

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

7th January 2016

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Watson (Chairman), Councillor Muller (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. Brown, Mrs Hall, Murray (substituting for Councillor MacPherson), Mrs Patten, Roberts, Smith (substituting for Councillor Coe) and Stanton.

Labour Group

Councillors Chahal, Southerd, Taylor and Tilley.

EDS/67 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Coe and MacPherson (Conservative Group).

EDS/68 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Smith declared a personal interest in Item 7 on the agenda by way of being a resident in Hartshorne.

EDS/69 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on the 20th August 2015 were approved as a true record.

EDS/70 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

Two questions were received from Mr Jenkinson in relation to Item 7.

EDS/71 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

EDS/72 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Committee was informed that there were no Overview & Scrutiny Committee reports for it to consider.

Councillor Smith left the Chamber at 6.05pm.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/73 **HARTSHORNE CONSERVATION AREA ANALYSIS**

The Conservation Officer presented the report to Committee, seeking approval to commence a consultation process, which, if approved, would commence in February 2016 for a period of six weeks.

The Chairman invited Mr Jenkinson to ask his first question:

Who actually nominated the two sites proposed and who drew the plans, as there are anomalies in the plans that should be explained.

Councillor Stanton entered the Chamber at 6.10pm.

The Chairman responded to the queries made, confirming that in response to a request from members of the residents association, officers had undertaken an initial review of the village and were now requesting approval for a consultation on the areas identified by that exercise. He further confirmed that any anomalies could be dealt with as part of the consultation process.

Mr Jenkinson enquired, in his supplementary question, who would be consulted.

The Planning Policy Manager confirmed that details relating to the consultation would be placed on the Council's website, along with letters issued to residents of the parish, the parish council, residents association and other relevant stakeholders, in line with how Local Plan consultations are conducted.

The Chairman invited Mr Jenkinson to ask his second question:

Do you not think the Hartshorne Village Residents Association (HVRA) should have advised Hartshorne Parish Council of their proposals? The HVRA's Chairman had at least two opportunities to do when he attended Parish Council meetings after their proposals had been lodged.

The Chairman responded that this query does not fall within the remit of the Council, that it cannot become involved in matters between the Hartshorne Residents Association and Parish Council.

Councillor Taylor requested that a copy of the initial request be made available to Members. The Planning Policy Manager confirmed that this would be done.

Councillor Tilley enquired that as the request had been made by a recognised group was due process being followed, perhaps better dealt with as part of the Local Plan process. The Director of Planning and Community Services confirmed that such matters are considered on

request, the aim being to make it a transparent process, hence the recommendation seeking approval for a consultation exercise.

Councillor Southerd queried the timing and seemingly piecemeal nature of the exercise, suggesting it would be better to consider such matters across the whole district. The Chairman stated that as there are already conservation areas in the district, the process is known and as a request had been made, the Council was obliged to consider it. The Director of Planning and Community Services referred to a relatively recent application in Melbourne, but offered to draft a policy for presentation at a future committee.

Councillor Mrs Brown expressed her opinion that there is an obligation to consider and consult on applications made, deeming this the responsible action. Councillor Southerd felt it best to undertake a district-wide, policy-led exercise conducted by officers, citing a need for a conservation plan.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee agreed to a consultation being undertaken on the consideration of a Conservation Area for the area around the Screw Mill and an Area of Special Character for the upper town part of Hartshorne.

Councillor Smith returned to the Chamber at 6.25pm.

EDS/74 **DIESEL ROAD ROLLER**

RESOLVED:

Members approved that the Diesel Road Roller be gifted to Burton & South Derbyshire College.

EDS/75 **SERVICE BASE BUDGETS 2016 / 2017**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to Committee, highlighting issues relating to income, expenditure, costs, risks, fees and charges.

Comments and queries raised by Members relating to the waste collection contract, variance of terms, financial provision for any variation or other financial risks, the risk to service provision, planning appeal costs, the neighbourhood warden establishment given the increasing population in the district and dog licensing / numbers were all noted and responded to.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the proposed revenue income and expenditure for 2016/17 for the Committee's Services as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report be considered and referred to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.

1.2 That the proposed fees and charges for 2016/17, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the Report, be considered and approved.

EDS/76 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

RESOLVED:-

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it would be likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th August 2015 were approved as a true record.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

The Committee were informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

The meeting terminated at 6.55pm.

COUNCILLOR P. WATSON

CHAIRMAN