

HAUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on

Thursday 15th October 2015 at 7.45pm

In The Village Hall

Present: Cllr M Allen, in the Chair, Cllr D Warbrick, Cllr I Forrester, Cllr T Grattage, Cllr G Anslow and Cllr I Sunley (from 8.10pm)

Jayne Cooper, Clerk

Public Open Forum: one member of the public was present and asked Cllrs to confirm whether there were any other areas in the village where development is planned. Cllrs confirmed that there is a piece of land behind the Rectory that has planning permission for 11 houses. There are no other sites with approved planning permission. This was accepted and the member of the public left the meeting.

1	To receive apologies and record absences Apologies received and accepted from Cllr A Heath.	
2	To receive any Declarations of Interest Cllr Allen declared a personal interest as he owns 4 acres of land that abuts the land being put forward for development. All cllrs present accepted Cllr Allen's Declaration and felt it would not have any bearing on the Council's decision.	
3	To review responses received from the item within the Parish Council's recent newsletter regarding proposed development in Haughton and to consider Council forming Task and Finish Group to evaluate the proposed site. Following a public meeting held on 28 th September, parishioners had received, as part of the the Council's newsletter, a questionnaire containing the notes of the public meeting and a questionnaire about whether or not they agree or disagree with the proposed development. The Clerk presented a report following analysis of the responses: 56 responses had been received from 450 delivered. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50 had ticked the "strongly disagree" box and four of these responses had a comment written on saying the response was from 2 people.• 3 had ticked the "slightly disagree" box• 1 had ticked the "neither agree or disagree" box• 2 had ticked the "strongly agree" box Therefore 89% of responses received did not want to see the land off Station Road developed. However it was noted only 11% of parishioners had returned completed questionnaires.	

	<p>Some respondents had written comments on the response forms that were noted by cllrs.</p> <p>The planning process was discussed and cllrs were reminded that this application would be considered by SBC's Planning Committee who may or may not agree with the Officer's decision. The appeal process was also discussed.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that an application had not yet been received and advised council to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give the Clerk authority to request an extension of time from the Case Office to respond as soon as an application is received. 2. Give Clerk authority to immediately call a public meeting where the plans would be shared with parishioners and at which a Task and Finish Group with interested parishioners would be formed to review policies in the Borough Council's Local Plan, share local knowledge relevant to the land in question all of which would help form a detailed response. Parishioners would be advised again to write to SBC with their comments. 3. Give the Clerk authority to call a special council meeting to consider the plans, comments raised by parishioners as well as the findings of the Task and Finish Group following that the council's decision would be submitted to SBC including the notes of the public meeting. <p>Cllr Allen proposed to delegate powers to the Clerk to carry out the actions as advised (detailed above). This was seconded and unanimously agreed by all cllrs present.</p> <p>In the meantime, cllrs were advised to read SBC's Local Plan, particularly policies SP7 and C5.</p>	Clerk
4	<p>To confirm the date and time of the next meeting</p> <p>Monday 26th October 2015 7.30pm</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chairman..... Date.....