

DRAFT: Winkleigh Parish Council Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 18th January 2023 at Winkleigh Community Centre

Cllrs Present: Odulinski, Hodgson, Phillips, Jacobs, Findlay, Naylor, Whitehead, Goldsworthy.

Public Participation:

The Chair informed all present that Cllr Goldsworthy was recording the meeting for his own use.

A member of the public stated they had recently moved in, that they had worked in construction for decades, and wished to mention some of his wisdom garnered over the years. He stated that many of the larger housing construction companies are driven by money, and motivated by CML – completion for mortgage lending – not for actual completion. He further noted that S.106 agreements and other formal notices are not bothered with unless anyone physically brings it up. He also stated that in his opinion the only way to fight them is to make it uncomfortable for them to continue due to the sheer number of letters and complaints they would receive. Cllr Findlay invited the gentleman to become a part of the External Planning Committee.

Another member of the public stated that she had asked DCC Cllr Saywell to enforce the fact that the sleeping policeman planned for the Townsend Hill will be fixed by the operator if they are damaged by them. If they damage it through any other works, they will have to do it according the Cllr Saywell. It has further been raised with Mike Newcombe over at Highways, waiting to hear back. Also asked for feedback on how the clerk is appointed to be shared with the public.

E1.1.23: Welcome: (Chair)

The Chair welcomed all present and reminded people that Cllr Goldsworthy was recording the meeting for his own personal use.

E2.1.23: Apologies for Absence to be received and considered for approval (Chair)

Cllr Goldsworthy proposed the Council accept Cllr Turner's apologies, seconded Cllr Hodgson, All in Favour. *RESOLVED RR053/22*

E3.1.23: Declaration of Interests (Chair)

None to declare at this time.

E4.1.23: Planning Cllrs to discuss the proposed amendment to the development on Townsend Hill.

Cllr Findlay read out the comments made by the planning group and submitted it for ratification for the Council. The Council commended everyone involved in the comments. Cllr Odulinski suggested that the Council make some adjustments to the wording to enforce the catastrophic failure to demonstrate on Torridge District Council's part that there is still a need for housing in the same amount as stated by the Five-Year-Housing-Supply. Further suggested the Council write to TDC raising this specifically. *See Appendix A for the complete comments.*

Cllr Newton raised that "for completeness" the local plan is down to Torridge and North Devon aswell, not just Torridge. Further stated that although the legal requirement for a FYHS is going through to be abolished in Parliament, that effect will take some time to feel on the ground. Noted that consultations end in March where TDC and North Devon decide if they have a FYHS in situ.

Cllr Odulinski proposed certain changes to the wording of the document, and that the Council accept Cllr Newton's other wording alterations. Seconded Cllr Findlay. All in Favour. *RESOLVED RR054/22*

Cllr Findlay proposed that the amended document be submitted as a formal response to the consultation request being considered, seconded Cllr Phillips. All in Favour. *RESOLVED RR055/22*

E5.1.23: Minutes Cllrs to discuss and approve minutes for the meetings dated: 23/11/22 & 30/11/22 (to be uploaded to the website directly).

Cllr Naylor proposed that the Council accept the concerned minutes, seconded Cllr Phillips. All in Favour. *RESOLVED RR056/22*

E6.1.23: Confidential matters (PART II) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2).

Cllr Jacobs proposed that the Council move into PART II, seconded Cllr Whitehead. Six for, One Abstention, One Against. *RESOLVED RR057/22*

As a result of the discussion under PART II it was agreed that certain councillors would approach a Locum Clerk to take over in the short term if possible.

Cllr Phillips proposed that the Council submit the agreed Advertisement, Job Description, Application Form, and Person Specification as writ for the purposes of employing a new Clerk in the near future. Seconded Cllr Jacobs. All in Favour. *RESOLVED RR058/22*.