

Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee

Minutes of the 96th meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee held at the Methodist Hall on Monday 17th January 2022 at 7.00pm.

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

96/1 To receive apologies for absence:

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

96/2 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.

96/3 To confirm the minutes of the 95th meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee:

- It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the NPAC meetings held on 13th December 2021 were unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes of the 95th meeting as a correct record of the meeting.

96/4 To consider any matters arising from previous decisions of the NPAC not covered by the agenda:

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

96/5 To consider procedural matters

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

96/6 To consider funding

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the PC clerk had produced a financial statement showing that the available grants had been spent but that there were some allocated funds available.

96/7 To consider consultant matters

The following was **RESOLVED**:

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

96/8 To consider future communication and consultation with residents

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that an article has been sent to the Stoker, detailing the date of the referendum, the reason for delay and the requirement of a simple majority for the NP to be 'made'. The NP needs to remain current and will need to be updated to remain in line with the HBBC Local Plan.
- **ACTION:** MW to update the article and forward to RF who will arrange for it to be posted onto Facebook

96/9 To consider the referendum on the Plan

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that MW opened this item for comments from the public.
- a) The referendum date is set for 3rd March 2022. 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 there have been no details from HBBC regarding the referendum.
ACTION: MW to contact HBBC urgently.

- b) Compliance with the Plan. It was **NOTED** that the NP now has substantial weight but any proposed development will need monitoring to ensure that it remains compliant with the Plan.
- It was **AGREED** to ask the PC- Does the Parish Council want structured input from the NPAC on major planning applications not infill or improvements) for the first 6 – 12 months, until the plan is established?
- c) Review of NP – It was **NOTED** that the NP may require revision because of a deficiency in the wording of SG6 and to keep it in line with HBBC Local Plan.
- MW advised that to do this there would need to be a further Reg 14 consultation, a Reg 16 by HBBC, another examination with a different examiner. A process of possibly 9 months.
- It was **AGREED** that the NPAC would do one revision and that there is likely to be funding available
- d) The way forward – The options are : i) to start the rework now; ii) after the referendum; iii) after the referendum and grant funding is received; iv) start after the Local Plan is debated - mid to late April; wait and see if there is a problem with SG6 with Markfield or another development as a test.
- It was **AGREED** to ask for endorsement from the PC to the following: Does the PC agree to go for revision of the NP from February, dependant on new members replacing retiring members of the NPAC and grant allocation from Locality for a consultant. Scoping work would be done in February and March with a view to formally launching a rewrite from April? This will be a process of up to 12months.
- Terms of reference will need to be updated if the PC endorse the compliance work and/or a revision of the Plan.

96/10 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Chair

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there was correspondence from:
- 5/1 HBBC mail arranging a follow-up workshop on issues with the NP process within the Borough
- 7/1 The Stoker request for a February contribution
- 16/1 Mail from a resident asking if key revisions to the neighbourhood plan could be made sooner, as a separate revision process

96/11 To consider items needed to be brought to the public's attention

The following was **RESOLVED**:

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

96/12 Public participation – to consider any comments or questions by the public on items on the agenda

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

96/13 To consider future agenda items

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there will be two further items – 1) Compliance with NP, 2) review and revision of NP

96/14 Date for the next meeting

The following was **RESOLVED**:

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

The meeting closed at 8.40pm