

BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council held remotely via Zoom Video-Conferencing on Tuesday 9th June 2020 at 7.15pm

Present:

Councillors:

K Hurst-Knight (Town Mayor)
C Baines
S Barlow
J Buckley
D Cooper
G Davies
C Dyson
R Fox
H Howell
E Marshall
K Sawbridge
S Stevens
C Whittle
R Whittle

In Attendance:

L Jakeman, Town Clerk
R Williams, Responsible Financial Officer
A Kendrick, PA to the Town Clerk
21 members of the public
2 members of the Press

Absent:

C Walden

0011/2021 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

E Lynch – Alternative Meeting

0012/2021 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

0013/2021 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Nil

0014/2021 **LOCAL PLAN REVIEW**

Members noted that a response had previously been submitted to Shropshire Council relating to the Local Plan Review (Preferred Sites and Scale of Distribution).

RESOLVED: that Bridgnorth Town Council submits an additional response to Shropshire Council's Local Plan Review (Preferred Sites and Scale of Distribution).

RESOLVED: that Bridgnorth Town Council should name a preferred site (2 options currently exist).

RESOLVED: that the Stanmore Garden Village site is Bridgnorth Town Council's preferred site (of the 2 options available)

With Regard to supporting Tasley (as a preferred site) members voted as shown:

For: Nil

Against: Cllrs Marshall, C Whittle, R Whittle, G Davies, R Fox, S Barlow, C Baines, K Sawbridge, S Stevens and K Hurst-Knight

Abstentions: Cllrs J Buckley, H Howell, C Dyson, D Cooper

With Regard to supporting Stanmore (as a preferred site) members voted as shown:

For: Cllrs Marshall, C Whittle, R Whittle, G Davies, S Stevens and K Hurst-Knight

Against: Cllrs R Fox and S Barlow

Abstentions: Cllrs J Buckley, H Howell, C Dyson, D Cooper, C Baines and K Sawbridge

Members considered 2 draft responses; one circulated with the agenda and a further tabled at the meeting (circulated to councillors shortly before the meeting) by Councillor Cooper.

Members were of the general view that both were relatively consistent in the message trying to be conveyed.

Members agreed to consider the draft report that accompanied the agenda and how that might be modified to reflect the views of the Council.

AND

RESOLVED:

That the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to submit the Town Council correspondence on the matter to Shropshire Council (in line with the agreed draft and having due regard for comments made during discussion and to include reference to the following points:

- a- That the Town Council consider that more could and should be done to find a 3rd or more option(s). There are likely to be sites within the boundary of Bridgnorth that might be brought to the table.
- b- That the scale of development proposed is overstated.
- c- That evidence should be provided that verifies the proposed employment growth.
- d- That the Town Council would want to see a Local Housing Needs Assessment that justifies the proposed housing levels for the area.
- e- That removal of or significant reduction in safeguarded land is appropriate.
- f- That previous support for the development at Stanmore by the Town Council was conditional on infrastructure provision up front and at the start of the any development.
- g- That the Town Council would want to have evidence of the exceptional circumstances that justify development in the Green Belt (or the moving of it)
- h- That the Town Council would want a further consultation period as the late addition of the Tasley Garden Village proposal was not subject to normal and expected levels of consultation; a review/re-run of Regulation 18.

(Clerk's Note; Recorded Vote requested:

For: Cllrs Marshall, Hurst-Knight, C Whittle, R Whittle, Fox, Stevens, Sawbridge, Baines, Cooper, Howell, Davies and Barlow.

Against: Nil

Abstentions: Cllrs Buckley and Dyson)

0015/2021 **TAYLOR WIMPEY CONSULTATION – TASLEY GARDEN VILLAGE**

Members noted that a submission has been sent to Taylor Wimpey as part of their consultation on the proposed Tasley Garden Village development.