



## Shenley Parish Council

### MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 2021, AT 8PM REMOTELY, VIA ZOOM

**PRESENT:** Councillors Justine Ash, Rosemary Gilligan, Annie Keen, Gavin O'Sullivan, Anthony Spencer, Natalie Susman and William Susman

In attendance:

- Amanda Leboff, Clerk to the Council
- County Councillor Morris Bright
- 72 members of the public were present at its most.

Before the meeting began formally, the Chair invited Reverend McCarthy to address the meeting. Following Reverend McCarthy's address, the Chair thanked him for his words.

#### **109/20.21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **110/20.21. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interests of items on the agenda.

#### **111/20.21 PUBLIC ISSUES**

At this point, the chair invited those who had submitted a request to ask a question to do so. The Chair read out questions that had been submitted by a resident. Members of the public were then invited to ask questions. The questions asked related to why the Council would not go to Referendum, especially considering the cost effectiveness of holding the Referendum at the same time as other elections and why Councillors were seeking dispensation with regards to declaration of interests.

The Chair addressed the meeting with regards to the use of social media and the possible negative connotations which can arise. He also corrected some inaccuracies that had appeared on social media the previous weekend.

The Chair then invited the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee to give a background of the Shenley Neighbourhood Plan and asked her to update the meeting with regards to its current position.

The Chair of the Shenley Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group addressed the meeting and gave a background of the plan. The meeting was informed that the Steering Group was unanimous in wanting to see the Neighbourhood Plan go to Referendum on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.



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The chair took the opportunity to thank the chair, vice-chair, and Steering Committee of the Neighbourhood Plan along with others hard work.

### **112/20.21 TO CONSIDER THE ADVICE RECEIVED FROM HERTSMERE AND SHENLEY PARISH COUNCIL'S, LEGAL COUNSEL RELATING TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND TIMING OF THE REFERENDUM.**

The Chair presented the meeting with the reasons as to why the extraordinary meeting had been called. The County Councillor along with several Councillors stated that they hoped that everyone supports the motion and would vote in favour of supporting a Referendum on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

At this point the Chair asked for a recorded vote for the Shenley neighbourhood Plan to go to Referendum on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 with the necessary amendments being made following this. The Councillor's votes were as follows: -

Councillor J Ash	support
Councillor R Gilligan	support
Councillor A Keen	support
Councillor G O'Sullivan	support
Councillor A Spencer	support
Councillor N Susman	support
Councillor W Susman	support

The meeting voted unanimously in favour of supporting the Referendum on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 with the necessary amendments being made following this.

**113/20.21** The meeting ended at 8.10p.m.

Chairman

### **ADENDUM**

At approximately 20 minutes into the meeting, during the Chair's presentation, the meeting was disturbed with a swear word being shouted out and an anti-Semitic post being put up on the chat facility. The person was removed from the meeting and the chat facility was removed. The incident has been reported and is being investigated.