



Minutes of the Virtual¹ Meeting of the New Housing Development Committee held on Zoom on Friday 2nd October at 2.00 pm.

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

Three members of the public were present.

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

21.20 Public Question Time: A member of the public asked whether there had been any further correspondence with Persimmon Homes (South Coast) Ltd following the Council's meeting with its representative.

Cllr Hall confirmed that only a copy of the presentation given at the meeting had been received. A brief discussion took place on amendments to be made to the Parish Council's Press Release/Statement on the meeting held with Persimmon and written by the Clerk. Cllr Brentor agreed to relay those further amendments to Cllr Randall before the statement was agreed for release.

22.20 To receive apologies for absence: The Clerk advised that an apology had been received from Cllr Randall due to work commitments. Cllr Hall proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the apology be noted.

23.20 To consider and resolve to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2020: Cllr Brentor proposed, Cllr Mace seconded and it was RESOLVED, with 1 abstention from Cllr Hall, that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2020 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

24.20 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.

¹ In accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

20.20 To resolve to agree on a recommended response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government's consultation entitled 'Planning for the Future' for consideration by the Parish Council: Following a discussion, Cllr Mace proposed, Cllr Brentor seconded and it was RESOLVED that all comments be amalgamated into one document ahead of circulation to and consideration by the Parish Council at the meeting on 12th October.

21.20 To consider and resolve to recommend approval of the Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group to be set up to consider and recommend the areas for review in the Downton Neighbourhood Plan: Following a discussion on suggested amendments, Cllr Brentor proposed, Cllr Mace seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Committee submit the revised terms of reference to the next meeting of the Parish Council with a recommendation for their approval.

22.20 To consider and agree on how the recruitment of members to the Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group will be communicated to residents and stakeholders: Following a discussion and proposed wording to go out on social media being read out by Cllr Brentor, Cllr Hall proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Brentor would make the suggested changes and circulate the revised wording within the next week before it is published on social media.

23.20 To receive a short verbal report from Cllr Hall on a further meeting of the Wiltshire Area Localism and Planning Group (formed from parish and town councils with Neighbourhood Plans) and to consider making a recommendation to the Parish Council to send letters to the Leader and Chief Executive of Wiltshire Council and to the local Member of Parliament: Cllr Hall gave a detailed report on his discussions with the Wiltshire Area Localism and Planning Group which had asked that all councils delay the sending of letters. Following a lengthy discussion, Cllr Mace proposed, Cllr Brentor seconded and was RESOLVED that Cllr Hall will await further information from the Mayor of Malmesbury and bring any further information to the Parish Council meeting on 11th October. It was also agreed that Cllr Brentor will speak to the spatial planning officer at Wiltshire Council to see whether any progress can be made through them.

25.20 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 3.00 pm.