

Northam Town Council – Minutes of the Northam Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group Meeting held by Zoom on Monday 31st January 2022

Present: Cllrs Hames (Chairman), Hodson, Woodhouse, Laws and Sargent.
Non-Councillor Members: Mrs E Bartleman, Mrs J Smart, Mr G Allen.

In attendance: Mr G Langton – Deputy Town Clerk.
Three members of the public.

2201/1067 Apologies

No apologies had been received.

2201/1068 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman made no announcements

2201/1069 Declarations of interest:

Members were reminded that all interests should be declared prior to the item being discussed.

2201/1070 To agree the agenda as published

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda as published.

Proposed: Cllr Hodson, Seconded Cllr Sargent (all in favour)

2201/1071 To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held 21st December 2021

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held 21st December 2021.

They would be signed at a later date.

Proposed: Cllr Sargent, Seconded: Cllr Hames (majority in favour, 1 abstention (no present))

2201/1072 Public Participation

It was announced that members of the public were permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Each member of the public would be entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and should not speak for more than 4 minutes. The period of time which is designated for public participation in accordance with standing orders shall not exceed 20 minutes.

Three members of the public addressed the Group, addressing the Group on the subject of the report from the Planning Specialist engaged to comment on the latest draft of the Neighbourhood, the wording for policies ED2, EN2 and EN3, and the progress of the Plan more generally.

Cllr Hames thanked all members for their contribution.

2201/1073 To consider the action points.

The action points were noted.

2201/1074 To consider the report on the readiness of V2.5 of the Northam Neighbourhood Plan and the recommendations therein, received from Mr G Townsend of Planning Partnership Ltd.

The Group received the report, considering the specific and general feedback from Mr Townsend.

It was **resolved** to undertake a thorough review of the report and the feedback about it at the sub-group's next meeting, scheduled for 8th February 2022.

Proposed: Cllr Hames, Seconded: Cllr Sargent (all in favour)

2201/1075 To consider the proposed wording for POLICY: ED2 TOURISM ATTRACTIONS AND ACCOMMODATION.

It was **resolved** to suspend standing orders to allow the member of the public that drafted the considered wording to address the Group.
Proposed: Cllr Hames, Seconded Cllr Woodhouse (all in favour).

The member of the public addressed the Group, outlining the reasons for the proposed changes.

The Chairman thanked Mr Arnold for his work on behalf of the Steering Group.

It was **resolved** to re-enter standing orders.
Proposed: Cllr Hames, Seconded: Cllr Sargent (all I favour).

It was **resolved** to undertake a thorough review of the proposed wording at the sub-group's next meeting, scheduled for 8th February 2022.
Proposed: Cllr Hames, Seconded: Cllr Sargent (all in favour)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 16:20pm

Signed Dated.....

