

Overton Parish Council Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 10th February 2016 at the Community Centre

Present: Cllr Ian Tilbury (Chairman), Mr Peter Baker, Mr Gary Beecham, Mr Colin Fowles, Mr Graham Gould, Mrs Margaret Oram, Cllr Colin Phillimore, Mrs Lucy Sloane Williams, Dr Adam Trickett, Mrs Laura Harley (Clerk), 22 members of the public, Mr Brian Elkins (Project Manager Neighbourhood Plan), Mr Brian Langer (Public Transport Representative),

1.Public Time

1.1 Mr Roberts asked the parish council to have a full and frank discussion regarding the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). He wondered how the NP was affected by the outline planning application for the North Field and wondered if the village would end up with all the possible development. He stated that any referendum should not be seen as rubber stamping the NP and that full information about the plan should be given to parishioners.

Cllr Tilbury stated that the referendum would not be on 17th March 2016 as previously advertised and that the North Field planning application might be considered on 9th March 2016.

1.2 Mrs Bond – stated that Cllr Tilbury had written a letter to her solicitor on 30th January asking him to disclose personal and private information about land associated with 43 Red Lion Lane. She asked if this had been done with the knowledge of the parish council and Cllr Tilbury responded by saying that the letter had been sent by him as a borough councillor. Mr Gould advised Mrs Bond that the parish council were unaware of it.

The following comments all relate to sites included with the proposed Overton Neighbourhood Plan:

1.3 Mr Butler – where exactly in Pond Close is the development to take place. Cllr Tilbury stated that the site was between Sapley Lane Playing Field and the southern end of the Pond Close.

1.4 Mrs Ward – stated that pulp had been dumped at Brick Kiln Farm. Cllr Tilbury stated that the site which included Brick Kiln Farm was not part of the site included within the Neighbourhood Plan as the reserve site had been deleted.

1.5 Mrs Butler – wondered how the Overton Hill site fitted in to the NP. She wondered how close any proposed houses would be to Pond Close. She wondered if people would still be able to walk their dogs and where any thoroughfares would run. Cllr Tilbury stated that no planning application had been submitted and therefore there were no details of what might be proposed.

1.6 Mr Swanborough – wondered if Sapley Lane Playing Field would be included within any development plans and Cllr Tilbury stated that this was not a development site.

1.7 Mr Wellman – was concerned about whether the village could cope with more houses with regard to the provision of utilities, sewerage, parking and schools. Mr Fowles stated that parish councillors had met with officers from HCC about schooling. Officers were aware of

the possible development that might occur within the parish and it was hoped that they would plan accordingly to increase the size of the school when this took place.

1.8 Mr Chessell – felt that the two development sites in Court Drove would add to the traffic chaos at the beginning and end of the school day. He asked if the number of houses in the NP would be developed if the referendum was agreed and the application for the North Field was also passed. It was stated that Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC) was reticent about objecting to planning applications which might then go to Appeal due to the large costs that had been awarded against the authority in the past.

1.9 Mr and Mrs Yeates – were disgusted that a petition that had been signed by more than 200 people had only been considered as one objection by BDBC during the NP consultation.

1.10 Mr McCann – asked who the houses were being built for. He stated that Overton was a great place to live and it was a shame to spoil it. Cllr Tilbury explained the association between the BDBC Local Plan and the NP

1.11 Mr Roberts asked if the date of the parish council meeting in March would be changed if the North Field planning application was to be considered on the same date.

1.12 Mrs Chessell – stated that the Neighbourhood Plan group had probably had the best intentions on behalf of the village but felt that the process had now ‘passed its sell-by date’ with regard to the location choices.

3 Welcome to Walkers (this was taken out of order)

Denise Williams spoke about Welcome to Walkers which was a Kitemark qualification. Mrs Williams stated that Overton met most of criteria to be successful in gaining the qualification. Once it was achieved, there would be a link with the Ramblers Association and this would help to promote footpaths in the village. Welcome to Walkers worked well when neighbouring parishes also held the qualification (Whitchurch) and would hopefully enhance the use of public transport, improve tourism and promote good health. Mrs Williams was looking for support from Overton Parish Council including a small grant for registration (£60.00). She also asked if there could be a page on the parish council website. Mr Beecham proposed that the parish council supported the initiative and this was seconded by Mr Fowles and agreed by all councillors present.

Clerk to liaise with Mrs Williams.

1.2 Public Transport

Mr Langer distributed the new timetable for the service 74.

Mr Beecham asked Mr Langer about the buses ‘resting’ at the St Mary’s Hall bus stop. This was causing a disruption to traffic in this part of the High Street when it occurred.

