

CHEDDON FITZPAINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council to be held at 7.00pm on Monday 24th January 2022

in the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall at Cheddon Fitzpaine TA2 8JY.

Present: Parish Cllrs Woollacott, Batsch, & Isaacs, NP Delivery Group Chairman K Tutill. Clerk Mrs S Millard-Jones.

With approximately 10 members of the public.

In the absence of Cllr Webber, Cllr Woollacott Chaired the meeting.

001/01 To receive apologies for absence: Parish Cllrs Webber & Baker. Parish Cllr West was in attendance virtually.

001/02 To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial/disclosable pecuniary interests: None

001/03 Public Participation

Residents raised concerns with the paragraph within the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) that appeared to be inserted by the developer and asked how it had been approved by the Parish Council (PC).

Cllrs explained that within the consultation stages, comments from consultees need to be considered, and if comments are disregarded this may cause problems with the NP being Made. It was also explained that the inspector was not at a stage of conclusion and hence the reason for considering amendments as a result of the strength of parishioner's opinion.

K Tutill explained that once both Cheddon Fitzpaine and West Monkton PC's became aware of the swell of feeling of parishioners, it became important to consider alternatives and went on to explain that the PC's cannot request that parts of the NP are removed, but can ask the inspector to look at specific policies with a valid reason as to why.

001/04 To discuss potential implications for the Inspectors conclusions on the Neighbourhood Plan following Regulation 16 consultation.

K Tutill reported that the SWT consultation had completed and that several comments have been received. The main issue being raised in the comments was in relation to the changes to the housing objective. K Tutill confirmed that although the Examiner and Ann Rhodes are not concerned about the comments received, there is a risk that if the objective isn't amended that the plan may go to referendum and that it may be voted against. This could mean that the NP would revert to the out of date version. If the amended objective wording is removed entirely, Rural Solutions may object, and the consultation process may have to re-start. Mr Tutill outlined another option to remove just the first part of the amended objective wording which relates specifically to the Country Park. Mr Tutill confirmed that policy R4 contains similar wording anyway.

001/5 To consider that Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Council, along with West Monkton Parish Council may ask the Examiner to be minded to consider suggested amendments.

K Tutill suggested that the PC approve the omission of section a) of the Housing Objective previously added after comments from Rural Solutions as it is believed that this is covered adequately by Policy R4 within the NP and will remove concerns that the residents have, particularly the reference to Glebe Farm. Section b) will become a) and will remain as an objective.

It was suggested that the last bullet point in the supporting text "In exceptional circumstances..." could be amended to read: "In exceptional circumstances, proportionate new housing development across the Neighbourhood Plan area may be supported, providing that it is brought forward with community support and a comprehensive masterplan." This would omit ...' a) it helps enable the delivery of wider community aspirations (e.g., the Country Park) or public open space or accessibility improvements in the Parishes or b)...'. This omission is, in fact, covered by Policy R4.

It was **resolved** to remove the first part of the amended objective wording as suggested by Mr Tutill.

001/06 Next meeting Monday 14th February 2022.

The meeting was closed at 7.50pm.