



CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th December 2016 at 7.30 pm

Present :-

Councillors (named Committee Members) : Simon Hegarty, Sarah Jarman, Alan Lovell, Bill Caruthers.

Also present : Martin Dolton – Clerk of the Council, and two members of the public.

1617/P/001 To elect a Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the 2016-17 council year.

Councillor Simon Hegarty was nominated, duly seconded and approved by unanimous vote as the Chair of the committee for the remainder of the Council year.

RESOLVED

Councillor Simon Hegarty is the Chair of the committee for the remainder of the Council year.

1617/P/002 To elect a Vice Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the 2016-17 council year.

Councillor Alan Lovell was nominated, duly seconded and approved by unanimous vote as the Vice Chair of the committee for the remainder of the Council year.

RESOLVED

Councillor Alan Lovell is the Vice Chair of the committee for the remainder of the Council year.

1617/P/003 Apologies for absence.

Councillors David Hurst, Graham Fortune, and Simon Glanfield.

1617/P/004 Declarations of Interest.

NIL

1617/P/005 Public Participation.

Members of Churchill and Langford Action Group (CALRAG) were present, and a discussion ensued on how that Group could assist the Council in future, and vice versa. It was agreed that such co-operation would be to the benefit of residents of the Parish. It was emphasised that the two organisations – the Parish Council and CALRAG – were constituted differently and the Parish Council could only respond to matters as a Statutory Consultee, and CALRAG are not bound by the same Regulatory framework as the Parish Council.

1617/P/006 **To consider co-option of non councillors to the committee**
No nominations.

1617/P/007 **To consider & recommend to full Council the Terms of Reference for the committee**
Members had received a draft Terms Of Reference document circulated before this meeting. After discussion it was agreed that the document as written would go forward to the full Council meeting on the 12th of December 2016 for approval.

RESOLVED:-

The committee recommends to full Council the draft Terms Of Reference document which will now go forward to the full Council meeting on the 12th of December 2016 for approval.

1617/P/008 **To consider formulation of the response of the Council to the West Of England Joint Spatial Plan & Joint Transport Study.**

Members considered this matter at length, and highlighted main areas of concern to be conveyed in response to the document. These included : consideration of future environmental impact, sustainable transport links, the apparent illogical suggestion that housing development would finance road and transport strategies, infrastructure issues, impact on AONB, and the political motivation for some elements of the plan. It was agreed that Councillors Simon Hegarty and Alan Lovell would prepare documents to reach the Clerk by Friday 16th December to enable a response to be compiled and sent.

RESOLVED:-

Councillors Simon Hegarty and Alan Lovell will formulate a response.

1617/P/009 **To consider formulation of the response of the Council to the Site Allocations Plan.**

Members felt that the consultation on the published plan could only be subject to minor comment due to the resource availability and deadline of both this and the previous minute item. The main concern related to pre-determination.

RESOLVED:-

A short response is to be sent to the consultation in view of the deadline date and resource availability of Councillors.

1617/P/010 **To consider the future formulation of a long term strategy plan for the work of this committee.**

It was agreed that a more detailed consideration of roles and functions within the committee should be considered at a future meeting, once the main Terms of Reference were approved and established.

1617/P/011 **Matters for Information**
No matters raised.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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