



# EYE TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Eye Town Council

held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, EYE TOWN HALL,**

**1 BROAD STREET, EYE, SUFFOLK on TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> March @ 7:30 pm**

**Present: Present: Present:** Cllr Hudson (Chair), Cllr Berry, Cllr Blake, Cllr Byles, Cllr Evitt, Cllr Gould, Cllr Henderson, Cllr Mann, Cllr Ribchester, Cllr Smith, Cllr Walker, also in attendance 8 members of the public

### 1. Apologies and Approval of Absences

The Chair stated that the Town Clerk gave apologies due to illness. Cllr Mann volunteered to be the minute taker. All Councillors present.

### 2. Members Declarations of Interests and Consideration of Requests for Dispensations

Cllr Jane Hudson declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she was a school governor for St Peters and St Paul Church of England Primary School.

### 3. Public Participation - Meeting to be opened

Allotment Holder stated that overall, he considered the Neighbourhood Plan to be a good one and very well produced and reflected well on those who completed it. However, he was unhappy about the way both the TC and the NPSG have handled the issue of the future use of the allotment land which in his view the TC and been secretive and unhelpful in disclosure of information. The allotment holder pointed out that in the consultation out of 17 comments published only 4 supported use of the allotment land for development.

Cllr Gould responded on behalf of the Council. Some of the meetings held by ETC considering the use of the allotment land had to be held confidentially because of the commercial sensitivity of the project. He rejected the assertion that the Council had withheld information and referred to various meetings held with the allotment holders and the particular resident as well as a public meeting.

The Chairman of the Trustees of the St Peter and Paul Primary School spoke opposing the submission draft of the Eye Neighbourhood Plan and requesting removal of those paragraphs concerning the proposal of new for a primary school). The Chairman raised the following objections: -

- Lack of consultation by the NPSG with the Trust.
- The need for the Church funded school to be located adjacent to the Church.
- The trustees of the school are developing plans together with SCC and the diocese to enlarge/extend the school on the current site to take up to 420 pupils and see no need for re-location of the school.
- School funding will be a problem if a large school is built but there not enough pupils to fill it.
- That the draft plan included a layout for housing on the present school site.

Signed: Mayor

*Janet Hudson*

Clerk

*W. Alcock*

Dated:

*17/4/19*

Cllr Gould replied that education was very much a matter for Suffolk County Council, it was not the responsibility of the Town Council and that the provision of an additional site was with the support of the County Council.

Gary Rowland, a co-opted member of the Neighbourhood Steering Group, commented that he supported the idea of another primary school out of the centre of Eye.

Meeting to be closed for public participation. Formal Council Agenda as follows: -

**4. Approval of the submission draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr Gould – Asked if Andy Robinson Project Co-ordinator could be permitted to speak in the closed part of the meeting. This was agreed by the Mayor.

Cllr Gould gave a brief introduction to the paper presented to Councillors.

Cllr Gould – The Neighbourhood Plan includes an aspirational policy, i.e one that does not have the agreement of the land owner, concerning the Primary School site.

Cllr Byles asked what consultation had been carried out with the school.

Andy Robinson replied giving full details of the meetings, emails and telephone calls held between the school and the NPSG.

Cllr Berry – member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee. There are 33 policies in the Plan. Says the Neighbourhood Plan would benefit Eye and asked for Councillors to support.

**Proposal to approve of the submission draft of the Neighbourhood Plan as presented.**

**Proposed by Cllr Gould, seconded by Cllr Walker 1 against 1 abstention 9 in favour. Resolution carried.**

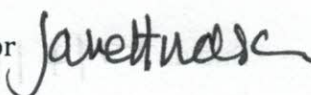
When voting was finished Cllr Ribchester stated that he felt the school should be removed from the submission.

Meeting closed at 8:00 pm.

**Exclusion of Press and Public**

(LGA 1972, Part 1, Schedule 12A, Section 100A(4). To consider whether under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public should be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the business to be transacted involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as prescribed in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and indicated against each item marked\*\*\*

Signed: Mayor



Clerk



Dated:

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