

**CRANLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE**  
**ON THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2017 AT 7.00PM**  
**IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, VILLAGE WAY, CRANLEIGH**

**Councillors**

Cllr R Bryant\*

Cllr R Cole\*

Cllr B Freeston\* (Vice Chairman of the Committee)

Cllr D Harris

Cllr S Jeacock\*

Cllr E Townsend\* (Chairman of the Committee)

**Non Councillors**

Mr P Townsend\*

**PRESENT\***

ALSO PRESENT: Gayle Wootton, Principal Planning Officer, Waverley Borough Council, Parish Clerk B Bell FILCM, two members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The apology from Cllr D Harris of prior commitment was ACCEPTED.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr S Jeacock declared that he is a Committee Member of Cranleigh Civic Society.

Cllr R Bryant declared that he is a Committee Member of Cranleigh Civic Society.

Cllr E Townsend declared that she is a member of Cranleigh Civic Society and a Waverley Borough Councillor.

**3. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on 02 February 2017, having previously been circulated, were AGREED as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. PUBLIC SESSION**

- A member of the public asked why Cranleigh people are expected to find even more houses and employment. She said the cumulative effect of the 1,300 houses permitted is not yet known and asked what the Parish Council is doing about this. Cllr Freeston said he felt that Waverley Borough Council does not listen to the Parish Council, there is only one Cranleigh Borough Councillor sitting on the Joint Planning Committee. Cllr R Bryant said he had written to the Department for Communities and Local Government to try to get the planning application for KPI called in, but had been advised to refer his comments to the Monitoring Officer at Waverley Borough Council. Cllr E Townsend said the cumulative effect is not yet known, she added that Cranleigh has had nearly all the houses identified in the Local Plan to 2032 without the Neighbourhood Plan. There has been no time for the new houses to bed in to the community.

- A member of the public asked if the Area of Special Visual Importance at Snoxhall Fields is threatened as the Manager of the Cranleigh Leisure Centre has told him that Waverley Borough Council plan to build a new Leisure Centre on Snoxhall Fields. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had written to Waverley Borough Council and had received a reply saying that they are looking into a feasibility study for a new Leisure Centre and any potential location will form part of this study. Cllr E Townsend said that a WBC report stated that the ASVI for Snoxhall Fields did not meet the ASVI criteria, but this can be looked at as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- A member of the public said there had been investigations into the asbestos cement drinking water pipes in Cranleigh. He had asked Thames Water to test a section of pipe dug up on 10 April 2017 in Horsham Road but they refused. He had subsequently contacted the HSE who have appointed an Inspector to look into this. He said Thames Water should be pushed to replace the asbestos pipes in the existing network.

## 5. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONTENT

- Ms Gayle Wootton, Principal Planning Officer, Waverley Borough Council, said Local Plan Part 1 was submitted to the government in December 2016 and WBC are now working on Local Plan Part 2 to identify non-strategic sites. She explained that the Parish Council has the option of allowing WBC to identify sites for housing, employment, community and retail, or including them in the Neighbourhood Plan. A decision is needed in the next couple of weeks.
- Cllr E Townsend said 1,300 houses have already been given permission in Cranleigh. Gayle Wootton said there are 901 total commitments and a further 441 houses to be delivered on strategic sites leaving a balance of 178 houses to find as part of Local Plan Part 2 or through the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr E Townsend said there are 98 houses in the school sites and approximately 100 at Horsham Road. Gayle Wootton said the Parish Council could determine that there are no more sites to find in Cranleigh.
- Cllr S Jeacock asked about the Planning Inspector's questions about Cranleigh for Local Plan Part 1. Gayle Wootton said the Inspector has asked if Cranleigh is a suitable location for the volume of growth proposed. She said he will determine the agenda for the public examination in June, who is speaking and he will then tell WBC if their housing numbers are right. Cllr B Freeston asked if Cranleigh will be expected to take more houses if Dunsfold does not go ahead. Gayle Wootton said this would be a change to the spatial strategy so WBC would have to start again on the Local Plan.
- Cllr E Townsend said the Farnham Neighbourhood Plan has been challenged by three developers who are seeking an injunction to halt the referendum in May. She questioned whether it is worth doing the work on the Neighbourhood Plan if developers are going to challenge Neighbourhood Plans. Gayle Wootton said the Parish Council would have the full co-operation of WBC if the Parish Council leaves WBC to do the site allocations as part of Local Plan Part 2. There will be three consultations on Local Plan Part 2. Cllr E Townsend said the Parish Council would need to re-look at all sites including those previously discounted. Cllr R Cole said this would take a lot of time, leaving no time for the other three reviews and suggested leaving the call for sites to WBC. Gayle Wootton said the Parish Council would be invited to visit sites considered by WBC.
- Cllr E Townsend said that more time is needed to consider the call for sites and suggested meeting again next week. Gayle Wootton said WBC's call for sites closes tomorrow and she will let the Parish Council know for the meeting next week if any sites have been put forward for Cranleigh.

## 6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – No report.

No report.

## 7. CLERK'S REPORT- No report.

No report.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27 April 2017. The meeting closed at 6.50pm.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_