

PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee held Virtually on

Thursday 10th September 2020 at 7.15pm

PRESENT: Councillors: G Elner (Chair), P Goulbourne, M Hancock, R Hartley, D Lunn, J Mowl and A Wignall, R Hartley

Jo Butterworth – Town Clerk & RFO
Jean Hynes – Deputy Clerk & Deputy RFO

0 members of the public

PI-1/20 **To Receive Apologies and Reason for Absence.**

RESOLVED – that the apology received from Cllr N Cull be approved.

PI-2/20 **Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests in Items on the Agenda**

None received.

PI-3/20 **Grant Dispensations**

None received.

PI-4/20 **Public Question Time**

No public were present.

PI-5/20 **Minutes**

It was moved by Cllr P Goulbourne, seconded by Cllr A Wignall and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2020 be approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

PI-6/20 **Planning**

(a) Planning Applications for Consideration

No applications for considerations.

(b) To consider any other planning decisions received after the issue of the agenda.

None Received.

PI-7/20 **Guide to Planning and Good Practice Document & Planning Pre – Application Discussion Policy.**

The SALC Good Practice Guide and the Planning Pre-Application Discussion Policy were circulated to members with the agenda.

It was moved by Cllr G Elner, seconded by Cllr A Wignall and

RESOLVED to: RECOMMEND to Full Council that with amendments to section 8, bringing the guide in line with the Town Council's standing orders that the good practise guide and the Planning Pre-Application Discussion policy be adopted.

PI -8/20

Ellesmere & Surrounding Area Place Plan Review.

The committee reviewed the 2019/2020 place plan and agreed that all current projects identified should remain except the street lighting project as this been completed, the following **recommendations** will be made to full council in October.

Page 10 – Town Centre Parking: It was felt that if a potential housing venture were to go ahead on the land close to Tesco that the Town Council would like to see a 50/50 split of housing and public carparking. The

Page 14 – New Bus Shelter and a pull – in layby at Trimpley/Stanham: If was felt that if this project is deliverable it would be beneficial to assist the traffic flow in Trimpley as cars would be able to pass if the buses had a layby rather than blocking the traffic which often results in blocking up the pinch point on Trimpley.

Page 14 - Upgrade Street Lighting to LED: to be removed as the Town Council have completed this project.

Page 18 – Reduce Speed Limits: It was felt that the speed limit needs to be reduced from 40mph to 30mph from the convent, past the Mere and into town.

Due to recent requests made to council it was felt that in the future Youth Provision should be included in the plan by way of possibly a bike track, basketball court or even tennis courts. It was also felt that the utilisation of Berwyn View land should be included once advice has been sought from solicitors as to any restrictions for land use.

PI-9/20

Funding Boost to Help Communities Plan Their Neighbourhoods.

On the 10th August Housing Secretary Robert Jenrick announced that funding to help communities in urban and deprived areas plan their local neighbourhoods will increase, as a result a discussion took place as to the viability of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Ellesmere. Councillors felt that due to the costs involved and the present economic climate that it would not be worth pursuing at this time, however they felt that this should be reviewed again in the future.

PI-10/20

Planning Consultation PC10-20 Changes to the Current Planning System.

The committee attempted to through the consultation paper but felt that they were unable to complete the questionnaire without further clarification.

PI – 11/20

Planning Consultation PC11-20 White Paper: Planning for the Future.

Councillors worked through the consultation questions to create a response for submission.

PI – 12/20

Planning Consultation PC 12-20 Transparency and Competition: Data and Land

The committee attempted to through the consultation paper but felt that they were unable to complete the questionnaire without further clarification.

The meeting closed at 8.46pm

Chair:

Date: