

HATFIELD PEVEREL NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19:30 26thFEBRUARY 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present

Cllr. M. Renow, Cllr. D. Wallace, Cllr. T Munt, M. Freeman, H. Peter, M.East
Plus six members of the public

14/ 79 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

I.Twinley, S Cameron

14 / 80 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Executive Committee held on 20th February 2018 were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

14 / 81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

14 / 82 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION IN RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

One member of the public reported on various points he had noted about the NDP process. A second member sought clarification on the appeal process.

14 / 83 MOTION

The following motion was passed.

The Parish Council is to appoint JM Spurling Planning Consultants Limited to provide representations to planning appeal APP/Z1510/W/18/3218300 – proposed development for erection of 3 no. dwellings at land north east of Sportsmans Lane, Hatfield Peverel - at a capped fee of £1,000 and reasonable expenses.

14 / 84 UPDATE ON NDP PROGRESS

Cllr Renow informed the meeting that:

A Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) was produced December 2017 and a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) February 2018, following a request from the NDP examiner

March 2018 request from examiner to re screen SEA and HRA following the ‘Sweetman’ judgement concerning Appropriate Assessment (AA) for plans in a zone of influence for European Habitat sites resulted in the NDP being assessed as requiring an Appropriate Assessment.

There followed a period of uncertainty during which BDC sought legal advice since an NDP was deemed unable to proceed if an AA was required.

Place Services produced a 'Non Statutory Appropriate Assessment' in an attempt to secure clarity

A period of consultation on 'focussed changes' to the plan was carried out on wording changes to three policies in the plan.

In September 2018 Natural England informed that as events had overtaken the NDP and planning permission had been granted for a larger area than that allocated in the plan, an AA was not required.

The examiner suspended the examination until the SEA/HRA issues were resolved

In December 2018 the Department for Housing and Local Government issued guidance that allowed NPs to complete an AA if required and progress

January 2019 a new SEA and HRA Screening Report was prepared in the light of Natural England and Government advice indicating an AA was not required.

Following discussion with the examiner a period of consultation commenced in February 2019 to include the full text of the plan with changes clearly highlighted, an accompanying note explaining the changes, a revised Basic Conditions Statement and the new SEA and HRA documents.

The consultation is expected to conclude on 25th March 2019 following which the examination can resume.

14 / 85 FINANCIAL REPORT 2018/19

Cllr Munt briefly updated the meeting with the latest figures. The original budget for expenditure was £15,000 with no expectation of any income from grants. For the year to date, we have spent a total of £7,682 and have received a grant for £3,300. It is expected that un-invoiced work to the end of March may be around the £6,500 figure. This, together with the Spurling work above, would leave an underspend of c. £3,100.

14 / 86 PROPOSED DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Please check notice boards and website for confirmation of this date.

The meeting closed at 20.35