



# WINCHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WINCHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6, 2016, AT 7.30 PM IN WINCHFIELD VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Renshaw (in the Chair),  
Cllr H Dicks, Cllr I Gavin-Brown, Cllr P Jackaman and Cllr M Williams  
Cllr T Southern (HDC)  
5 members of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee  
Mr D Turver (WeHeartHart)  
2 members of the public  
Mrs C Johnson (Clerk)

### 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Crampton (HDC), Cllr Glen (HCC) and PC Franks.

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS UNDER S33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT (2011)

As at previous meetings, the Chairman declared his ownership (with his wife) of 45 acres of land in the parish which had been the subject of overtures from developers. He reiterated that the land is not available for development.

Cllr Williams declared his membership of Winchfield Action Group (WAG).

A dispensation was granted in May 2015 to all Councillors to participate in all discussions and decisions by this Council relating to the emerging Local and Neighbourhood Plans and associated matters until May 2019.

### 3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITH REGARD TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The Chairman invited members of the public to participate in any of the ensuing discussions through the Chair.

### 4 HART DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN 2011 – 2032: PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON REFINED OPTIONS FOR DELIVERING NEW HOMES

The draft response to this consultation strongly opposing Option 3 for a New Settlement at Winchfield, prepared by the planning consultancy (JB Planning Associates) instructed by the Parish Council, was approved for submission subject to some minor corrections and clarifications and some further input regarding the under-provision of SANG land.

The Chairman praised the consultancy for producing an excellent document. It was noted that it had not been considered necessary to obtain Counsel's opinion at this stage (for which expenditure up to £10,000 had been approved at the last meeting). It was however likely that the final account from the consultancy would significantly exceed the original estimate of £5,000.

**5 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 'HEALTHCHECK' REVIEW**

It was agreed to appoint Ann Skippers MRTPI through the Neighbourhood Plan Independent Review Service (NPIERS) to carry out a healthcheck review of the latest draft of the Winchfield Neighbourhood Plan at the fixed fee of £1,500 (exc. VAT).

The Clerk confirmed that approval had been gained from Locality/Groundwork to use for this purpose up to £1,575 originally allocated for support from Plan-et for the production of the draft Plan and for gap analysis which had not been taken up.

**6 APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF APPLICATION 15/01614/FUL FOR SOLAR FARM AT TRIMMERS FARM (BEGGARS CORNER)**

The Chairman reported that the applicant, Britsolar Ltd, had lodged an appeal against the District Council's refusal of this application. The grounds for refusal were the 'serious' detraction from the amenity value of nearby footpaths and the spoiling of views of the site from Odiham. Councillors challenged the effect on the footpaths (which are little used) and questioned the impact of a solar farm on the distant views from Odiham. A draft response in support of the applicant to be sent to the Planning Inspectorate prepared by the Chairman and Cllr Jackaman was approved for submission.

**7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

January 18, 2016.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm**