

PLANNING MEETING MARCH 2018

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH, 2018 at 7.30 p.m. IN THE MEMORIAL HALL WELDON ROOM

Present: Councillors, J.P. Anderson, (Chairman), A. Clayworth (Vice-Chairman), J.M.F. Royce, S. Kent, P. Bower, B.J. Walker, M. Wilkins.

1/ Apologies: J. Youatt, H. Taylor.

2/ Declaration on Interest: Nil.

3/ Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 20th February, 2018:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Planning & Development Committee, held on the 20th February, 2018 as previously circulated, be confirmed and signed as a true record of the business transacted.

PROPOSED: J.M.F. Royce SECONDED: P. Bower. Vote: All in favour.

4/ Progress from the Minutes: Nil to report.

5/ Rural Exception Site – Affordable Housing:

A letter of objection to the Rural Exception Site had been received from a resident of Nottingham Road. J.P. Anderson and A. Clayworth had visited the concerned resident to discuss the planned development and allay their fears. The development promised to be the best design possible for affordable homes.

J.P. Anderson read out a letter of objection, to the Rural Exception Site, from a resident of Grasmere Gardens. A letter of reply had been drafted out for Councillors' approval. The developer of the site will mitigate the impact of the housing development and the affordable homes will be held in perpetuity for Gotham parishioners. GPC is limited as to where a rural exception site can be developed and are grateful to the Diocese for offering this piece of land.

6/ Neighbourhood Plan:

A Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Meeting was held on the 15th March, 2018. Responses to the formal consultation are being received before the document goes before RBC who take six weeks' to decide whether the document can become legal.

Should GOT 1 prove to be an important ecological site, following inspection, both GOT 1 and GOT 3 would be withdrawn from possible building sites.

PROPOSAL: As this is the last chance for the general public to consult on the Neighbourhood Plan, this fact will be published on the Facebook page, website and via poster, up to the 7th April, 2018.

PROPOSED: J.M.F. Royce SECONDED: J.P. Anderson Vote: All in favour.

A letter from a parishioner, opposing the Neighbourhood Plan and offering alternative ideas, had been circulated. The letter will go into the formal consultation statements. J.P. Anderson had drafted a letter of response for the Clerk to forward.

7/ RBC Local Plan Part 2:

Access to GOT 5a could be managed from Leake Road by demolishing one house which GPC understand is owned by owners of some of the GOT5 land.

8/ Cycle Track from Gotham to Clifton:

J.P. Anderson had contacted A. Pegram and NCC to ascertain whether a dedicated off road cycle track from Gotham to Clifton has been accepted as part of the Clifton South development. If not, a petition in favour of the cycle track may be necessary.

M. Wilkins offered to mount an online petition and enter it on Facebook. Paper petitions in village shop, public houses and other outlets, that appeal to cycle groups, to be set up after the Easter holiday.

9/ Planning Decisions Received: Nil.

10/ Planning Applications Received: Nil

11/ Matters to Report:

B.J. Walker expressed surprise at RBC's choice of GOT 5 as its favoured site for a minimum of one hundred houses. The October, 2017 Public Consultation had clearly demonstrated a preference for GOT 1. Surely, RBC should adhere to the Government National Planning Policy Framework Guidance and not the previous one. How will this be allowed?

B.J. Walker suggested the Village Design Statement should be repeated re GOT 2 which is a valued open space and already previously been withdrawn. B.J. Walker to respond on GOT 2.

M. Wilkins reported, residents of Hall Drive area to raise a petition against the Hall Drive (GOT 4) development on the grounds of increased traffic problems. GPC support this objection.

12/ Date & Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held in the Memorial Hall Weldon Room on Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm