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Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Thursday 9th July 2020 via Zoom

Councillors Present	Jacqui Colbourne, Robert Dixon, Jenny Innes (Chair) and Angela McNally
Also Present	County Councillors Wendy Brackenbury and Sandra Naden-Horley, Cllr W Heelan (Stanion Parish Council, Cllr M Page (Weldon Parish Council), Cllr E Taylor (Islip Parish Council), 9 members of the public and Sue Cook (Clerk)

20/074 **Apologies were received from Cllr Neale**

20/075 **There were no Declarations of Interest.**

20/076 the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the next steps to be taken after CBC approved the outline planning for **the Cowthick Plantation.**

- Cllr Page informed the meeting that he spoke at CBC. Need to decide how to move this forward.
- Cllr Heelan told the meeting that Gary Duthie, who is a planning solicitor, is asking CBC about the legal statements and why none of his comments have been published.
- CC Naden-Horley, said she has nothing to do with planning but is extremely disappointed with CBC for giving this project outline planning permission considering how many objections had been. CC Naden-Horley believes that not one of the Borough Councils took the time to read the 60-page document and that the councillors on the planning committee had only visited the site the morning of meeting.
- A resident asked, "what can we do?" If he understands it correctly the S.o.S. (Secretary of State) has 21 days in which to respond and currently is unable to see if the S.o.S. has been notified by CBC.
- Cllr Colbourne has emailed the S.o.S. as a concerned resident to try to find out the time frame that CBC must respond by
- Cllr Heelan agreed to contact Mr Duthie for the time frame.
- A resident asked, "What happens if the S.o.S. allows it to go ahead?" The possibility of a judicial review application against CBC was mentioned but only if there are very good grounds to pursue it. A positive legal opinion would be required
- CC Naden-Horley commented that how unfair it was from start to finish
- Cllr Page commented that whilst Mr Duthie has objected on procedure matters within the mini budget the Chancellor wants to see carbon reduction and therefore this application goes against government guidelines.
- A resident commented that even though there might be limited legal grounds on which the S.o.S. can call in the application, objectors should make other points in their letters to the S.o.S., particularly anything suggesting there was a smell about the application or the way CBC have handled it
- Cllr Dixon stated that the S.o.S. has published criteria for calling in planning applications and they are all based on planning considerations. The only criterion that seems to apply in the current situation is that the development could have significant effects beyond its immediate locality.
- Cllr Brackenbury will contact ENC to request that they write to the S.o.S. along with contacting the Joint Core Strategy Team for their guidance.
- Cllr Innes suggested that as many people/residents write to the S.o.S. as possible.

20/077 It was agreed to reconvene on Tuesday 14th July with a letter drafted to be approved and forwarded to the S.o.S.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Confirmed that the minutes are a true and accurate record

Chairman

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