

# DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL



## **Minutes of the meeting of the New Housing Development Committee held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at the Band Hall, Gravel, Downton at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Cllr Quarmby (Chairman) and Cllrs Brentor, Cordell, Ford, Mace, Sutcliffe, Yeates and Mrs Nikki Wilson.  
Bev Cornish, Parish Clerk.

Three members of the public were present.

### **Public Question Time:**

Mr Nigel Walker spoke in objection to the Rivermead development and said that the Neighbourhood Plan had received overwhelming support from the residents of Downton as well as being endorsed by the Parish Council. It was clear that there was no requirement for it and it would take the allocation for Downton above the 190 houses. If the Appeal was allowed then it would be totally against the wishes of residents and would completely undermine both the Neighbourhood Plan and the credibility of the Parish Council.

**10.16 To receive apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr Hayward, Mr Richard Fishlock and Mrs Alison Small.

**11.16 To consider and resolve to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016:** Cllr Sutcliffe proposed, Cllr Brentor seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **12.16 Declarations of Interest:**

**a. To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers:**

No declarations were received.

**b. To consider any Dispensation Requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered:**

The Clerk advised that no requests for a dispensation had been received.

**13.16 To consider and resolve to recommend a response to an email from Mr Graham Foreman, Land Director, Foreman Homes Group, seeking the Parish Council's views on working together to carry out the work to the Memorial Hall from developer contributions provided support is given to the Planning Appeal for the 36 dwellings at Rivermead, Breamore Road, Downton:** Following a brief discussion, Cllr Quarmby proposed from the Chair that Foreman Homes's requirement for an unequivocal support for the Appeal meant that the Committee's recommendation was to refuse Mr Foreman's offer.

**14.16 Planning Appeal Ref APP/Y3940/W/16/3161391: Land at Rivermead, Breamore Road, Downton - Erection of 36 Residential Units, Construction of an Access Road from Breamore Road, and Associated Works:**

- a. **To consider and resolve to agree on whether to make any additional written representations to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the application by the submission deadline of 17th January 2017:**

Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Ford proposed, Cllr Mace seconded and it was RESOLVED that a recommendation be made to the Parish Council that it should submit a detailed letter setting out its objection to the development on the two principal grounds of having the Neighbourhood Plan in place and also the fact that Wiltshire Council could demonstrate a 3 year housing supply

- b. **To consider and resolve to agree on any actions to be taken with regard to the Parish Council's representation at the forthcoming Appeal Hearing in February and the verbal statements to be made to the Inspector:**

Cllr Mace proposed, Cllr Yeates seconded and it was RESOLVED that a recommendation be made to the Parish Council that Cllrs Quarmby and Brentor be its representatives at the Appeal Hearing.

**15.16 To consider and resolve to recommend a response by the Parish Council to an email from Mr Alasdair Jones-Perrott, Estate Manager, Longford Estates, seeking the Parish Council's views on a potential planning application for a small scale development of 5 'in keeping' houses, possibly a small terrace of 3 and 2 semi-detached houses, on land owned by Longford Estates in Wick Lane:** Following a brief discussion, Cllr Quarmby proposed from the Chair that no recommendation be made to the Parish Council at this time and not before the outcome of the Planning Appeal for Rivermead and the receipt of more detailed information from Longford Estates with regard to the design and the level of community contribution. He also proposed that an item be added to the agenda for the next meeting which should consider the Parish Council's stance on dwellings over and above the 190 allocated in the Wiltshire Core Strategy.

**16.16 Next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall, The Borough, Downton.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.