

HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting of the HEBDEN ROYD & HILLTOP PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN JOINT COMMITTEE held 4TH JULY 2022

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Slater, (Chair after minute 65), Greenwood, Kimber, Lomax.

Also: Anthony Rae in capacity of Technical Advisor

Clerk: E Green

65. ELECTION OF CHAIR & DEPUTY CHAIR FOR THE NEXT SIX-MONTH ROTATION

It was moved by Cllr Kimber

Seconded by Cllr Greenwood and

RESOLVED: That Cllr Slater be the chair for the next six months until the meeting immediately following the 4th of January 2023.

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RESOLVED: That Cllr Greenwood be the deputy chair for the next six months until the meeting immediately following the 4th of January 2023.

66. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANY SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Cllr Lacey, with Cllr Lomax attending as a substitute. Apologies were also received from Cllr Freeth and Cllr Hodgins.

Members of the committee expressed disappointment that there was no representative present from Hebden Royd Town Council.

67. MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING.

There were no interests declared.

68. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY MEETING HELD MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2021 NOT ITEMISED ON THIS AGENDA.

Cllr Greenwood referred to point 3. There had been some contact with officers at Calderdale Council regarding the growth of 'Air B&B' and holiday lets in the local area, and policy and taxation related to this. However, there had not as yet been an informative response, and this is something that Heptonstall Parish Council continues to pursue.

69. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROCESS UPDATE

AR provided an update regarding the Local Plan (which affects the process of the Neighbourhood Plan) It was outlined that CMBC had now published a

Major Modifications to the Local Plan document which will be available for consultation between July and September of this year. This document outlines the major changes that the inspector requires, and the potential impacts. The policy relating to Rural Exception Sites (which would include Mytholmroyd) has been amended to facilitate the building of new affordable homes that are mainly for rent. This matter was considered carefully and the potential impact of this on the overall principle of the plan, of development on brownfield valley bottom sites, not on greenbelt, will need to be fully understood.

It was moved by Cllr Slater

Seconded by Cllr Kimber and

RESOLVED: To contact Aecom with regard to the major modifications document, and to construct an appropriate response to CMBC to be submitted during the consultation. Hebden Royd Town Council as a whole must also be alerted to this change in policy.

CMBC will be contacted to clarify the timeframe of the local plan, as this will dictate the timeframe for the Neighbourhood Plan.

70. AECOM – DRAFT REPORT ON HOUSING SITES AND POLICIES

As part of the site assessment Aecom considered all of the sites in the area that had been previously included in the local plan. The purpose of this was to confirm that they were not suitable and that as such there was a need to allocate additional sites. However, on considering the sites allocated by the Neighbourhood Plan, these are now not appropriate for allocation. In some instances, this is because planning applications have since been approved, or it may relate to flooding etc. The plan now needs to consider how many sites there will actually be and what purpose these will serve.

It was moved by Cllr Kimber

Seconded by Cllr Greenwood and

RESOLVED: to feedback to Aecom and ask for their technical view on where this leaves the Neighbourhood Plan and what the next steps should be.

71. AECOM – DRAFT REPORT ON CALDERDALE COUNCIL REG14 CONSULTATION COMMENTS

The report was considered, and it was felt that the comments provided by Aecom did not give a strong enough steer for the committee to appropriately respond to the Reg 14 comments submitted by CMBC. However, it was highlighted within the meeting that the item of the Major Modification of Rural Exception sites which is most important and that the next stage of engagement should focus on clarification about the potential implementation and impacts of that policy.

72. FUTURE MEETINGS & NEXT STEPS

Anthony as Technical Advisor will arrange a meeting with the Clerk of HRTC to discuss the Major Modifications. The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan will be on Monday 7th November.