

# **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT WILMCOTE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015. NO. 71**

**1. Record of Members Present:** Cllr. Ray, Chairman, Cllr. Clarke, Vice Chairman, Cllr. Roberts, Cllr. Mander, Cllr. K. McMillan, Cllr. A. McMillan, Cllr. Ledger.

## **2. Apologies:**

Apologies received from the Clerk who was attending the Haselor Parish Council meeting.

## **3. Declarations if dispensations granted for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests already in the register of Members Interests.**

Cllr. Ray – Pecuniary interest in land identified in the Plan

Cllr. Roberts – Pecuniary interest in land identified in the Plan

Cllr. Ledger – Pecuniary interest in land identified in the Plan

Cllr. Mander – Pecuniary interest in possible development of land identified in the Plan.

Cllr. Clarke – Pecuniary interest in land identified in the Plan

Cllr. A. McMillan – Potential pecuniary interest in possible development of land identified in the Plan.

Cllr. K. McMillan - Potential pecuniary interest in possible development of land identified in the Plan.

## **4. Written requests for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests where that interest is not already in the register of members' interests.**

No requests were received.

## **5. To formally ratify e-vote on Simon Purfield undertaking the analysis of the questionnaire returns.**

An exchange of views on the appointment of Simon Purfield had already been undertaken by email and the views of Councillors were split requiring formal ratification at a meeting of the Parish Council.

The Chairman asked the Councillors to confirm their e-vote and make known any changes. Taking account of two changes the vote was as follows:

Cllrs Ray, Clarke, Mander and K. McMillan in agreement. Cllrs Roberts and A. McMillan objected. Cllr Ledger abstained.

**6. Confirm the delegated power of lead Councillors: under the agreed WPC/NPG integration the lead Councillors are given full authority to make decisions on all matters relating to the Neighbourhood Plan. Other Councillors to provide support when requested in accordance with the agreed integration.**

There was lengthy debate around the governance of such delegated power with concerns about decision making by the lead Councillors on the NPG on behalf of all Councillors.

There was debate about the level of decisions it would be sensible for the lead councillors to be delegated in the interests of efficient working between the WPC and NPG whilst maintaining best practice governance, unnecessary Parish Council meetings and smooth operation of the NPG.

The proposal under agenda item 6 was withdrawn and the way forward was agreed as follows:

1. Councillors Roberts and K McMillan will become full members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group (NPG).
2. The councillors on the NPG will jointly submit a status report to each WPC meeting.
3. In conducting business of the NPG the Councillors will follow the Management of the Wilmcote Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group document Version 2 dated 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014 agreed at the WPC meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The topics requiring sanction of the WPC will be as listed in that document, any other action taken at the NPG will be included in the status report.

No further discussion took place and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.