

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING COMMITTEE
Held Wednesday 5th August 2020

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Kimber (Chair), Butterworth, Greenwood, Hodgins & Slater

Also: Anthony Rae

HRTC Council Clerk: E Green.

- 66. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANY SUBSTITUTIONS**
Apologies were received from Cllrs Boggis & Patient.
- 67. MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING.**
Item 5 Cllr Slater as a Trustee of Mytholmroyd Community Association.
- 68. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 24TH FEBRUARY NOT ITEMISED ON THIS AGENDA.**
There were no matters arising

The Chair added a late item.

- 69. RESIGNATION OF PLANNING CONSULTANT**
The committee were advised that on Thursday 30th July an email had been received from our planning consultant Lyndsay Smales, stating that due to a number of personal factors and relocation out of the area that he would be unable to continue in his role as consultant to the Hebden Royd and Hill Top Parishes Neighbourhood Plan.
- Cllr Kimber informed the committee that his resignation had been accepted and that a response had been sent which thanked Lindsay for his vital work on the Neighbourhood Plan to date and wished him the very best for the future.
- It was moved by Cllr Greenwood
Seconded by Cllr Kimber and
RESOLVED: To note thanks to Lyndsay Smales on behalf of the Committee.
- Discussion followed about how the plan would now proceed. Anthony Rae who has been advising and preparing work for the plan was asked for his thoughts on continuing this work.
- It was moved by Cllr Kimber
Seconded by Cllr Greenwood and
RESOLVED: that given the late stage in the plan, we are well placed to continue the work without to need to engage a further consultant. Should the

need arise for specific technical advice this could be obtained through Aecom using the Technical Support Grants.

A note of thanks was made to Anthony Rae for his past work and continuing support on the Neighbourhood Plan, it is much appreciated.

Items 4 & 6 were taken together

70. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROCESS UPDATE & STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Anthony Rae provided a comprehensive update to the committee. There had been a pause in proceedings whilst the SEA got underway, however this is now nearing completion and the report should be with the committee in the coming weeks. The draft text has been refined, a chapter on Mytholmroyd and Hebden Bridge has been included and the demographic data updated. There are still a few paragraphs to insert particularly in response to Climate Emergency and Age Friendly communities.

The Local Plan Stage 2 Inquiry will begin in September and as the intention has been throughout, we are still working in step with the Local Plan. Anthony Rae has prepared statements in response to the questions raised by the examiner on the four allocated sites, Topland, Manor Drive, Stoney Land and Market Place, which have now been submitted.

It was moved by Cllr Kimber

Seconded by Cllr Butterworth and

RESOLVED: That a paragraph mirroring those for Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd should be included for the Hill Top Parishes, but that they could be combined. The draft Parish Specific Policies should be reviewed. The aim should be to start the reg 14 consultation mid to end of September.

71. KEY SITES & AREAS OF INTEREST

The landowners of the key sites identified in the Neighbourhood Plan have now been consulted and there is a clear understanding of the aspirations and policies for each site. The statements for each of these sites can now be completed.

72. DRAFT PLAN

Amendments as outlined will be made to the plan, additional areas to be reviewed are the provision/encouragement of use of electric vehicles, use of Long Causeway, Heights Road as the A646 becomes increasingly congested. How Protected Views are dealt with and further opportunities for water management. These points need to be considered from a geographical viewpoint.

Lucy Sykes will be contacted in regard to updating the designed version with the revised text.

It was moved by Cllr Kimber

Seconded by Cllr Greenwood and

RESOLVED: That following amendments outlined above; the committee should aim to move the plan to Reg 14 consultation.

The process for this will be as follows:

- Revised draft to be available to all parishes by Thursday 27th August, the draft will be considered for comment by HRTC on Wednesday 2nd August.
- Comments to be received by NP Committee by 5pm Monday 7th September
- Amendments will be included on a final version which will be considered at a meeting of the NP Committee on Monday 14th September. The meeting will recommend to adopt this plan for consultation or will recommend further amendments.
- If the plan is recommended to be adopted for consultation this will be considered for approval by HRTC Full Council on Wednesday 23rd September.
- It will be considered for approval by Blackshaw Parish Council on Thursday 24th September.
- Where Parish councils do not meet before this time, and to avoid further delay, they may wish to call an extraordinary meeting or the elected representative will act on behalf of and with permission from each of the councils to approve the document for consultation.

Cllr Greenwood for Erringden Parish Council
Cllr Kimber for Wadsworth Parish Council
Cllr Slater for Heptonstall Parish Council

- Once approval has been granted from each of the councils, the document can proceed to consultation which will be mainly online given the current situation. The consultation will last for a period of six weeks.

Meeting Finished at 8.07pm

