

MINUTES – GNPC MEETING



Date: 7th September 2021
 Venue: The Pavilion, Church Road, Gosfield CO9 1TL
 Present: Cllr Mark Bloomfield (MB), Cllr Bob Waters (BW), Cllr Sara Moutard (SM)
 Also present: 3 members of the public (1 x part)
 Apologies: Cllr Jo Beavis (JB)

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#	Item/Description	Action	By who
70921.1	<p>Registration & Apologies for absence</p> <p>Chair welcomed all participants. Chair made note that the meeting was not being voice recorded.</p> <p>Statement from Chairman:</p> <p>Summary – Responding to the matters arising from the previous Parish Council meeting in relation to the Residents Survey, the Chairman outlined the full context of communications & information distribution to all members of the GNPC and the Parish Council. The Chairman then outlined the thought process behind the pause in the publication & distribution of the Residents Survey to give the GNPC a further chance to look at different options relating to the ‘Call for Sites’ section of the survey. Taking advice from BW, MB was to provide 3 options for amendments to the survey.</p> <p>The Chairman expressed his extreme disappointment in the leadership of the Parish Council in regard to this matter & the admission that the Chair & vice-chair of the council had not read the survey and despite this voted in favour of its publication & distribution.</p> <p>The Chairman also expressed his disappointment in the leadership of the Parish Council in regard to the declaration of members interests & whilst subsequent legal advice had been sought from the EALC & the Monitoring Officer, the chairman shared his concerns that the behaviour of all councillors didn’t adhere to the Nolan Principles detailed in the Standing Orders of the Parish Council.</p>		Info
70921.2	<p>Declarations of Interest -</p> <p>SM declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Residents Survey discussions relating to her proximity to one of the sites discussed in the call for sites section of the survey.</p>		Info

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70921.3	<p>Public Participation Session</p> <p>Chair asked for agreement from members to include the 2 members of the public in attendance from the beginning of the meeting, both of whom are key influencers in the Neighbourhood Plan project, to be able to contribute to discussions as they appear on the agenda.</p> <p>The RFO for the Parish Council reiterated his concerns with the Residents Survey that were raised during the Parish Council meeting on the 16th August 21 – mainly that landowners had not been consulted in regards to the survey and that the survey in its present form could disadvantage landowners who may look to put an application forward on any of these sites.</p>		Info
70921.4	<p>Minutes of the GNPC meeting 6th July 2021 to be considered as a true reflection.</p> <p>SM proposed that the minutes be accepted, BW seconded, all were in favour – resolution passed</p>		Info
70921.5	<p>Workstream Update – no updates that aren’t already agenda’d.</p>		Info
70921.6	<p>Update on Progress towards STAGE 2 –</p> <p>Project Plan has been updated and has been uploaded to Shared Drive for members</p> <p>Communications strategy is being followed & will continue to be.</p> <p>Funding application – Confirmation that the GNPC (through the Parish Council) have been awarded a grant for £2,634 in line with the application request. A due diligence & verification process is still to take place. An application to receive technical support has also been granted with the first stage being the creation of a Housing Needs Assessment – MB has already had 2 telephone conference calls regarding this and will update the GNPC on progress.</p>	<p>MB to update committee on an ongoing basis</p>	<p>Info</p> <p>MB</p>
70921.7	<p>Residents Survey</p> <p>MB presented 3 Options for Question 11.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A commentary & explanation of the Call for Sites exercise and an update on current known status of sites. Provision of a map of the village envelope and asking residents to mark on the grid where they may be content to see future housing development within the next 20-25 years. 2. No amendment 	<p>MB to produce final ‘draft’ for approval before distributing to PC members</p> <p>MB to compile Grapevine update.</p>	<p>Info</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB</p>

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	<p>3. A vague question – allowing for open responses – ‘Where would you like to see housing development within the parish?’</p> <p>After detailed discussions, option 1 was to be recommended to the Parish Council - Proposed by MB, seconded by BW – all in favour – RESOLUTION PASSED.</p>		
70921.8	<p>Housing Needs Assessment</p> <p>Having been distributed by the Chair to all members, the draft HNA was to be reviewed by all members with any factual inaccuracies highlighted and fed back to MB by the 14th September 21 to be forwarded on to AECOM</p>	All members to review HNA & feedback inaccuracies to MB	ALL
70921.9	<p>Expenditure Update & Accounts – no update</p>		Info
70921.10	<p>Items for next agenda –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress on Housing Needs Assessment • Timing of work on Design & Design Codes Technical Support • Highways – review/report from PC meeting 		Info
70921.14	<p>Confirmation of next meeting – Tuesday 5th October 21 at 7pm.</p>		Info

Meeting ended at 8.47pm

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 5th October 2021