

PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2021

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs J Tomblin (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Cameron, Cllr Mrs P Chester-Master, Cllr Mrs R Freyne and Cllr A Stone.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Warren (NDP Steering Group), Cllr Mike Evemy (CDC), Cllr Shaun Parsons (GCC) and Mrs C Braidwood (Clerk)

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr N Price (Personal)

2. Declarations of Interest & Code of Conduct

2.1 To Receive Member's Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda - None

2.2 To Receive Updates to Members' Register of Interests - None

3. Minutes from Previous Meetings

3.1 Acceptance and signing of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 January 2021

RESOLUTION 9/21

The Minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman

3.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes - None

4. Recommendations from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Regarding Amendments to and Submission of the Neighbourhood Development Plan to CDC.

The notes consolidating the Examiner's and CDC's comments had been circulated with Mr Warren's suggestions how the Plan might be amended. However, this raised concerns that the Plan would not truly reflect the community's vision developed at the original community consultation event in September 2017. This vision sought to create a special landscape area, within the parish, in order to retain separation from Cirencester where the boundaries abut. The Examiner believed that this local policy is in fact a strategic policy not allowed in NDP's and had reduced it to generalities only.

It was understood that CDC is obliged to accept the Examiner's comments or leave itself at risk to judicial review.

Mr Warren advised that a meeting has been arranged with CDC Officers and the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Planning next week and requested guidance from the Council on how to proceed:

- Amend the Plan in line with the Examiners comments and proceed to referendum; or
- Withdraw the Plan and submit for re-Examination with the associated cost implications.

It was agreed that until the meeting had taken place with CDC and all options are known, it is difficult to make an educated decision and therefore, it was agreed that another meeting would take place next Thursday evening to discuss all the information which would then be available.

In the meantime, the Clerk would contact Dr Pellegram to ask: in the event of a re-examination, would she be prepared to answer any technical questions that arise free of charge?

Cllr Evemy confirmed that he had spoken to Cllr Clive Webster, Cabinet Member for Planning, who confirmed that CDC is keen to help the Parish and suggested that the Plan could be amended to enable it to go forward to referendum and then the Parish Council could seek to re-view and change it at a later date.

5. Any Other Business - None

6. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Extraordinary Meeting - Thursday, 25 February 2021

There being no further Business the Meeting was closed at 8.30 pm