



# EYE TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EYE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE MAIN HALL, EYE TOWN HALL,  
1 BROAD STREET, EYE, SUFFOLK on WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 @ 7:30 pm**

**Present:** Cllr Hudson (Chair), Cllr Evitt, Cllr Blake, Cllr Byles, Cllr Gould, Cllr Mann, Cllr Smith, Cllr Walker, Cllr Berry, Cllr Burke, Cllr Ribchester, Cllr Henderson and also in attendance 24 members of the public  
Town Clerk - Wendy Alcock.

**1. Apologies and Approval of Absences**

Cllr Robins, Cllr Burke

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

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

**3.1 Presentation of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan by Cllr Peter Gould on the background and issues of developing the Neighbourhood Plan. (Presentation available at <http://www.eyesuffolk.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Neighbourhood-Plan-Presentation.pdf>)**

The public session started with congratulations from member of the public acknowledging the work which the steering group have completed to develop the plan.

Food Outlet – size of the store is a concern if it is too big.

*Cllr Response – this won't be a large store 5,000 square feet maximum and would be specified as food retail.*

Crematorium – what pollution levels will this cause.

*Cllr Response – Planning consultants have been working in this area and it is at a very early stage. There will be screening to the school and will need to meet stringent standards.*

What is the process for scrutiny by MSDC? Concerned there are inconsistencies.

*Cllr Response – The plan is now at its next stage of consultation, so an opportunity will be available before it goes to MSDC. There are tensions in the plan between a balance for extra parking spaces for example against green open spaces. The TC wishes to have the best possible document to be submitted to MSDC. MSDC will offer an additional opportunity to make comments.*

Health Centre land – if this land is built on for housing this land is then lost for future Health Care use.

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*Cllr Response – Another example of competing demands. The Hartismere Hospital is under utilised clinically, it makes sense to move the Health Centre into Hartismere also what can we do to identify what types of clinics and other services could move into the hospital.*

Primary School – what might happen to the school will it expand or will there be two schools.

*Cllr Response – Early communications with SCC were that they would expand the existing site, later conversations with SCC are now steering towards an additional school. The County Council is responsible for Education.*

Alternative sites for allotments and whether any additional space will be provided for increased population.

*Cllr Response – sites have been looked at but one hasn't been confirmed. The specification for the allotments will be considered in line with requirements from the appropriate bodies. The plan identifies the criteria the Council will be using when making their decision. Which is 50% over the current site.*

What happens to applications for development whilst the plan is in process.

*Cllr Response – MSDC do not have an up to date Local Plan, they currently do not have a 5-year land supply. The National Planning Policy framework provides the template for considering applications. This is a failure on MSDC part. The question emphasizes the importance of having the Neighbourhood Plan. The voting down the Neighbourhood plan doesn't mean that there won't be any development it means that you won't have a say in what will be developed.*

A member of the public asked if there was evidence to rebut the outstanding application for Tuffs Road/Maple Way within the Neighbourhood Plan.

*Cllr Response will continue to object against this development.*

Progress of document – Concerned that the inspectors who has the final review of the plan has no local knowledge.

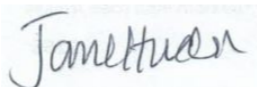
*Inspectors Roles is that the plan conforms to govt policy, consider the representations. Evidence and counter evidence. We don't expect there to be any substantial changes.*

Cllr Berry – Thanked the member of the public for the earlier compliment. Will it make a difference? We wouldn't represent the Community if we didn't have a Neighbourhood Plan. This is the best chance that we have to influence planning applications which may be approved in the future and he fully supported the plan.

Meeting to be closed to the public.

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#### 4. Consideration of the pre-submission draft of the Neighbourhood Plan

4.1 Cllr Gould introduced the previously circulated report to Councillors. Available at <http://www.eyesuffolk.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Neighbourhood-Plan-Pre-Submission-Report.docx>

Concerned regarding the petition against the development of the crematorium in that the question could mis-lead the signatories as to what they were signing against the crematorium or additional housing developments.

**Proposal that the Council accepts the pre-submission draft of the Neighbourhood Plan as presented.**

**Proposed by Cllr Gould seconded by Cllr Berry, all in favour resolution passed.**

4.2 Proposal that the Council should make a formal complaint to MSDC regarding the planning process and the lack of appropriate planning controls to manage the development of land for housing in Eye.

The complaint would be issued to the monitoring officer of MSDC and if no satisfactory response is received it could be progressed to the ombudsmen.

Cllr Byles – What power and remedies do the monitoring and ombudsmen offer.

Andy Robinson replied that the Monitoring officer has a legal duty to ensure that the District Council fulfils its legal obligation. 25% of CIL from 4/2017, applications should be considered as premature until the emergence of the LP and NP

If it goes to the ombudsmen, they could issue a notice to MSDC or could give cause for a High Court action.

Cllr Berry stated that he had tried for 5 years of effort to liaise with MSDC with very little cooperation.

**Propose a complaint should be made to MSDC as set out in the report submitted to Councillors**

**Proposed by Cllr Gould, seconded by Cllr Berry – all in favour.**

4.3 Should the Council decide to sell the allotment land it is proposed to engage with the people of the town to have a working group for proposals how that money is spent.

**Proposed the formation of a working group to include Councillors and members of the public as set out in the report submitted to Councillors.**

**Proposed by Cllr Gould, seconded by Cllr Evitt all favour.**

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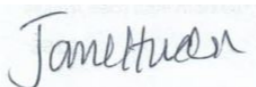
**Exclusion of Press and Public**

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