

## **SOBERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Soberton Parish Council's Policy Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in Soberton Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr N Findlay (Chairman), Cllr R Cole, Cllr J Hyland, Cllr V Weston.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr B Gibbs (Clerk to the Parish Council).

Three members of the general public.

### **86/PC          APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr P Henderson sent his apologies.

### **87/PC          DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by members of the Committee.

### **88/PC          PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A parishioner from Liberty Road spoke about the current traffic issues affecting the village. She said that she had written to Cllr Stallard about speeding motorists, increased volume of cars using rural roads and the current roadworks on the B2177. The parishioner asked if the Parish Council would support any initiative to apply for a 20mph (20's Plenty) scheme in the villages.

Cllr Findlay said that Hampshire County Council was still in discussion about adopting the final policy document for the county wide 20's Plenty scheme. Meanwhile, the Parish Council was doing its best to influence people in order to move this process along.

The clerk commented that there was work in progress to upgrade some street furniture in order to take Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). Once this task is complete it may be possible to purchase another SID to add to the one that the Parish Council already owns.

Mr Ian Donahue spoke about planning application 22/00793/FUL – Selhurst Poultry Farm. He commented that the site has been under development since about 2008 with several permissions already in place. The site has been subdivided to an extent and parcels of land have been sold off. The current application seeks to construct three buildings for E1 use and three buildings for residential use.

He explained that Selhurst Farm was an established employment site though a number of the buildings have been converted or have permission for residential conversion. In addition, there is an extant permission for five storage buildings and an office.

This application reduces the commercial element and increases the residential.

Cllr Findlay stated that the Parish Council's concerns were primarily about the overdevelopment of the site with the resulting traffic issues as well as its proximity to a children's play area and the community recreation ground. There were also concerns about drainage.

Cllr Hyland and Cllr Findlay said that what was needed was a comprehensive plan to show the context for any application.

Mr Donahue said that further work would be done with the application and he said that his team would stay in touch with the Parish Council.

## **89/PC          MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

The minutes of the last meeting, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were approved for signing by the Chairman.

## **90/PC          CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

Cllr Findlay commented on arrangements for HM The King's Coronation in May 2023. This included extra bank holiday arrangements and procedures for street parties.

## **91/PC          SPC COMMUNICATIONS GROUP**

Cllr Cole provided a verbal report.

- Cllr Cole said that the communications questionnaire has now been distributed through the Soberton Echo and the Parish Magazine.
- The response has not been great so far online but there will be further prompting through the consultation period.
- Any responses received were via the Parish Magazine.
- All agreed that there should be a strategy in place soon after the consultation ends.
- This could be agreed at the Full council meeting due to take place before the Annual Parish Assembly on the 12<sup>th</sup> April and Soberton Village Hall.

Cllr Findlay thanks Cllr Cole for her report.

## **92/PC          THE SOBERTON PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT**

Cllr Weston led with this item. She had completed the toolkit and this should first be distributed to the working group via email. The Clerk was asked to collate all responses and comments. It was stressed that the process should now pick up speed through the Spring.

Cllr Weston said that the document would be posted online to Soberton Echo and the Parish Magazine. It was also hoped to have the toolkit on the website with an explanation of how to respond to it.

Cllr Findlay said that the circulation should contain a call for volunteers to help with this initiative with a response deadline of the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

### **93/PC HCC, WCC AND SDNPA POLICIES AND CONSULTATIONS.**

Cllr Hyland commented on the consultation on the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill that was currently out to consultation until 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023. One of the proposals of this piece of legislation is to reform some elements of the National Planning Policy Framework.

This review will remove some of the weight and influence of a Village Design Statement and will end its status as a Supplementary Planning Document. He stressed that if the PDS was adopted quickly then this will still be considered as a weighty document.

### **94/PC FINANCE**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
SSE Energy Ltd	Rec Ground Electricity	553.13	27.12	580.27
Ampfield Traffic Ltd	SID Deployment	150.00	0.00	150.00
Swanmore PC	ACSO	198.00	39.60	237.60
Rookesbury Hall	Room Hire 17/01	12.75	0.00	12.75
Vitaplay Ltd	Play Area Inspection	56.50	11.30	67.80
Vitaplay Ltd	Play Area Inspection	56.50	11.30	67.80
B.V. Gibbs	Google Space	59.80	0.00	59.80
B.V. Gibbs	January Salary	666.50	0.00	666.50
Total		1753.18	89.32	1842.52

Proposed: Cllr Hyland      Seconded: Cllr Cole      All agreed

### **95/PC STANDING ORDERS**

The Clerk led with this item. He said that now might be an opportune time to review the Parish Council's Standing Orders. Cllr Weston agreed to help the Clerk with this review in order report to a future meeting of this committee prior to it being adopted by the Full Council.

### **96/PC PLANNING**

23/00083/HOUS Meon Crest High Street Soberton SO32 3PN Front Extension, Canopy Porch, Roof Alterations

The Parish Council was happy for this application to be dealt with by the delegated officer.

22/02839/HOU Langton Hundred Acres Road PO17 6JD, install solar panels on top of attached double garage's flat roof. 12 panels arranged in three rows of four to be tilted at approximately 50 degrees to the horizontal.

The Parish Council was happy for this application to be dealt with by the delegated officer.

22/02850/HOU Tarka Liberty Road PO17 6LB, Two storey side and rear extensions.

The Parish Council was happy for this application to be dealt with by the delegated officer.

## **97/PC        CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no other correspondence to note.

## **98/PC        ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Parish Design Statement  
WCC Local Plan review

## **99/PC        DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.30pm at the Rookesbury Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.37pm