

Foxton Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee

Minutes of Meeting, 4th April 2016

In attendance

Committee: David Chambers, Maureen Fox, Julia King (Chairman), Bernard Rice, Mike Ward,

Consultant: Colin Wilkinson.

Members of the Public: Two.

1. Apologies:

Angela Hall, Elizabeth Cockbill, Meryl Cumber, Adele Rogers, Margaret Wright.

2. Declaration of Interests:

Julia King: Manor House grounds and paddock behind the school.

Mike Ward: Foxton Society.

Maureen Fox: Land between Vicarage Drive and Middle Street.

3. Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th January were approved.

Proposed: David Chambers, seconded: Bernard Rice

4. Finance

Bernard reported that a grant of £2153 had been obtained. It was noted that any overspend would have to come from Parish funds. The grant money must be spent by October.

5. Review of Drop-In.

This was a well-attended event with over 50 visitors.

6. Overview of Representations from Pre-submission document.

42 representations were received from both private individuals and organisations. These are being analysed by Colin.

It was noted that there was a considerable number of objections to the Vicarage Drive site which is clearly controversial, it was however pointed out that it had the second greatest number of votes for development of all the sites put forward.

An anomaly regarding LGS designation to some gardens at the southern entrance to the village needs to be addressed. Action. Colin/Margaret.

It was also noted that there had only been one objection to the revised Limits to development.

7. Sites

The only site discussed was Carter Design. Concern was expressed over the implications on the Plan of the application being approved. It was suggested by a member of the public that, if approved, this simply meant that there were 13 less houses to find. It was however felt that, whereas this would keep the housing numbers as those in the consultation the sites would not be, hence re-consultation would still be necessary. The application is likely to go to the Planning Committee in May.

Advice is to be sought from HDC. Action Mike.

8. The Next Stage.

Production of Statement of Consultation and Basic Condition Statement. Action Colin.

The latter covers compliance with:

European and Human Rights Legislation.

Sustainable Development.

Core Strategy.

National Planning policy Framework.

After approval by the Parish Council it is submitted to HDC who will publicise it for 6 weeks after which they will appoint an independent examiner. After the examiner's review a referendum will be held and if a simple majority of those who vote are in favour the Plan will be adopted.

AOB Strategic Environmental assessment (SEA). Explanation given by Colin.

10. Next meeting. TBA.