

# BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Planning, Environment and Transport Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

Present: Councillors Janet Jones (Chair), Andy Stokes, Mark Maish, Linus McCloskey, Ron Fox and Judith Hart (Town Clerk)

Cllr Linus McCloskey arrived at 7.15pm and Cllr Ron Fox at 7.40pm

### **Part I (Open to the Public)**

16/36. **Questions raised by the public:** None

16/37. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Pam Barrett

16/38. **Declaration of Interests:** None

16/39. **To approve & sign as a correct the Minutes of the Planning, Environment and Transport Committee meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016.**

Signed by Cllr Janet Jones

16/40. **Review of actions from previous meeting:**

**Emergency Plan** – the Clerk has circulated the existing plan and is researching snow plans which exist in other areas in the UK. A working party will be arranged in the near future with other key stakeholders invited to attend.

**Planning Training with Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA)** – Stephen Belli, Head of Planning at DNPA met with members of the Town Council and it was agreed that the meeting was productive.

DNPA will be re-visiting their Local Plan and will review the greenfield sites in Buckfastleigh currently designated for new housing and in particular the area behind Barn Park and at Holne Road. The Council will be consulted by the planning authority with respect to why the Council does not agree that these sites are viable. A consultation process will take place with both the Council and the town.

DNPA have taken on board the comments made by the Council regarding the Devonia site and with particular reference to the approval of the recent planning application for new offices. The concerns of the Town Council have now been acknowledged and DNPA will liaise more closely with the Council in the future.

**Buckfastleigh Neighbourhood Plan** – The Clerk has contacted Cllr Simon Rines as Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan to arrange a meeting of the steering group and circulate the draft plan.

16/41. **Planning Applications:**

0331/16 Proposed: Replacement of dwelling at Collingwood, Buckfast Road, Buckfast (original application withdrawn)

No Objection

0322/16 Extension to the existing Linhay Hill Quarry, Ashburton for the extraction of minerals and creation of new permanent landscaping bunds with associated landscaping, surface water

management works and other environmental improvements on land adjacent to the quarry. Planning application accompanied by an Environmental Statement and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2011 (as amended) – adjoining parish consultation.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Cllr John Nutley, Chair of Ashburton Town Council (ATC) to advise that the Town Council would like to support ATC, but require further information to enable an informed response. Cllr Nutley to be invited to comment on this matter at the July Town Council meeting as the deadline for observations by an adjoining parish is 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016. It was noted that the consultation period by the planning authority is very short.

16/42. **Planning Applications received after Agenda Set:** None

16/43. **Whitecleave Quarry Working Party and Mediation Process:**

The Clerk is arranging a working party meeting for early August.

Cllrs Simon Rines and Neil Smith attended an interview with the Mediator appointed by Devon County Council on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016, but no feedback is available as yet.

16/44. **Road Maintenance Update:**

A site meeting with Cllr Stuart Barker (Devon County Council) and the Highways Engineer regarding Fore Street and Bossell Road has been arranged for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July with members of the Planning, Environment and Transport Committee.

16/45. **Affordable Housing Policy in the National Park – response to Government Policy Changes. Copy of response for information.**

Noted.

16/46. **Correspondence:**

- i) Update by the Clerk re the dead tree at Church Hill. The Clerk advised that the DNPA Trees and Landscape Officer has not identified this tree as a problem and that it is the responsibility of the landowner.
- ii) **Response from Devon County Council Chief Planner 05.07.16 to the Town Council complaint dated 10.06.16 regarding the process and decision making in relation to the determination of planning applications at Whitecleave Quarry.** Members requested that this response is referred to full Council.

16/47. **Items requiring urgent attention:** None

Meeting closed at 7.48pm