

NORTHSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee Meeting **14th September 2021, 7pm in The Wing, Pathfinder School, Northstowe.**

Members: Cllr Benedicic (Vice-Chair), Cllr Bros Sabria, Cllr Delip, Cllr Gamon, Cllr Littlemore (Chair), Cllr Oluwasanya, Cllr Owen, Cllr Pokala, Cllr Susarla

Present: Cllr Benedicic, Cllr Littlemore, Cllr Owen, Cllr Oluwasanya.

[Quorum = 4 members]

No members of the public present.

Meeting started at 7:03pm; Cllr Littlemore Chairing the meeting.

06/21-22 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bros Sabria (personal); Cllr Pokala (personal); Cllr Susarla (personal).

Absent: Cllr Delip; Cllr Gamon

07/21-22 Declarations of interest

None to declare

08/21-22 Public participation

No members of the public present.

09/21-22 Minutes of the meeting of 7th July 2021

It was proposed by Cllr Benedicic, seconded by Cllr Owen and **resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of the 7th July 2021 as a true record of that meeting.**

10/21-22 Planning applications

1) New applications

- i) **For Comments** 21/02310/REM Phase 2B, Northstowe Land south of Rampton Drift Northstowe Cambridgeshire. Reserved matter application for 300 dwellings including affordable housing provision, non-residential floorspace, landscaping, open space and associated infrastructure for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline planning permission S/2011/14/OL. (Amended plans and information following previous consultation responses).

Public Access link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/21/02310/REM>. *Deadline 8 Sep – Extension given until 15 September*

It was proposed by Cllr Owen, seconded by Cllr Benedicic and **resolved unanimously that the Town Council is to submit an objection to the application with the following comments:**

- Northstowe Town Council (NTC) wishes to express that NTC is – in principle - in favour of this development, but is unable to support the applicant's current plans.
- NTC is disappointed that the applicant, in this amended application, has not taken into account the comments made by NTC previously (as sent to Greater

Cambridge Shared Planning on 24th June 2021), nor has it responded to the individual concerns raised in that response.

- NTC, furthermore, wishes to highlight that its original comments still stand, and asks the applicant to reconsider its plans in light of the Council's comments.
- 2) **For information:** Planning applications on which Northstowe Town Council has previously commented and where a decision has been made since. *No applications to report*

- Noted

- 3) **For comments:** Northstowe Town Council to discuss and decide whether it wishes to comment to submissions on Phase 3 applications for which formal consultation has already taken place. *Option is proposed as such by Greater Cambridge Shared Planning.*

The relevant live submissions are:

21/03350/REM – Phase 1 Sports Pavilion

20/02142/OUT – Phase 3b, Northstowe – 1,000 homes and associated development

20/02171/OUT – Phase 3a, Northstowe – 4,000 homes and associated development

20/03598/OUT – Endurance Estates, Station Road, Longstanton (now part of Northstowe)

S/3854/19/OL – Digital Park, Station Road, Longstanton (now part of Northstowe)

It was proposed by Cllr Littlemore, seconded by Cllr Owen and **resolved unanimously that the Town Council wishes to provide comments on above Phase 3 applications; and tasks the Clerk to go back to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning to obtain a deadline for comments after the next Planning Committee meeting.**

11/21-22

Greater Cambridge Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document

- a) To receive information on the consultation (23rd July – 17th September 2021). www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/biodiversity-spd/
- b) To consider a response from the Town Council on the Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document.

It was proposed by Cllr Benedicic, seconded by Cllr Oluwasanya and **resolved unanimously that the Town Council is to submit a response to the consultation request, with the following comments:**

- Northstowe Town Council (NTC) notes this document;
- NTC supports the principles set out in the document, and wishes these principles reflected in all planning applications coming forward, and applied in all developments stemming from these.
- NTC requests a response to obtain a better understanding how this document is to be updated and kept up-to-date in the future, in particular regarding:
 - Future changes in National, Regional or Local Policies;
 - Improvements in understanding of the biodiversity and biodiversity value within the area.

12/21-22 Budget Financial year 2022-23

- 1) To provide an understanding of the timeline for budget development for the next financial year.
- 2) To discuss budget needs for the Planning Committee for 2022-23.

The Clerk set out the need for the Committee – as well as the Council as a whole – to start determining its budget needs for the next financial year (April 22 – March 23). This, as the budget is to be finalised in November 2021, with the precept for the next financial year to be determined in January.

A discussion followed around possible Committee’s budgetary needs.

It was proposed by Cllr Benedicic, seconded by Cllr Owen and **resolved unanimously that;**

- **All Planning Committee Members are to submit their proposals for committee budget needs to the Town Clerk no later than 4th October;**
- **For the Clerk to include all suggestions received into a report, for further discussion and decision-making at the next Planning Committee meeting.**

13/21-22 Dates of next meetings

Full Council meeting Wed 22nd September at 7PM
 Planning Committee Tue 19th October at 7PM

- Noted

Meeting closed at 7:42pm.

Signed.....
 Chairman of the Planning Committee
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