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SOBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Soberton Parish Council Policy Committee held on 12th July 2022 in Soberton Village Hall commencing at 8.15pm

PRESENT: Cllr N Findlay (Chairman), Cllr R Cole, Cllr P Henderson, Cllr J Hyland, Cllr A Turner, Cllr V Weston.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr B Gibbs (Clerk to the Parish Council), Cllr S Doherty, Cllr J Shirwell and Dist Cllr M Wallace.

61/PC APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members were present.

62/PC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

63/PC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

64/PC MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 15th FEBRUARY 2022

The minutes of the last meeting, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were approved for signing by the Chairman when they were printed and available to him.

65/PC CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

Cllr Findlay welcomed all members to the first Policy Committee meeting of the new Parish Council. He continued by saying that it was apparent the communication between the Parish Council and the community could be improved. Cllr Findlay proposed the setting up of a working party to take this issue forward.

Cllrs Cole, Henderson and Marland were proposed as initial members by the committee Chair.

Items they were asked to look at included the Parish Council website, the Parish Council Facebook pages.

Proposed: Cllr Findlay

Seconded: Cllr Weston

All Agreed

66/PC SDNPA LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT (LAA) DRAFT METHODOLOGY CONSULTATION.

Cllr Findlay led with this item. He reminded all present that the responsibility for development control in Soberton was split evenly between Winchester City Council (WCC) and the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA).

He then said that the document under review was specific to the SDNPA. He also said that the consultation was across the entire South Downs encompassing all fifteen District Councils within the Park.

Comments were received from members as follows.

- The document was a good piece of work and should be considered “sound” in planning terms.
- Nutrient Neutrality is of increasing importance.
- Nitrogen and phosphorus levels could do with greater consideration in the LAA.
- Farmland drainage and sewage effluent are the main sources of increased nitrogen and phosphorus levels

It was proposed by Cllr Weston that the Parish Council should provide a response to the consultation by the 21st July. This was accepted by the Committee without a vote being taken.

Cllr Findlay said that he would liaise with the Clerk in order to produce a response before the deadline.

67/PC THE SOBERTON PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT

Cllr Findlay led with this item. He acknowledged that progress with the Parish Design Statement (PDS) had been slow. Again, a lack of communication was acknowledged and improved progress chasing would help greatly.

Cllr Weston spoke about the work she was currently undertaking. She had been working with members of the Soberton Local History Society in order to create a time line of building styles seen in the village and construction methods used locally. This information could then be incorporated into the PDS as an aspiration to see these styles and construction methods continued.

Flint walls and flint facing were given as examples of this.

Cllr Hyland also spoke the character and density of future construction. These items were not covered in the PDS at present. Building massing, height, shape and scale would lead on from these. He said that every aspiration with the PDS must sit within a framework as evidence.

The immediate task was to set out this framework in a way so any amendments made to it would be capable of review by the community. Cllr Hyland concluded his statement by saying that this task was achievable with the right level of effort.

It was pointed out that both local planning authorities (WCC and SDNPA) would be required to adopt the PDS. WCC would be the lead authority in working with the Parish Council notwithstanding this.

Cllr Findlay invited all present (including those attending as members of the public) to get involved.

Cllr Weston requested further consultation with the community along the way.

68/PC HCC, WCC AND SDNPA POLICIES AND CONSULTATIONS.

Cllr Findlay spoke about other consultations including Southern Water's upcoming draft Water Resources Management Plan.

He said that some of the route plans were at a small scale making it hard to identify exactly what the current options were. He also said that other documents were quite detailed but were not necessary to refer to as these routes were outside the Parish.

He concluded by saying that the main emphasis locally was south of the parish towards Shedfield and beyond.

There were two strategic aims in the document as follows:

- Build a new water recycling plant south of Havant and use an innovative technology to turn treated wastewater into recycled water. The water would then be transferred via a new underground pipeline to the Havant Thicket Reservoir so there is more water available for use during a drought.
- Build a new underground pipeline to transport water from the reservoir to Southern Water's Otterbourne Water Supply Works, where it will be treated further to become drinking water.

69/PC CORRESPONDENCE

There was no other correspondence to receive.

70/PC ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Parish Design Statement
WCC Local Plan review

Cllr Weston asked for the planning group meeting to discuss the outcomes emerging from the WCC Local Plan review in order to report back to this committee or the Full Council.

71/PC DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 22nd November 2022 at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm