

# **WROXETER & UPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013 AT 7.30PM AT THE WROXETER HOTEL, WROXETER**

**Present: Chairman – Cllr. B. Nelson (BN), J. Guttridge (JG), M. Millington (MM), K. Pritchett (KP), S. Rowlands (SR)**

### **021/1314 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Eade, Cllr Jones, Cllr E Davies, Cllr P Davies.

### **022/1314 DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None Declared.

### **023/1314 SITE EAST OF HORSESHOES INN, UCKINGTON**

The planning authority had requested a view as to whether the Parish Council considers this site to be within or adjacent to the loose knit settlements of Uckington and Norton.

There was a lengthy discussion on this matter, with specific reference given to the documentation and advice which had been provided by the planning authority. In these discussions all present agreed that it was not easy to be definitive in the situation presented due to the very small number of properties in the area and the dispersed nature of those properties.

It was not felt appropriate to consider the site in relation to Norton which is some distance away and separate to Uckington.

Focussing on Uckington, consideration was given to the way in which local people might define and describe Uckington as a place, and whilst it was felt that the “heart” of Uckington lay north of the B5061 (as supported by local signage) the Horseshoes Public House and nearby car and caravan sales premises would equally be seen as Uckington. However, some of the more distant properties which may have Uckington within their postal address were not seen as being part of the discrete settlement of Uckington in the same way.

With regard to the specific plot in question, it was felt that if this plot were close to the western edge of the field of which it is a part (i.e. very close to the Horseshoes pub) those present would consider it to be part of the Uckington settlement. As currently located, however, it was felt that it might not be thought of as being within the settlement but, by definition, it could be seen as being adjacent, and might therefore satisfy the criteria laid down by the planning authority for affordable housing with regard to the need for it to be within or adjacent to a named settlement.

The above conclusion was proposed by Cllr Millington, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and supported by all present.

A separate but related discussion then took place following correspondence received from the local planning office and Mr Paul Davies with regard to him satisfying the criteria for strong local connections to the area as defined in the relevant SPD (para 5.37). In this respect, all present had no doubt that Mr Davies could present a very strong case for such local connections under at least two of the necessary criteria. This conclusion was proposed by Cllr Guttridge, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and supported by all present.

**The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.**