

NORTH HINKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH MARCH 2019 AT 7PM IN THE SEACOURT HALL

Present: The Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Potter and Councillors L. Berrett, J Bolder, Mrs. V. Carr, Mrs. A. Dykes, A Mac Keith, A. Rankin, A Pritchard, L Kunzemann and A Hardiman.

Others Present: C A Ryde (Parish Clerk) 7 members of the public and County Councillor Mrs J Roberts. The Chairman announced that the meeting would be audio recorded and asked for anyone recording the meeting to comply with the Parish Council's guidelines.

18/167 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Councillors D. Kay & R Mayne.

18/168 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mackeith & Bolder declared non pecuniary interests by virtue of being respectively a Louise Memorial Pavilion Trustees and part of the Youth Club Management Committee.

18/169 **COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councillor Potter introduced the meeting explaining why it had been arranged to consider a single agenda item: Council is asked to **DISCUSS** the circulated planning application documents, including all listed drawings and supporting documents (e.g. Design & Access Statement), and to **APPROVE** submission of the planning application to Vale of White Horse District Council.

Councillor Potter explained that Council had to date had several in principle votes but now had before them the full planning application documentation. Councillor Potter updated the meeting on the recommendation of the February Council meeting to take independent legal advice concerning the status of the lease on the Scout Hut. The advice was that, 1954 legislation granted protected lease status. This meant that the Scout Association as tenant's had the right to request another lease on similar terms but NHPC as Landlords had the right to refuse if certain grounds were met. These grounds included a clear intention and realistic possibility of redeveloping its land. The legal advice therefore concluded that there was nothing inherently in the legislation that stopped NHPC progressing the planning application. Councillor Pritchard asked for a copy from the clerk.

Attention was drawn to comments collated from a drop-in event. Councillor Potter read out comments received by e mail as circulated. Councillor Potter reminded the meeting that as it was a Special Meeting of Full Council; there was no opportunity to ask questions from the floor but advised that Councillors could speak to comments received. Councillor Potter also drew attention to the post application process whereby the Vale of White Horse District Council ran a full consultation process that provided further opportunities to comment on the plans.

The meeting heard from Councillors speaking both for and against the Planning Application. Councillors then considered the planning application and supporting papers in detail and unanimously agreed that the proposed building should as far as finance allowed be as carbon neutral and green as possible.

Council **APPROVED** submission of the planning application to the Vale of White Horse District Council by **9 votes for** and **2 against:** Councillors Carr and Pritchard.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

 28/3/19