



RURAL, ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

4th December, 2017

Present:

Councillor M. Sheldon (Chair), Councillor E Hutchison (Vice Chair), Councillor M Blasé, Councillor J. Illingworth, Councillor R. de Burle, Councillor M Glancy, Councillor M C R Graham, Councillor L. Higgins, Councillor J B Rhodes, , Councillor J. Orson, Councillor P Chandler

Head of Regulatory Services & Strategic Planning, Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, Planning Policy Officer.

Number of spectators from Clawson, Hose and Harby Parish

R1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Graham and Councillor Beaken, substituted by Councillors Wyatt and Orson

R2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declaration of interest from Councillor Wyatt, Councillor Botterill, Councillor Higgins, Councillor Rhodes and Councillor Orson.

R3. CATTLE MARKET

Head of C&N took members through the item.

R4. CLAWSON, HOSE & HARBY NDP

Head of Regulatory Services took members through the item. Cllr Rhodes was happy to move that the CHH NDP goes to Referendum. Furthermore stating that the NDP group have gone with the LP, despite preference to have less houses. NDP have accepted that the final LP figure will take a precedent when it has undergone Examination in Public. Furthermore stating that the village has been very pragmatic despite localised feelings towards new housing, especially given a large number completions in previous 25 years.

Cllr Glancey was the seconder. Furthermore she stated that Neighbourhood Plans are plans for growth. Cllr Glancey also highlighted that Paragraph 3.10 builds flexibility into the NDP, which was a strong element of the plan.

Cllr Higgins had previously stated that communities could present to the Council alternate options for housing sites if they objected to those within the Local Plan. Cllr Higgins also pointed out the important of clusters of village and that this approach is highlighted at Para 55 of the NPPF. This approach can aid the sustainability of all villages in an area. Cllr Higgins queried delivery of housing since 2011 and Cllr Rhodes took the committee through completions as per page 32 of the document.

The vote resulted in two abstentions with the remaining in favour.

R5. RECIEPT OF PETITION – CLAWSON, HOSE& HARBY NDP

Head of Regulatory Services took members through the report.

Cllr Rhodes suggests recommendations are reasonable and that perhaps the petition not worded as well as it might be. Cllr Rhodes also stated that the local community had concerns about heritage and infrastructure. He further acknowledged that the bulk of signatures were from Long Clawson, so it was more localised to that village then across the Parish. There was an understanding amongst members that the Council has a statutory role within Neighbourhood Planning, with set statutory timescales.

Cllr Higgins stated that the Council can not give any area special preference and in not determining planning applications the Council would be acting unlawfully. This could lead to Central government taking control of planning duties or costs to be awarded to applicants which would effect services/Council Tax. Cllr Higgins stated that sometimes there is a duty to look at the Borough as a whole and not just one ward, this could lead to death by 1000 cuts. Furthermore it can be difficult for members when they do not like an application but there is no planning grounds to refuse, in that case members cannot vote on personal preference but by the law and planning system. Cllr Higgins seconded the recommendations.

The vote resulted in two abstentions with the remaining in favour.

R6. WYMONDHAM NDP REFERENDUM RESULT

Was mentioned that this and other plans hadn't had the same financial backing as Asfordby, but was a good achievement to pass the referendum.

R7. URGENT BUSINESS

None

Meeting start – 5.00

Meeting close – 5.33