

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25 May 2011 in the Parish Office, Borough Green Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Mrs S Gould, G Harrington, S Millener, Ms P Moorecroft, S Perry, T Shaw, M Taylor, H Willard, M Yianni

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Mr H Willard signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Chairman advised that:

- a. He had called the meeting in order to seek BGPC approval of the Final Draft of the updated Borough Green Parish Plan, with a view to adopting the final document at the next meeting of BGPC on 6 June 2011.
- b. A publicly-advertised consultation period on the Draft Plan is currently running from the 16th to 31st May 2011.
- c. In view of the recently-lodged, although not yet validated, planning application for residential development at Isles Quarry West, he recommended that the updating of the Parish Plan be escalated to include public views in this connection.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr L Chown and T&MCllrs D Evans & Mrs Murray

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Perry advised that he is completely open-minded about any planning application BGPC receives for consultation.

3. **Parish Plan**

All members had previously received copies of the Chairman's proposed updates to the 2005 Parish Plan. Some responses from members of the public have been received and circulated.

Cllr Perry expressed concern that:

- (a) BGPC did not formally resolve to go to public consultation on the Draft Plan
- (b) that this action had been taken on a decision of the Chairman
- (c) the Draft Plan is biased towards one particular development which overrides other aspects of the Plan.
- (d) He gave all Cllrs copies of a Report to BGPC from the Parish Plan Working Group 30 May 2009.

After considerable discussion Cllr Yianni proposed a further amendment: item 8.24 Minerals Extraction & Landfill, Action Plan add – commercial development “in keeping with the character of the village’..... Seconded by Cllr Shaw. RESOLVED.

Chairman proposed that the table of public responses to ‘Villagers Oppose Further Development’ ‘affordable housing’ be included at 17.14 (copies of the table were given to all members). Seconded by Cllr Yianni. Voting was 8 in favour, 1 against. RESOLVED.

Cllr Perry pointed out that references to the Countryside Agency are out-of-date as it no longer exists, and he recommended that more time be given to updating the finer details of the Plan, rather than rush it through at the present time because of an imminent planning application. Also, some of the references to the proposed bypass need to be removed.

After some discussion Cllr Perry proposed that, at least, the Executive Summary be edited. Seconded by Cllr Millener. Voting was 2 in favour, 7 against. The motion was not carried.

Chairman proposed that the Final Draft, in accordance with further amendments already resolved at this meeting, be adopted. Seconded by Cllr Yianni. Voting was 8 in favour, 1 abstention (Cllr Perry). RESOLVED.

Chairman asked members to send him any further minor amendments that they may have in time for inclusion in the final Parish Plan, to be recommended for adoption at the next meeting on 6 June 2011.

The meeting ended at 8.36pm.

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