

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 13 October 2016 at The Council Offices, Post Office Road at 6.00pm.

Present: Cllr C Hipkin, Cllr A Hobson, Cllr I Broughton, Cllr T Suiter & Cllr G Billard

In attendance: Sarah Bristow (Clerk) & one member of the public.

The Clerk started the meeting explaining that this Committee is really a working Committee to work out how to take planning further within the Council. The Clerk advised that those present might agree tonight to not have any more meetings so the Clerk has not put election of Officers on the agenda but it had been suggested that a Chairman is appointed at the start of each meeting for the time being. All in agreement. **It was resolved for Cllr Hipkin to be Chair for this meeting.**

1 Apologies for absence

None received.

2 Declarations of interest

None Received.

3 Planning – Discussion on the way forward

There was general discussion regarding how to take things forward, whether the Council has to or should reply to all Planning Applications. Cllr Hipkin advised that he felt the Parish Council was only a small part and the Borough Council really did not take much notice of comments from the Parish. The question was raised about having a Committee and the members being six Councillors and not having to stay the same Councillors all the time. The other suggestion was is it necessary if the Council decides to go to a two Full Council meetings a month. Cllr Suiter agreed to print out any plans that were not straightforward. **It was resolved to recommend to Full Council that the Committee to continue if the Council did not go over to a two Council Meetings a month system. The Committee to be given delegated powers to make a decision on behalf of the Council and the Clerk to be given delegated powers for the Council to reply to consultations based on the agreement of the Committee.** It was felt that having a meeting either Full Council or Committee every two weeks would close the gap of making decision within the 21-day rule.

4. Correspondence

None received

5. Items for inclusion at the next meeting

Depends on Full Council decision.

6. Date of next meeting

With no further business the meeting closed at 6.30pm.