DOWNTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting of the New Housing Development Committee held in the Bonvalot Room of the Memorial Centre on Tuesday 31st August 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr Mace (Chair) and Cllrs Brentor, Hall and Jones Bev Cornish, Parish Clerk.

Unitary Cllr Richard Clewer and Nine members of the public were present.

01.21 To elect a Chair: Cllr Brentor proposed, Cllr Mace seconded and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Hall be elected chair.

02.21 Public Question Time: The Chair of the Downton Society spoke in detailed objection to the application from Formula Land and said that the Society would support a review of the Downton Neighbourhood Plan.

A member of the public spoke in objection to the application setting out his concerns regarding drainage, traffic, biodiversity, groundwater and surface water levels. He also spoke in detail on the need for a traffic survey.

- **03.21 To receive apologies for absence:** The Clerk advised that apologies had been received from Cllrs Watts and Randall. Cllr Mace proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the apologies be noted.
- **04.21** To consider and resolve to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 2nd October 2020: Cllr Brentor proposed, Cllr Mace seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 2nd October 2020 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05.21 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 of interest 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.

06.21 Planning Application

PL/2021/06443 Outline planning permission: Some matters reserved Land West of Breamore Road, Downton - Residential development of up to 100 dwellings (Use Class C3), associated landscaping, utilities and drainage infrastructure (Outline application relating to access - to be taken from Breamore Road).

At this point in the meeting, Cllr Hall proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the meeting be opened to enable Cllr Clewer to participate in the discussions regarding the Council's response.

Councillors considered in detail the issues to be raised in the Council's letter of response to the planning application from Formula Land which would include planning points, site specific issues, transport issues, impact on the Trafalgar School site re sewerage, unsuitability of pedestrian access route into the village, flood risk, biodiversity, impact on neighbouring properties, impact on the listed World War 2 Section Post.

Cllr Mace proposed, Cllr Brentor seconded and it was RESOLVED that a draft response to be compiled by the Clerk working with councillors through emailed revisions for the next Parish Council meeting to be held on 9th September 2021.

07.21 Traffic Survey Request from the Downton Society

Councillors considered a request from the Downton Society to undertake traffic surveys on the B3080 at a quoted cost of £2,250 in order to provide specific data to support the Council's response to the planning application from Formula Land. Following a discussion, Cllr Hall proposed, Cllr Mace seconded and it was RESOLVED not to take any action on this but to reconsider it at a future meeting once the planning application had been determined by Wiltshire Council.

08.21 Next meeting: Cllr Hall proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the next meeting would be held on a date to be determined.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.