

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE BLUE CHAIR HALL AT ROBERT MAY'S SCHOOL, ODIHAM ON  
WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2018 COMMENCING AT 7.35PM**

Present: Cllrs Hale (Chair), Bell, David, Faulkner, Fellows, Fleming, Harris, Robinson-Giannasi, Stewart and Worboys

In attendance: Mrs Anderson (Deputy Clerk)

Also present: County Cllr Glen; 40 members of the public

**244/17 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from District Cllrs Crookes and Gorys.

**245/17 RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**246/17 PUBLIC SESSION**

A resident addressed the council regarding agenda item 249/17 requesting OPC to represent their community and reject this planning application. They also expressed their concerns on the level of harm to the Conservation Area, questioning the covenants and the level of safeguarding of the Deer Park they would provide and to also question whether OPC will invoke the NH Plan (Appendix 1).

*The resident was thanked by the Chairman.*

A resident addressed the council on the Odiham Conservation Area Appraisal and conservation aspects of the Deer Park planning application (Appendix 2).

*The resident was thanked by the Chairman.*

**247/17 RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NUMBER OF CLLRS REQUIRED TO MAKE A FULL COUNCIL MEETING QUORATE**

**It was resolved** by the majority vote to confirm that as per the Local Clerk's Guide, one third of the whole number of members of the council with a membership of 10 required to make a meeting quorate is 4. Standing Orders would be updated to clarify this.

**248/17 RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CLLRS APPOINTED TO MEET WITH HART DC REGARDING THE BELOW PLANNING APPLICATION**

Cllrs Faulkner and Robinson-Giannasi had been delegated to represent OPC last year to attend, on behalf of OPC, meetings at Hart DC. Their draft notes from the meeting held on Wednesday 21 February 2018 had been circulated to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 3).

Cllr Faulkner advised that he had received a number of questions from Cllrs which were taken to the meeting. He pointed out that the Case Officer had made her position clear and had not decided on a recommendation at that point. He also confirmed that he understands that the proposed new covenant would travel with the title ownership of the land.

It was agreed for this report to be added to the website.

## **249/17 CONSIDERATION AND AGREEMENT ON OPC'S COMMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION:**

- **17/03029/FUL Land on the north side of Dunleys Hill, Odiham, Hook, Hampshire**  
Change of use of agricultural land to public and private open spaces with associated new footpath/cycleway; revised vehicular access off Dunleys Hill with adjoining new footpath/cycleway; fencing, tree planting and landscaping to the public and private open spaces. Construction of 7 dwellings with residential curtilages and access driveways, fencing and landscaping; all land on north of Dunleys Hill and Odiham.

The Land Use Plan had been circulated to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 4).

The applicant's representative spoke in support of this planning application. He spoke about the applicants philosophy and of the applicants vision to work hand in hand with the NH Plan vision that the villages remain separated by attractive green spaces with improved footpaths which are more accessible by all of the community and visitors. He commented that there is no longer a certainty over land or its use and questioned why jeopardise a better future.

*The applicant's representative was thanked by the Chairman.*

The Chairman clarified that OPC are not the planning authority and are simply consultees and do not have the power to approve or reject the application. He presented a background summary to the application noting that a comprehensive timeline can be found on OPC's website, covering previous decisions and noting that the Deer Park was removed from the NH Plan as a local green space by the independent examiner. However, an area of land between Odiham and North Warnborough has been designated as a Local Gap in the Plan.

The Chairman reminded Cllr's of OPC's comments on the previous application and noted that there have been changes to this current application. The Chairman suggested that Cllr's balance the level of public benefit that this application brings, against the harm that the development will inflict on the land. It was noted that whilst Natural England do not object, subject to some mitigation, they have taken this application as an improvement on the last application and believe it to be finely balanced. The Chairman noted that they do conclude that the harm still slightly outweighs the historic benefits and that Historic England had advised Hart DC to balance this against the public benefits that they had not factored in.

The Chairman gave each Cllr 3 minutes to express their views as per standing orders. Each Cllr was asked by the Chairman to confirm if their opinion was one of objection or of support for the application. The Chairman allowed additional clarification from the applicants representative on questions put by Cllrs including clarification that there will be a maintenance sum for land given to community ownership which would be in line with the standard Hart DC requirement and also that the current level of free roaming enjoyed by the public was at the current landowners discretion. Cllrs were advised that the landowner could have chosen to enforce rules governing the public staying on the footpaths. He also clarified that the landowner would waive his future permitted development rights, however he would look to include a maintenance/deer shed.

The Chairman allowed the representative of the applicant to clarify a further question raised by a Cllr regarding the privately owned piece of land shown as orange on the Land Use Plan. The representative clarified this land will remain in the applicants ownership which would include the driveway, access at Dunleys Hill, a pond and cycleway and would enable the landowner to maintain this area.

The Chairman concluded that the balance of opinions expressed by the Cllrs at the meeting seemed in favour of the application and on this basis he noted he was compelled to put forward a motion in support of the application. The motion was based on the majority of opinions already expressed by the committee.

**It was resolved** by the majority vote that Odiham parish council supports the application on the grounds of the wider community benefits including the improved public access, footpaths, cycle way's,

provision of open space for the community and added security from the covenants. Cllr's Fellows, Fleming and Stewart voted against the motion.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.43pm**

**Signed.....**

**Date.....**