



MINUTES AGREED AT MEETING HELD ON 3RD SEPTEMBER 2019 BUT NOT SIGNED

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MARDEN PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE ON 27TH AUGUST 2019 HELD IN THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM, MARDEN MEMORIAL HALL, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

094/19 PRESENT

Cllrs Brown, Mannington, Robertson, Tippen and Turner were present. Cllr Boswell together with the Clerk and 17 members of the public were also in attendance.

095/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Adam, Newton and Stevens. Cllr Barker also gave his apologies that he would be late.

Cllr Barker arrived at 8.48pm

096/19 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th August 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

097/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

098/19 GRANTING OF DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation of any item on this agenda

099/19 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING

Members of the public wished to speak on item 100/19. Comments raised can be seen at Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

100/19 MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

Regulation 18a: Scoping Themes and Issues

Closing date 30th September 2019. Cllrs continued to review the document and respond to the consultation from TQ11 to TQ20.

Cllr Brown raised an issue from last week's meeting as to whether Marden is still a Rural Services Centre. Marden is the only parish on a B Road compared to all the other RSCs which are on A Roads. MPC may wish to consider requesting MBC to look at all the larger Parishes along the branch line be considered as RSCs.

101/19 INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

No invoices were presented at the meeting.

I PROPOSE THAT PURSUANT TO PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED:

Part I of the meeting was closed and all the following was discussed under Part II Confidential meeting.

102/19 ENFORCEMENT

There were no new enforcement issues to raise or report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Date: 3rd September 2019

Signed:

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Appendix 1

Maidstone Local Plan Review

Members of the public took part in the discussion of all questions and listed below are some comments/questions raised:

Is this the view of Marden Parish Council? *Yes but would include views of Cllrs and those comments from MoP in attendance. Comments are specifically to Marden but given that this is a Borough wide document need to also look at this as a whole.*

Can MPC meet with Staplehurst PC? – *Cllrs agreed to email to other RSCs and large villages however may not be possible to meet with all before the end of the consultation.*

Could MBC consider each village taking 50 dwellings which would disperse the traffic/infrastructure? *Could be covered in TQ11 Option B (Dispersal)*

Further develop Maidstone (urban) as more infrastructure etc there already. Do not see where a Garden Community village could be developed without a huge environmental cost.

Brexit/HS2 may have an impact on development in certain areas.

Sevenoaks Borough are questioning Government numbers.

Concerned that a new settlement (Option C) could be seen “as not in Marden but happy to be elsewhere”.

If Local Plan goes to 2045 the number of new houses is not excessively high.

Logistically Marden has a problem regarding flood plain / ecological areas - can't sustain more development – *MB/AT explained the process regarding the call for sites analysis. If land is put through to Call for Sites further consultation will take place through the legal planning system.*

TQ12: Better internet / wi-fi – would be more beneficial for local/home based businesses.

Could money received be used to purchase Green Belt?

TQ16: Is there a way to have a transparency on profit availability for developers. Housing is not in fact about profitability but should be about quality and suitability.

TQ19 – increase business rates to help support local businesses.

TQ20 – transport survey not to be undertaken during school holidays / forge better links with MBC and KCC.

Other

Does MPC know of any other land being put forward (either informally or formally)? *MPC is not aware of any other land which has been submitted for the Call for Sites process.*