

# ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HURST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP HELD VIRTUALLY VIA "MICROSOFT TEAMS" ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020 at 7pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Wayne Smith (Chairman, St Nicholas Hurst PC), Lou Robinson, John Edwards, Brian Thomas, Penny Curry (from 7.30pm).

APOLOGIES: Gemma Moore, Mac Stephenson.

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk).

### 0121 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Gemma Moore. Mac Stephenson attempted to join the call but experienced technical problems.

### 0122 **Prejudicial Interests**

There were no prejudicial interests to declare.

### 0123 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were approved.

### 0124 **Update on the Local Plan**

The Chairman briefed the group regarding the latest progress with the Local Plan. He informed them that a new formula had been released as of today and that he had several meetings scheduled between now and early January 2021 to discuss the plan and extensive transport modelling which has to be considered.

### 0125 **Update from Group**

LR/JE presented an update to the group regarding the work they have been undertaking on policies. Lengthy discussion followed with the following key points noted so far:

- the policy reports form the evidence which will back up documentation presented to the Examiner and therefore need to be accurate, comprehensive and well researched/supported;

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- leisure – do we have enough provision within the Parish for both teenagers and the elderly? There is no recreational ground located within the Ashridge Ward. It was collectively felt that, although within the Parish, the relationship with Dinton Pastures is remote and that now would be the time to become more strategically involved with them. The Chairman considered the Managers at Dinton Pastures would welcome this opportunity for collaborative working and agreed to speak with the Executive Member for Leisure to progress;
- for the size of the Parish there are insufficient footpaths, particularly around the Ashridge/Bill Hill areas;
- there are no allotment facilities at the Ashridge Ward end of the Parish;
- there is a national shortage of burial grounds, including in Hurst;
- community assets were discussed and it was noted that views expressed in the questionnaires form the basis of those suggested for protection;
- the Dolphin School wishes to speak to the Working Group regarding their future plans;
- JE will work with James McCabe, WBC, on what constitutes good design; and
- photographs of the Parish and its buildings are required – volunteers will be sought.

0126 **Timeline going forward & keys tasks to be achieved before next meeting**

Ahead of the next meeting, planned for the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021, the following tasks to be completed:

Resolved:

The Chairman to speak with the Executive Member for Leisure with a view to strategic joint working between the Parish and Dinton Pastures; and

JR will lead on sourcing volunteers to provide photographs.

The meeting ended at 9.45pm.

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