

Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee

Minutes of the 95th meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee held at the Methodist Hall on Monday 13th December 2021 at 7.00pm.

- **Attendance:** Mervyn Ward (MW) chair, Rachel Terheege (RT), Ruth Fisher (RF), Robert Crowfoot (RC), Brian Ninness (BN) and four residents.

95/1 To receive apologies for absence:

- It was **NOTED** that apologies were received from Colin Wilkinson (CW consultant)

95/2 To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and dispensations:

- It was **NOTED** that all members declared an interest as residents of the village.

95/3 To confirm the minutes of the 94th meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee:

- It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the NPAC meetings held on 22nd November 2021 were unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes of the 94th meeting as a correct record of the meeting.

95/4 To consider any matters arising from previous decisions of the NPAC not covered by the agenda:

- It was **NOTED** that MW had attended a Planning Advisory Service (PAS) conference call regarding HBBC 's handling of Neighbourhood Plans. There were 8 or 9 parishes represented and all had various complaints. There is a problem with a lack of resourcing as many planning staff had left.
- It was **NOTED** that RC had attended a meeting with LCC regarding strategic planning 2022-36. LCC is keen to work in partnership with NPs but could only influence the outcome as final decisions were down to HBBC. They intend to issue advice, by the end of February, for amending completed NPs.

95/5 To consider procedural matters

- It was **NOTED** that there were none

95/6 To consider the Plan of work for completing the NP process

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the date of the referendum has been set as 3rd March 2022.
- It was **NOTED** that this item was no longer required.

95/7 To consider funding

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the PC had applied for and received a further grant of £1365 and payment of CW's invoice has been paid.

95/8 To consider consultant matters

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there was none.

95/9 To consider future communication and consultation with residents

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the next issue of the Stoker is February and MW will draft an article for committee members to approve. We need guidance on the publicity we are allowed to send out.

95/10 To consider HBBC's approval of the Plan

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that this item was no longer required.

95/11 To consider the referendum on the Plan

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that MW opened this item for comments from the public.
- The referendum date is set for 3rd March 2022. It should have been the 31st December but HBBC could only offer the later date because of a shortage of staff. The PC reluctantly accepted this date after seeking advice from LRALC who advised there was no option of legal action.
- The referendum version of the NP needs to go on the website once HBBC have accessibility checked it but they have not done so yet.
- It was **NOTED** that MW and RT had an informal meeting with MB and KR (HBBC) regarding the interpretation of Neighbourhood Plan policy SG6 and HBBC's failure to meet the referendum deadline. There was no agreement on the interpretation issue.
- It was **AGREED** to support the referendum and also to look at any necessary subsequent revision to bring it in line with the emerging Local Plan.
- It was **AGREED** to write to Dr Luke Evans with an update of the progress of the NP.

95/12 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Chair

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there was correspondence from:
- 2/12 HBBC – mail regarding a proposed update to the Sheepy Plan

95/13 To consider items needed to be brought to the public's attention

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there were none

95/14 Public participation – to consider any comments or questions by the public on items on the agenda

- It was **NOTED** that there was none

95/15 To consider future agenda items

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there was none but items 6 and 10 can be removed

95/16 Date for the next meeting

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** the date of the next meeting is 7pm, Monday 17th January 2022 at the Methodist Hall.
- A further meeting was agreed for Monday 14th February 2022

The meeting closed at 8.40pm