

GREASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting held 7th January, 2014.

PRESENT: Cllrs M.Brown (Chairman), R.D.Willimott, Mrs M.A.Barry, Mrs B.Willimott, Mrs J.Layton, Mrs M.Handley, J.W. Handley, A.Bettinson, P.E.Pickering, A.Limb, R.Wing, Mrs M.Fletcher, Mrs B.Wing.
Also in attendance: Seven members of the public.

APOLOGIES: The apologies of Cllrs I Coupland and P.Chambers were accepted.

(13/78) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

(13/79) ALIGNED CORE STRATEGY - Site Allocations: After wishing everyone present a happy and healthy New Year, the Chairman introduced Mr Ken Mafham, a planning consultant engaged by the Council to advise on the Council's response to the current ACS consultation exercise - an exercise which Cllr Brown described as a lumbering procedure.

Mr Mafham advised the meeting that he was preparing a draft response in time for the final submission date. Site Allocations was the second stage of the ACS and four issues had still to be decided - 1. No release of Green Belt land until authorities carried out their own review of possible/available sites; 2. A priority policy for developing brown field sites; 3. Investigate the scope to increase housing density on some sites; 4. Ensure brown field sites used to their full potential. He went on to challenge the consultation process which he felt was overly technical and with a full set of documents costing over £80 was not conducive to public involvement.

Although sites were being examined Mr Mafham said much more scrutiny was needed such as traffic modelling, educational facilities and electricity supply. And he felt it imperative there should be an early review of the situation to see if numbers were matching up to predictions. Cllr Brown commented that with a suggested 2,000 new homes in the Eastwood and Kimberley areas plus a further 600 at nearby Hucknall the planners needed to be aware that M1 Junction 26 was already up to capacity.

Cllr Mrs Handley re-iterated what she had said at a public meeting - that residents should not simply say No to building in the Green Belt. They should encourage the use of brown field sites and all existing sites with planning permission before any Green Belt site was touched.

On the basis of the evening's debate it was AGREED that authority to prepare and submit Greasley's response should be delegated to Mr Mafham.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Chairman.