

MIDDLETON-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Additional Parish Council Meeting
Held remotely using Zoom
On Wednesday 7th April 2021

PRESENT – Councillors Mrs Haywood, Ball, Mrs Johnson, Jones, Knight, Mansfield, Mrs Mills, Newton, Mrs Pendleton and the Clerk

1. APOLOGIES (Approved) - None
(Noted) - Councillor Harris

2. MINUTES – The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 3rd March 2021 having been circulated were approved. Minutes will be signed once meetings on Zoom are not required.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were none.

4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD – No members of the public were present.

5. ITEMS not otherwise on the Agenda which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency due to special circumstances – There were none

6. MATTERS ARISING

a) Neighbourhood Development Plan & HELAA

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his reports and background work with regard to this item. The Chairman asked members for their comments with regard to the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Councillor Mrs Johnson stated that no decision on the NDP should be taken until more information is available, Councillor Knight agreed.

Councillor Mrs Mills stated that there are too many unanswered questions on this important decision and we need to know what Arun DC and the Government are doing with regard to the reform of the planning system. There is a need to meet with other parishes who have an NDP.

Councillor Jones agreed in principle that we need to go ahead and prepare an NDP, gather more information, consult with other parishes and the community but we have an obligation to have an NDP. Higher level of Community Infrastructure Levy if NDP in place. Councillor Newton stated that the parish council need to dictate what housing is needed so local residents can purchase.

Councillor Mrs Pendleton stated that this parish and Aldwick are the only two local parishes that do not have an NDP. There are strategic sites in the parish on land that is owned by West Sussex County Council, through an NDP we can influence small developments in the parish with design, size and density. With no NDP the Parish Council does not have a voice. Councillor Mrs Mills stated that if Arun DC say that the

parish can take 180 houses the NDP needs to say where they will go. Councillor Mrs Pendleton stated that the parish council needs to convince Arun DC that 180 houses is not feasible and the NDP will state that the site for 180 houses in the NDP has an alternative use.

Councillor Mansfield stated that the NDP will have a number of houses. Housing developments in neighbouring parishes is making a vast concrete jungle. I was elected to represent the people in Middleton-on-Sea parish the majority of people do not want housing so we do not need an NDP and the Parish Council fights against every housing development planning application as it happens. Councillor Mrs Pendleton agreed with Councillor Mansfield but if no NDP we will look good with residents but will lose.

The Chairman stated that it appears that we do need more information and this was agreed by members. Councillor Mrs Johnson wished to make a proposal, the proposal is as follows

“Defer making a decision on the Neighbourhood Development Plan until more information is available. The Clerk to approach individuals and various organisations for assistance in providing information to enable the Parish Council to make an informed decision”.

Councillor Mrs Pendleton seconded the proposal. Councillor Mansfield called for a named vote and a vote was taken.

The proposal was carried with 7 votes in favour (Councillor Ball, Mrs Johnson, Jones, Knight, Mrs Mills, Newton and Mrs Pendleton) 1 against (Councillor Mansfield) and 1 abstention (Mrs Haywood)

The Clerk was requested to carry out the actions within the proposal

b) Community Infrastructure Levy

The Clerk having previously circulated a report to members with suggested projects where Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies could be spent was discussed by members.

Councillor Mrs Johnson had also forwarded an email with suggested amendments to the projects listed and following discussion on all the projects a number of changes were made. The Clerk informed members that Arun DC need projects as part of setting up their Infrastructure Investment Plan.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business the Chairman reminded members that the next meeting will be held on the **19th May 2021** at 7.00pm and the meeting closed at 8.31pm.

Unconfirmed