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Minutes of the Meeting of Overstone Parish Council

held on Tuesday 15th October 2019 in Overstone Village Hall, Overstone at 7.15 pm

Present: Cllrs Giles, Spooner, Watson, McGoldrick, and Townsend.

Apologies: Cllrs A Sharp, J Austin, S Betts and T Drage. Clerk E Gibson

92.19 PUBLIC FORUM: Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council at its Open Forum. 15 minutes. Speakers have up to 3 minutes each.

- **Yellow Lines on Sywell Road:** Concerns raised regarding the imposition of no waiting on Sywell Road. Council advised that Barry Howard Homes had applied for and obtained the restriction. The Council noted the concerns and advised DDC were looking into it.

93.19 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- Apologies received from Cllrs Sharp, S Betts (illness), J Austin (funeral), and T Drage (work). Council **RESOLVED** to approve the absences.

94.19 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR RELEVANT ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

To receive

1. Non-pecuniary : None
2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest : None

95.19 ESTABLISHING A PLANNING COMMITTEE: Council considered creating a Planning Committee. This committee would consist of the whole Council unless a Cllr specifically opts out to ensure meetings can be quorate. The Chair of this committee was appointed as Cllr D Spooner. This Committee shall meet as necessary and promptly report any decisions to the Clerk for communication to the District Council. Agendas and minutes must be made public for these meetings and meetings held in public, unless a formal resolution is approved to exclude them. The public will not have any voting rights. In addition, the Planning Committee may undertake site meetings with a minimum of 2 Councillors present and approval of the applicant. All of the Parish Council shall have notice of any site meetings. The Committee shall also have delegated powers to act on reports from the Planning Advisory group. 4 members of the Committee will need to attend a meeting for it to be quorate.

The Council RESOLVED to appoint Cllr D Spooner Chair of a Planning Committee, and to delegate powers to the Planning Committee regarding:

- responding to planning applications,
- licencing applications,
- planning appeals,
- planning consultations, and
- act on reports received from the Planning Advisory Group when considered at a meeting of the Committee.

96.19 ESTABLISHING A PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP: The Council considered the formation of a Planning Advisory Group. This group shall report to full Council meetings. It does not have any delegated powers and any decisions shall be approved by full council, or the Planning Committee. The group shall help facilitate liaison with developers, planning stakeholders and the Parish Council. This group shall consist of all members of the Council to ensure enough members can attend but a minimum of 3 Cllrs must be present at any meeting. Council **RESOLVED** to form a planning advisory group.

97.19 DELEGATING POWERS TO RESPOND TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO THE CLERK: Council considered delegating powers to the Clerk to respond to non-contentious planning matters. For non-contentious planning applications where a response is required prior to the next full council meeting the Council can delegate authority to the Proper Officer to respond on their behalf. Examples of such applications are work to trees, work to farm buildings, applications previously commented on where there are no further observations and internal work. The Council understands that in delegating this power the decision on such matters is entirely the Proper Officer's. Council to discussed and **RESOLVED** to delegate this power to the clerk.

98.19 OVERSTONE GREEN: Correspondence received from Davidsons Developments and L&Q Estates regarding the proposal for the northern part of the Northampton North SUE (Policy N3) the developers are now finalising their plans in advance of a planning submission in the next couple of weeks. The developers are enquiring as to whether Moulton or Overstone PC would be interested in taking over the management of the open space areas, if planning permission is granted, as with Overstone Leys. Council discussed the proposal and **RESOLVED** to arrange meeting with the developer. Monday 21st October at 7.15pm proposed. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact developers to arrange meeting.

99.19 CONSULTATIONS

1) Consult Northamptonshire: Local government in Northamptonshire is going through a period of transformation as it moves towards the creation of two new unitary authorities to replace the current eight councils. In order for this to be a success it is essential that those services currently provided by Northamptonshire County Council are placed on a firmer financial footing to make sure the two new unitary councils don't inherit the significant issues faced by the authority. This needs to happen before the new councils are created to make sure they start life with transformed, affordable services and a balanced budget. NCC want the public and Parish Council's views on what they consider to be the priorities. Details of the survey can be found on NCC consultation hub. Responses due 20th October 2019. Council considered and agreed Cllrs to send individual responses.

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Date:

A Sharpe
Chair Overstone Parish Council