ALFRISTON PARISH COUNCIL

**NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**The Neighbourhood Development Planning Committee was held on Monday 26th September 2022 at 18:15, held in the AWMH.**

**Present:**

Mr Nick Guyatt [*Chair*]

Cllr Jen Watkins

Cllr Sylvia Daw

Cllr Stephen Rabagliati

Ms Cheryl Lutring

Ms Jane Green

Mrs Victoria Rutt [*minutes*]

No members of the public were present.

**1.Welcome and apologies**

Mr Nick Guyatt welcomed everyone to the meeting. Two new members have since joined the committee, Ms Cheryl Lutring and Ms Jane Green. They both introduced themselves and explained that they decided to join the committee as they have lived in the village for many years and were keen to be more involved.

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr James Black and Cllr Diana Monteath-Wilson.

**2. Approve minutes from NDP meeting held on 18th July 2022**

The minutes were previously circulated and all approved at the meeting as a true and accurate record. Mr Guyatt signed a copy of the minutes.

**3. Discuss the draft TOR**

Mr Guyatt explained that he was saddened to receive the list of comments from Alfriston Parish Council [APC] about the queries regarding the draft Terms of Reference [TOR]. Mr Guyatt felt that APC were referring to items still that a Neighbourhood Development Plan [NDP] can’t deliver. At the very beginning when APC commenced the NDP it was because they wanted more affordable housing and to ensure houses are not made bigger within the village. It was identified that the NDP is not used for those objectives and they are used for new developments but it was agreed that the NDP should continue as it was a useful document.

Mr Guyatt said he was aggrieved about the comments that the Councillors are not there as residents, they are there as Parish Councillors. He also had an issue with the use of the term Sub-Committee, and he feels it should be known as a Steering Group.

Mr Guyatt expressed his disappointment and has decided that he can no longer Chair the NDP Committee or be a part of the Committee as he does not feel that APC is fully behind the group. He feels it is a fruitless activity but did thank those around the table who have been keen and working on this to date.

The Clerk did explain that although there was confusion at the beginning with what the NDP meant the committee was moving forward but there has been no response in 2 months from anyone on the Committee about the TOR so it is hard to move things forward.

Mr Guyatt explained he did not want to speak to anyone about this as he felt like he could not and wanted to come to this meeting in person to explain his feelings. He feels that a lot of people in the village would like a plan and would work hard on this but he does not believe that the plan would be made on what APC hopes it would do.

Cllr Rabagliati expressed his disappointment that Mr Guyatt felt that this is an adversarial project. He feels that the NDP committee were moving forward.

*Mr Guyatt left the meeting at 18:30.*

**4. Discuss and agree next steps**

The Clerk explained to Ms Green and Ms Lutring that this is not a normal NDP meeting and thanked them for their time. The NDP committee will be updated as a whole about the change and a new Chair will be agreed at the next NDP committee meeting.

It was confirmed that an update will be given at the APC meeting following this meeting and an agenda item is likely to be added to the October 2022 APC agenda for full discussion and decision on how to proceed.

*\*This has since been confirmed, it will be on the APC agenda for the meeting being held on Monday 17th October 2022.*

**5. Public Questions**

No members of the public in attendance.

**Next meeting:**

To be confirmed in due course