2.1 Absent councillors

Apologies were received from Dr V Stevens. Ms K Robinson did not give apologies.

2.2 Chairman's announcements

No matters to report.

2.3 Future meetings

The next planning meeting was on 23rd February 2016. As it was possible that the North Field outline planning application for 200 houses might be considered by the BDBC Development Control committee on 9th March, it was agreed that the parish council meeting should be held on Monday 7th March 2016.

2.4 Declarations of interest

Cllr Phillimore questioned whether the parish council would be involved with future decisions regarding the Riverside Walk. He also stated that the Overton Recreation Centre had not rejected the golf course proposal.

Cllr Phillimore asked for copy of the email from Royal Mail regarding the request for a post box on Overton Hill.

Planning matters

6.1 Planning applications

No applications to consider.

6.2 Overton Neighbourhood Plan

The referendum for the Neighbourhood Plan was to be postponed until the appointment of the independent examiner was ratified. Cllr Tilbury proposed that this should not be undertaken until further advice was sought from Basingstoke and Deane Legal Services and this was seconded by Mr Baker with 7 councillors in favour and 3 abstaining. The question of whether the 150 houses in the Neighbourhood Plan would still be built if the North Field application for 200 was approved by BDBC was also raised.

Cllr Tilbury to investigate both matters.

5. Agree policies as follows:

Financial:

5.1 Agree Statement of Internal Control – proposed by Mr Baker and seconded by Mrs Jones with all in agreement.

5.2 Agree Risk Assessment – proposed by Mr Baker and seconded by Mrs Jones with all in agreement.

News & Views

5.3 Editorial Policy – it was agreed that this should be discussed at a future meeting.

Other policies:

5.4 Health & Safety – proposed by Cllr Tilbury and seconded by Mr Beecham with all in agreement.

5.5 and 5.6 The policies Equality and Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults were required to obtain the LIF from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council. Cllr Tilbury agreed to speak to the borough officer in question regarding the necessity for these policies

5.7 Reserves – it was agreed to discuss this at a future meeting.

7) Sapley Lane Playing Field – Citizenship Project

Cllr Tilbury and Cllr Phillimore had been contacted by four students (one from Overton) from Testbourne School who were undertaking a Citizenship project about Sapley Lane Playing Field. As a result Cllr Tilbury met with them to discuss the project. The students had interviewed users of the skateboard park (which was situated in the playing field) and expressed concerns that younger children were being put off using the equipment by older children. They had also hoped that lighting could be installed to make the park safer. The Councillors explained that lighting was unlikely to be installed due to cost and the possible objection from neighbours.

8) Highways and byways

8.1 Highways

Potholes were again a problem around the village. The large hole by the traffic lights had been reported.

It was agreed to write an article about the Parish Lengthsman scheme for News & Views. It was hoped that the Lengthsman would be able to deal with the hedge in Red Lion Lane.

The tunnels under the A303 required jetting. Kingsclere Road drains were still blocked.

Action Clerk.

8.1.1 S106 re Overton Hill

Hampshire County Council officers were to meet to discuss the adoption of Station Approach and would contact the parish council when this had been undertaken.

Clerk to contact HCC officers for an update before the next parish council meeting.

8.2 Rights of Way

8.2.1 Bridleway 26 diversion

Hampshire County Council was investigating Cllr Tilbury's suggestion for the path to follow the field boundary until it met with the path to the west. Due to other comments received, the consultation was due to be reissued at some point in the future.

Clerk to circulate revised consultation when received.

8.3 Parking in the village

The Clerk reported that the scheme should be ready for consultation at the end of March 2016.

Clerk to continue to liaise with BDBC.

9.Finance and Policy

9.1 The payments were signed by Mrs Sloane Williams and Mr Baker and approved by all present.

HCC Pension	Pension	£258.95
Ian Hills	Grounds Maintenance	£6,400.00
Elpatech	Amendments website	£68.75
K Birch	Clean bus shelters	£15.00
Clerk	Salary	£951.79
Litter Picker	Salary	£435.50
N&V Editor	News and Views	£180.00

Balances

Current a/c	31.01.16	£3,624.03
Treasury a/c	31.01.16	£49,093.04

9.2 Grant application – Overton Tennis Club

The Overton Tennis Club had requested a grant associated with refencing the courts. Mrs Sloane Williams requested sight of a financial statement.

To be considered in March.

10.Representation on outside bodies

Dr Trickett stated that he was due to attend a Road Safety meeting. It was agreed to ask the Speedwatch team to produce a report and to consider the need for a Speed Indicator Device rather than a Speed Limit Reminder in the village.

Clerk to speak to the Speedwatch team.

11.Correspondence

No items.

The meeting finished at 10.00pm

