

HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING OF HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary meeting held on Monday 15th February 2016

Councillors: Christopher Ash-Edwards
Jonathan Ash-Edwards
Anne Boutrup
Rod Clarke
David Dorking
Sandy Ellis
Julie Hayden**
Stephen Hillier
Jacqui Hollister*
Matthew Jeffers**
James Knight
Clive Laband
Alastair McPherson**
Howard Muddin
Mike Pulfer
Sujan Wickremaratchi

Apologies Absent***

Also present: Mr Eric Bassett

79. Council Prayer

Members stood for the Council prayer, which was read by the Town Mayor.

80. Public Forum

None

81. Apologies

Cllr J. Hayden – Work Commitments.

Cllr M. Jeffers – Holiday.

Cllr A. McPherson – Holiday.

81. Declarations of Interest

None

82. Minutes

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th January 2016 were taken as read, confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Mayor.

83. Matters Arising

None

84. Adoption of the Draft Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan for Submission to Mid Sussex District Council

The Town Clerk introduced the draft Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan (Plan), the appendices and covering report. Members were then informed that they were being asked to agree to the amendments made to the Plan resulting from the 'section 14' consultation responses outlined in the accompanying database that had been considered by the Planning Working Group. The Clerk then explained that in agreeing to the changes

Members were also recommended to allow him and the Council's planning consultant to amend the supporting documents as outlined in the report accordingly. Members unanimously agreed to the changes made to the Plan as presented and then resolved to formally adopt the plan. Members noted that the Plan would be passed to MSDC before the end of the month then they would carry on the legal process as the local planning authority. The matter of the timing for the legal process that the Plan had to go through to get it too inspection was questioned. Members were informed that the timing of the process would be outside of the Town Council's control, but it was expected that the Plan would be 'made' towards the end of September if the referendum, which would be subject to fitting in around the expected EU referendum was successful. Unfortunately, the Clerk had been informed that the referendum on the Plan could not be held at the same time as the EU referendum. The Chairman of the Planning Committee endorsed the Plan and thanked the Councillors involved, Tim Barkley the Council's Planning consultant, and the Town Clerk for all their hard work over the last three and half years. Thanks were also given to the groups and organisations that had had input into the Plan and Mr Eric Bassett, from the Haywards Heath Society, who was present. Cllr Anne Boutrup was thanked for helping the Town Clerk by proof reading the Plan and a thought was spared for Tim Farmer who started the process off back in 2012 before his sad and untimely passing. In closing the debate the Town Clerk informed Members that he had attended a meeting with Mid Sussex District Council, their developer partners and appointed planning consultants that morning in relation to the masterplan for Hurst Farm (Policy H1 in the Plan), and informed them that a holistic approach for the development of all of the land owned by MSDC and their developer partners would be progressed through an overarching outline planning application that would include the Town Council's community facilities, and the proposed school. The application would include the developable land and community facilities. As a result the planning consultants had agreed to undertake transport, ecological and environmental assessments on land to the east of Hurstwood Lane, in addition to the developable land to the west of Hurstwood actually on Hurst Farm. Members welcomed the approach outlined, again endorsed the draft Plan and then Members;

Resolved the recommendations from the Planning Working Group meetings dated 8th February 2016 and 11th February 2016 and:-

- 1) Noted the amendments to the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan.**
- 2 Adopted the Neighbourhood Plan for submission to Mid Sussex District Council.**
- 3) Agreed that the supporting documents (Sustainability Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment and Summary Document, Consultation Statement, Basic Conditions Statement, Maps and Appendix 1-5) be updated, in line with the adopted Neighbourhood Plan, under delegated authority to the Town Clerk.**
- 4) Agreed that the Clerk, in liaison with the Leader and Chairman of the Planning Committee, be authorised to make amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan during the period that Mid Sussex District Council holds the Plan.**

85. To consider any urgent items the Mayor has received under S.O 11.

The Mayor thanked his fellow Councillors and Town Hall staff for all their help in making his Dinner and Dance such a success. He then went onto announce that the event had raised £4,000 on the night, but the total amount raised, due to pledges for non attendance at the event and ticket sales profits still needing to be totalled, for his charity 4Sight would be revealed at the next meeting of the Council.

86. Exempt Business.

None

Meeting Closed at 7.22pm