this meeting, which is required to be disclosed by the Localism Act 2011 and the Godalming Members' Code of Conduct.

#### 514. UPDATE ON OVERALL PROGRESS

Members received an oral update from the Town Clerk. The draft Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared by Navigus in line with the Project timetable. Pam Talbot advised that it would be beneficial to have a Character Assessment for Eashing Lane/Ockford Ridge. She asked if Ward Members could assist. Pam Talbot thought there might be further grant funding. The Town Clerk felt we may have used our funding entitlement. The Town Clerk will take both matters forward.

The Town Clerk confirmed that there will also be a need for a screening opinion (SEA) to protect against legal challenge.

#### 515. ALLOCATION OF SITES

Members considered a tabled report from the Town Clerk. The report identified three sites The Town Clerk explained that only the More Road Allotment site was feasible. Of the other two sites, one was not in GTC ownership and the other was in green belt. The Town Clerk intended to explore with Waverley Borough Council the possibility of More Road being included in their Local Plan. The use would be for a community purpose. The Town Clerk to have further discussions with WBC.

#### 516. DIALOGUE WITH WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL - PART ONE

Members welcomed Ian Motuel (IM), Principal Planner (Policy) from Waverley Borough Council. He provided an update on the Local Plan and advised the Committee that WBC would be shortly moving onto Part Two. He confirmed his intent to work closely with Parish Councils, particularly those developing Neighbourhood Plans acknowledging every confidence in Navigus (Chris Bowden).

IM advised that satisfying the Examination Inspector (draft Local Plan) will be very challenging. As yet, there is not a timetable. K Lightfoot raised the impact of Dunsfold on Godalming with the potential of 2,600 houses and more. IM confirmed that the 2,600 is the 'ceiling' in the short to medium term – 1,800 dwellings have an agreement in principle with a further 800 dwellings yet to get permission. There is still further work in the design of the Scheme to address the various stages of the development.

There was some discussion on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). He explained that WBC were currently developing a Policy on CIL and that for the present Section 106 would continue to apply.

Dunsfold is excluded from the Alfold Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan. The first stage would attract section 106 monies. IM explained that CIL is a non-negotiable charge for developers. There is some thought that the Government are looking at abolishing this later in the year; however, WBC will continue with the development of its CIL Policy,

# 517. DIALOGUE WITH WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL - PART TWO

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that she had received an invitation from WBC requesting a meeting with Member(s) of the Committee to discuss various matters relating to the Neighbourhood Plan/Local Plan. The Meeting is due to take place on Friday 24 February, however, IM advised that the date may change.

Agreed that the Town Clerk and J Murray would attend on a date to be agreed.

# 518. ITEMS FOR THE INFORMATION OF MEMBERS

There were no items tabled.

# 519. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Group is scheduled to take place on Friday, 7 April 2017 at 6.00 pm in the Pepperpot.

#### 520. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.