



Minutes agreed at meeting held on 24th November 2020 but not signed

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL ON 17TH NOVEMBER 2020 HELD VIRTUALLY AT 7.30PM

359/20 PRESENT:

Cllrs Adam, Barker, Boswell, Mannington (in the Chair), Newton, Robertson, Stevens, Tippet and Turner. The Clerk and 6 members of the public were also in attendance.

360/20 APOLOGIES:

Cllrs Brown and Jones gave their apologies to the meeting.

361/20 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2020 were deferred until the next Full Council meeting.

362/20 CLLR INFORMATION

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

Changes to Cllrs Register of Interest

There were no changes to Cllrs Registers of Interest

Granting of Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation

363/20 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING

Members of the public were in attendance in regard to the Local Plan discussion. The Chairman stated that for this meeting only members of the public would be permitted to take part in the discussion at item 365/20

The meeting was adjourned for the following items

364/20 PUBLIC FORUM

No member of the public wished to raise any other questions.

365/20 MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN

Draft Sustainability Appraisal of Spatial Approaches Document

This document was submitted as an urgent update to the MBC Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Meeting on 9th November 2020.

Site 309 (North of Marden) is not included in the preferred option document nor is the employment site 286. However, responses on all four sites had been submitted to the SPI Committee, Borough and County Councillors and MP.

Cllrs were given the opportunity raise concerns:

- (1) Reading statements in the document many are negative towards Marden;
- (2) Employment ratio is stated as 1:1 – how is this calculated?
- (3) Cannot see how MBC are putting their preferred document out to consultation as it is contradicted by this document
- (4) Marden (309) is proposed as 2nd best site with Heathlands being MBC's preferred option
- (5) Some confusion over the breakdown of deliverability and scenarios

Next step for MPC:

- (1) Need to think ahead
- (2) Cllrs to read document and give more thought to response
- (3) Agree at what meeting to finalise response (consultation runs 1st December to 22nd December)

Cllrs Adam and Turner together with the Clerk had a meeting scheduled with a barrister on 24th November and the outcome of this would be reported to the Full Council on the same day.

Future MPC Meetings for 2020:

1st December – Finance

8th December – Full Council / Local Plan if time dictates

15th December – Local Plan (and any other urgent items ie Planning Applications)

22nd December – for any MPC items which are required to be discussed prior to next Full Council meeting on 11th January

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed

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The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on 24th November 2020