

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday 11 March 2019 on the rising of the Community Infrastructure Levy Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.38pm.

PRESENT

Cllr R D Sherriff (Chairman)
Cllr S V Hall (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr A L Jones
Cllr C A Kitson

Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

Others Present: Cllr T D Wright, Cllr A J Dent, Cllr A N Gooding, Cllr M C Hilliar, Cllr Mrs M L Kenneally-Stone and one member of the public

18.470 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public wished to speak.

18.471 Apologies for Absence

None, all Members being present.

18.472 Minutes

The Notes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Committee held on 14 June 2018 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record and they are attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

18.473 Budleigh Salterton Neighbourhood Plan

An up to date list of Planning applications received since the Budleigh Salterton Neighbourhood Plan (NP) was made, together with details of the decisions made by East Devon District Council, was received and noted.

The Chairman advised that over 90% of decisions made by the Town Council had been agreed by East Devon District Council (EDDC). There were a few examples of applications that the Town Council had not supported but had been approved by EDDC:

- 24 Station Road – this application had been submitted before the NP had been made
- 58 East Budleigh Road – this application plan had been submitted before the NP had been made
- 11 Coastguard Road – this application had been submitted during the early stages of the NP. Alterations had been made by the developer after an Planning Appeal
- 68 East Budleigh Road – previous applications had been received before the NP had been made and EDDC had just approved the latest application

The Chairman then asked if Members could think of any actions which could be taken in the future to strengthen the NP.

Cllr A J Dent said the rules were not completely black and white and therefore subject to interpretation, so Councillors could not second guess what a Planning Inspector might say. The Town Council had been congratulated for its planning comments and it was, apparently, far better than a lot of other councils.

The Town Mayor, Cllr T D Wright added that with regard to the application at 11 Coastguard Road, it was very much that particular Inspector's interpretation. If the application had been reviewed by another Inspector, it might have gone the other way.

Cllr S V Hall said he endorsed what his fellow District councillors had said and suggested that as the NP had to be reviewed in five years any Planning Inspector's opinions could be used to get more concise wording put in to the NP update.

The Chairman thanked the East Devon District Council councillors for their support.

18.474 Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

- Cllr A N Gooding asked if there was any progress with the development known as Evans Field.

Cllr A J Dent advised that the new developer wanted to reduce the number of affordable units from 30 to 5 which was outrageous! He believed, having seen viability reports, that there was enough margin for profit. He said the issue was still going back and forth between the planners and the developers. He thought it was noticeable that no further work had taken place on site.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.47pm.

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Chairman

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