Hinton Blewett Parish Council

Meeting No. 10

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the parish council held on Thursday 3rd January 2019

There were no contributions from the Public

19/517 **Present** Cllrs. Elizabeth Brimmell (Chairman), Chris Arnold, Simon Keith, Jamie O'Nians, David Duckett, David Elliott, David Huffadine.

Locum Clerk - Deborah White (minutes)

- 19/518 **Declarations of interest** Cllr. Jamie O'Nians declared an interest in item 18/521 – B&NES HELAA
- 19/519The minutes of the meeting on the 18th December 2018 (meeting 9)
were APPROVED as a correct record of the proceedings.
- 19/520 **Representation on the Planning Working Group (PWG)** Clarification was given of the status of a Working Group as opposed to a Committee. Representatives of the PWG were AGREED as: Cllrs Brimmell, O'Nians and Keith

19/521 **To consider final recommendations to B&NES Council on the HELAA** Cllr O'Nians was invited to join the discussion by the Chairman (but not vote).

Discussion focused on the 2014 Character Assessment which was undertaken as the part of the B&NES Placemaking Plan. The original recommendations were revisited and the reasons for some being rejected by B&NES Council as "too insignificant" were highlighted.

The status of the HELAA consultation was clarified i.e. that there is no obligation for Hinton Blewett Parish Council to get involved, but to do so would indicate the willingness to accept appropriate development in the right places. There were concerns raised that by putting forward recommendations of sites it would encourage speculative applications.

Other points raised were that the council had supported applications outside the current Development Boundary, for good reason and that there is still support for two sites preciously identified in the 2014 Character Assessment.

It was AGREED to resubmit sites:

- a) North side of Upper Road from Oakridge to corner
- b) The vegetable garden on Upper Road round corner towards barn

Also, to include the adjacent land to Middle Road Farm which was supported by HBPC on

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19/10/17 Application 17/04614/FUL Middle Road Farm, Middle Road. Conditions would be attached that all the sites would be single dwelling depth road frontage sites, deliberately selected to retain the scattered effect and would not be detrimental to the existing village character. The site sizes would avoid cluster development.

19/ 522 Clerks report – items for information

a. <u>2019/20 tax base</u> information has been received from B&NES Council. Clarification has been sought.

b. Grant funding

Thanks and leaflets for distribution have been received from the Dial-a-Ride. The church has noted the councils' decision.

c. Employment matters

P45 delivered to outgoing Clerk 12 expressions of interest in the Clerks position and one full application have been received The Locum Clerk will be claiming mileage at the standard rate.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm