

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 8TH OCTOBER 2018

Councillors Present: J. Crawford, Mrs. J. Curteis (Deputy Town Mayor), H. Edwards, Mrs. S. Ferguson, M. Freeman, Miss N. Gooch, M. Hickmott, R. Isworth, C. Knowles, Dr. L. Lovelidge, K. Mulholland, J. Nelson and Mrs. C. Walder.

Officers Present: Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess, Deputy Town Clerk Mrs. C. Gilbert and Accounts Clerk Mrs. J. McCollum.

Others Present: Six members of the public.

3218 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs. M. Carter, Mrs. P. Smith (Town Mayor) A. Sugden, and Ashford Borough Councillor Mr. P. Clokie (ABC).

3219 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None

3220 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS.**

- (a) Mr. A. Poole of Appledore Road reported to the Council the very large turnout to the Green Space Group's public presentation on 29th September 2018 which highlighted the need for a Local Green Space Neighbourhood Plan for Tenterden. Mr. Poole read out the quotations in the Kentish Express whereby Cllr. Crawford stated that the Council looked forward to meeting the Green Spaces Group. Mr. Poole stated that there were many Councillors at the presentation, however, only two made comments at that time. Given that the Neighbourhood Plan has to be driven by Tenterden Town Council, and whilst waiting for a meeting with the Green Spaces Group to take place, Mr. Poole proposed that the Council fully supports a focused Local Plan whilst confident that the Ashford Borough Council (ABC) Local Plan provides adequate protection. Mr. Poole asked if any Councillors would make a proposal to vote.

The Town Clerk reported that the Green Spaces Group intend to contact ABC to do more in the way of research before contacting the Town Council; the proposal will be considered once there has been a formal presentation to the Council. Mr. Poole commented that Local MP Damian Green had attended the presentation to show his support; Mr. Poole asked again if the Town Council fully supported this initiative.

Cllr. Crawford reported that the presentation by the Green Space Group was very impressive. He commented that all those Councillors who attended were in listening mode and, as had been previously mentioned, a formal process must be followed before the Council can comment.

3221 **MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE LOCAL PLAN 2030.** It was **RESOLVED** to accept 17 of the policy modifications affecting Tenterden and to make a minor amendment to the 18th: 'Policy HOU10' with the re-inclusion of '(e) the amenity of adjoining residents.'

The meeting opened at 8.25pm and closed at 8.34pm

The foregoing Minutes and Report were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Town Council held on the 12th day of November 2018.

Chairman _____ (12.11.2018)