

WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8TH AUGUST 2016 IN THE MERRY BELLS HALL AT 7.30PM

Councilors: G Stephens (Chairman), J Carr, R Bell, R Harding, P Gregory, P Bignell, R Reilly, I Roberts, T Davies, A Davies, S Coleridge, A Walkey & T Newman

Officer: The clerk - Gareth Morris

Also present: County Councillor Anne Purse and 17 members of the public

AGENDA

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE had been received from Cllrs Willmott and Hood.

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

49. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th JULY 2016 which had been circulated with the agenda were signed as a correct and accurate record.

**50. STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION OF THE TRAVELLERS ON THE
HOLTON PLAYING FIELD**

On Friday a group of travellers had broken onto the Holton Playing Field. At the moment there are 11 caravans on the field and the situation is being monitored regularly. The travellers have indicated they will leave by Wednesday but that could not be guaranteed.

A Court Order does not have to be obtained. All that is needed is that a bailiff be asked to issue eviction notices and the travellers then have 24 hours to leave. The clerk would engage a firm the following day.

**51. TO CONSIDER AND IF NECESSARY RESPOND TO SODC'S "LOCAL
PLAN 2032 PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION JUNE 2016"**

The following papers had been circulated with the Agenda.

- i) Overview of South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2032
 - ii) Selected pages from "South Oxfordshire LOCAL PLAN 2032 Preferred Options
- For the whole document go to:

<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/sites/default/files/SODC%20LP2032%20preferred%20options%20low-res.pdf>

There was a discussion between councillors on the Preferred Option document and how it fitted in with the formulation of Wheatley's Neighbourhood Plan.
Cllr Newman, as the Parish's District Councillor clarified what the Preferred Option document was saying

8.29pm – The Chairman declared the Council out of session and invited comments from the floor

David Mancy (Templars Close)

What had been discussed in the last hour was what the Neighbourhood Plan Group had been discussing over recent weeks.

Hilary Currie (Hilary Way)

Was concerned with the strategic mix of any development. Cllr Newman said that developments would have a mix of both open market and affordable houses and two/three bedroomed houses and single bedroomed ones.

Gerald Harris (London Road)

What is SODC's problem with development at Grenoble Road?

Cllr Newman replied that SODC's view on Grenoble Road was that this land was in the green belt and they did not wish to build on the green belt

Pat Keen

What has happened to the questionnaire that the Neighbourhood Plan team had put sent out? Would the results be published?

In reply, John Fox said that the results are being analysed. It is a measure of public opinion.

Mr Roy Gordon added that the responses were being used to modify the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire that would be coming out soon

Roger Farrow

He believed that the Brookes site development would be the first phase only. More would come. The Holton site should be provide jobs for those with homes in Wheatley and the locality

County Councillor Anne Purse

Housing should be for those who work locally not for those who will drive to London

The County Council doesn't have money for new roads these days. Money has to be bid for This programme was being driven by 'partnerships' between local authorities and developers and businesses ie what amounted to quangos..

9.52pm – The Chairman the Council back in session

The discussion continued around the Harington and Chalgrove Airfield sites and whether or not the Green Belt should be reviewed. A number of councillors pointed out that the Neighbourhood Plan was the correct vehicle for Parish to make its views known.

Cllr Newman proposed and Cllr Roberts seconded that it was premature for the Parish Council, at the present time, to respond to SODC's Local Plan 2032 Preferred Options Consultation document.

This was **Agreed** 8 votes in favour with 3 against and 2 abstentions

52. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2016 – Noted

The meeting closed at 9.10pm