



ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of extraordinary Ardingly Parish Council held on Monday, 25th November, 2013 at 8.30pm in the Reading Room at Hapstead Hall

Present:

Mr. W. Meldrum (Chair)	Mrs. R. Chalk
Mr. G. Ruse	Mr. T. Clement
Mrs. F. Rocks	Mr. N. Moorey
Mrs. S. Chapman	

Apologies

Mr. M. Brixey
Mrs. P. Dennis
Mr. K. Monk
Mr. D. Walker

In Attendance:

Mrs. S Mamoany (Clerk)
5 members of the public

David Hill expressed his concerns that at the prior Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting that individuals had declared an interest in items on the agenda, but had not left the room when discussions were taking place and had participated in voting. The Chair explained that the voting that took place at the meeting was about conformity and accepting final documents, not on specific site issues. The Chairman felt therefore that it was not required for them to do so, but would check the procedure.

Ivan Yeatman expressed concerns and raised the following points:

- He felt Councillors had broken the Code of Conduct and stated that "Councillors should not conduct themselves in a manner to bring their office into dispute."
- He accused members of the Committee of having made financial contributions to the Planning Consultant, who was leading the group opposing the development of Butchers Field and they therefore had a financial interest which they had not declared.
- Policy 14,15 and 19 were negative and did not assist the Post Office and parking in the village.
- He also mentioned the number of houses that were in the plan relating to the Standgrove Site and how this number had not been agreed by Ardingly College.

- He stated that Neil Homer had advised that it was not a legal requirement to inform a landowner that their land was being put forward as a Local Green Space. However, it should have been common courtesy to inform landowners.

The Chair responded on the matter of the issue of informing landowners and agreed that this was remiss of the Council and apologised on behalf of the Council that this had not been done.

Hilary Smith raised the question of smaller sites that were available and the ability to provide affordable housing. The Chair explained that only sites of 4 and more will have to provide affordable housing. If a rural exception site is put forward the Housing Association would only pay agricultural rates for the land.

201.	<p>Procedural Matters</p> <p>201.1 Apologies were received from Mr M Brixey, Mrs P Dennis, Mr D Walker and Mr K Monk</p> <p>201.2 SC declared a prejudicial interest on housing sites.</p>	
202.	<p>Matters arising from the previous minutes, not covered elsewhere on the agenda</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>	
203.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Further to the agreed amendments made in the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting preceding this meeting the documents were approved as follows:</p> <p>203.1 The final version of the Housing Strategy Background Document was approved – 6 AGREED, 1 against.</p> <p>SC declared an interest in housing sites and left the room prior to items 203.2.</p> <p>203.2 The final version of the Site Assessment Report was approved – 5 AGREED, 1 against.</p> <p>203.3 The submission Neighbourhood Plan was approved – 5 AGREED, 1 against.</p> <p>203.4 The submission Sustainability Appraisal was approved – 5 AGREED, 1 against.</p> <p>SC returned to the room.</p> <p>203.5 The final version of the Consultation Statement was approved – 6 AGREED, 1 against.</p> <p>203.6 The final version of the Basic Conditions Statement was approved – 6 AGREED, 1 against.</p>	
204.	<p>Items for information only or inclusion on future agenda</p> <p>No items</p>	
205.	<p>Future Meeting Dates</p> <p>5 December 2013 – Parish Council Meeting</p>	

MEETING CLOSED 9.07 pm