

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of the Town Council held on 14th September 2016 at 7pm at West Lodge, 5 St Georges Road, St. Anne's on the Sea, FY8 2AA

Present:	Councillors	C Little C Akeroyd B Bridgwater T Ford K Henshaw A Jacques C Lanyon E Nash G Neale V Willder V Settle	Chairman
	Officers	S Taylor	Town Clerk
	Members of the Public	5	

199/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence, all Town Councillors attended the Extraordinary meeting.

200/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor K Henshaw declared a personal interest in agenda item 5; that she was on the Blackpool North Playing Fields Committee.

201/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN - OVERVIEW

Councillor Tony Ford provided an overview on St. Anne's Neighbourhood Development Plan and how important it was that the Plan was fully supported by the Town Council. The overview included the following points;

- The Neighbourhood Plan had been in formal development since 2013
- There had been numerous changes to the Plan in response to consultation and legal advice
- As part of the examination process, a public hearing had been held of the Plan on Tuesday 7th June 2016, led by the appointed examiner.
- There was no current Fylde Local Plan in place, which created a void with regard to planning policy for the Neighbourhood Plan.
- There were no formal housing allocations within the Plan; this was a deliberate decision taken by the Steering Group (the 'lite' option)
- The Plan encouraged good and sustainable design
- The standard of accommodation and ancillary planning conditions, had been strengthened by policy HOU2; Conversion of existing properties into flats and HMOs.

Councillor Ford explained that the Council now had two choices;

- a) To accept the Neighbourhood Plan with the revisions made by the examiner
- b) Not to accept the examiner's changes, therefore the whole process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan would be undertaken again.

The two main amendments the examiner proposed were extension of the Settlement Boundary to the Open Countryside designation and removal of the former Valentine Kennels site from the LGS designation list

The amendment of the Settlement Boundary to the Open Countryside Area designation on the land to the east side of Wildings Lane, (known as the former H2 site). The examiner recommended that the open countryside area be deleted and the land included within the settlement Boundary.

The Council did not support this recommendation, however concluded that the site deemed as Countryside Area should be protected from development, due in part to the Biological Heritage Site designation, the extensive flora and fauna within the locality and the unique open aspect this land provides, providing a natural space outside the extensive planned development at Queensway. However, the Fylde Local Plan 2032 protected the original settlement boundary on the Open Countryside Area. It was agreed that Town Council whilst unable to protect this space within the Neighbourhood Plan, would request and support the original settlement boundary within this area in the Fylde Local Plan 2032.

Councillor Vince Settle provided an update on the Local Green Space (LGS) designation within the Neighbourhood Plan. Originally 33 sites were identified as suitable for LGS, however the examiner challenged the Town Council on the high number of LGS at the public hearing. Mindful of the examiners comments, the Steering Group undertook a review of the 33 LGS and reduced these down to 26. The examiner stated that *"the protection of green spaces was a fundamental aspect of the plan, which has a good degree of public support."* He had recommended that 25 of the LGS be included within the Neighbourhood Plan. The examiner had removed the former Valentine Kennel site as LGS, his view being that it did not meet the criteria set out in National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Whilst the Council did not support the examiners recommendation with regard to the former Valentine Kennels site, it accepted there was an urgency to protect the remaining 25 identified LGS and as such, the Plan should be approved including the examiners amendments.

The Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group highlighted some of the other positives regarding the Plan, including;

- Open vistas
- Linking town together with the provision of a public foot path/cycle path
- Tree planting scheme
- Supporting the vision within the Plan as St. Anne's becoming a model for sustainable development, ensuring the town was redefined as a "Garden Town by the Sea".

RESOLVED To accept the examiners recommendations and include these into the St. Anne's on the Sea Neighbourhood Development Plan, Referendum Draft: September 2016

202/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN - AGREEMENT

Councillor Tony Ford and Councillor Carol Lanyon of the Steering Group informed the Council that production of a Neighbourhood Development Plan had been a long and difficult learning process. With substantial support from planning specialists Envision, it was considered that the best Plan available had been achieved.

Members made the following requests that the two following recommendations be submitted to Fylde Council as part of the Fylde Local Plan 2032 consultation process (that ended on 22nd September 2016);

1. The Town Council consider that the Fylde Local Plan 2032 should make specific mention of the St. Anne's Design Guide, to facilitate its adoption as a supplementary Planning Document

2. The Town Council fully supports within the Fylde Local Plan 2032, the Countryside Area (GD4) designation on the land to the east side of Wildings Lane, (known as the former H2 site). This site deemed as Countryside Area should be protected from development, due in part to the Biological Heritage Site designation, the extensive flora and fauna within the locality and the unique open aspect this land provides, providing a natural open aspect and space outside the extensive planned development at Queensway. The settlement boundary within this area is considered to be in the appropriate location and should not be extended.
3. The Town Council requests that Fylde Council consider including within the Local Plan, provision of an 'Article 4 Direction' on specific public house buildings within the Fylde, such as the Victoria Hotel, Church Road, FY8 3NE

It should be noted that all Members of the Town Council agreed that St. Anne's Neighbourhood Development Plan (referendum version September 2016) should be agreed and approved to be forwarded onto Fylde Council to them to undertake the process for the Plan to be 'made' to form part of development plan policy for St. Anne's.

RESOLVED

- a) That St. Anne's Neighbourhood Development Plan be agreed, approved and accepted.
- b) That formal process of St. Anne's Neighbourhood Development Plan (referendum version September 2016) being 'made' and become part of the development plan process, through Fylde Council now be implemented.
- c) That the Town Clerk be requested to formally write to Fylde Council to request that points 1-3 (under minute reference 202/16) be included within the Fylde Local Plan 2032.

203/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – REFERENDUM DATE

The Council held a detailed discussion on the proposed referendum date of 15th December 2016. Consensus was that St. Anne's Neighbourhood Development Plan should be 'made' and formally adopted into formal planning policy as soon as was feasibly possible. It was therefore agreed that the 15th December 2016 would be the date of the Neighbourhood Plan referendum.

RESOLVED To approve the proposed referendum date for St. Anne's Neighbourhood Development Plan of Thursday 15th December 2016.

204/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PUBLICITY

It was agreed to delegate responsibility for the publicity campaign to achieve a yes vote in the Neighbourhood Development Plan referendum, to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

The Council formally thanked both Envision and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for all the outstanding efforts in the production of St. Anne's Neighbourhood Development Plan.

RESOLVED

- a) To delegate responsibility for the publicity campaign for the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.
- b) To delegate responsibility for the type of publicity campaign and associated costs to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

205/16 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next Council Meeting would be held on **Tuesday 20th September 2016, commencing 7pm at St. Anne's Palace, 18 Garden Street, St. Anne's on the Sea, FY8 2AA.**

The meeting finished at 7:22 pm

Signed.....
Chairman
15th November 2016

