



**QUEEN CAMEL PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Draft Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom Conference Call Facilities on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7:30pm**

**Public Question Time**

There were 14 members of the public virtually in attendance during the Zoom meeting.

Immediately prior to the meeting members of the public were provided with the opportunity to speak. Members of the public were asked speak for up to the prescribed 15 minutes in total in the order in which they requested the Password to access this meeting by remote attendance (Zoom). 5no. members of public were able to speak most significantly about:

- democratic representation;
- Minutes of meetings and arrangements for 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (eg did not record Solar farm financial receipts and no record of Vote by email);
- the NP Examiner's modification to remove the Settlement Boundary;
- 180no. Objections to SSDC on the Planning Application 20/0117 (Jalna);
- concerns of development "free for all" if no Settlement Boundary;
- previous letter from the PC 31 May 2020;
- cost and time for preparation of the NP;
- progression of the NP with Examiner's noted non-conformity and without previously being highlighted;
- anecdotal community feedback against removal of the draft NP Settlement Boundary; and
- PC urged to express that SSDC does not approve Examiner's modifications;

**Present:** Chairman Simon Thornewill, together with Councillors Sue Gettings, Kathy Grainger, John Brendon, Michael Baker, Bryan Norman and Jude Coggins

**Also Present:** County and District Councillor Mike Lewis and Parish Clerk and RFO Stephen Hill and 14 members of the public requested to join the meeting.

**01/06 Apologies for absence:** No apologies were received. It was noted that Councillors Dan Hewlett and Brian Hewlett were absent.

**02/06 Declarations of interest:** None received

**03/06 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meetings held on 11th May 2020 and 18 May 2020 to be signed by the Chair at a later date.**

**It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 as an accurate record of the meeting.**

**For 5, Against 0, Abstained 2**

**It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 as an accurate record of the meeting.**

**For 5, Against 0, Abstained 2**

**04/06 To Receive County and District Councillor Reports**

Councillor Mike Lewis provided his report which focused on the Councils' responses to Covi-19 and the impacts on the Councils, resulting in scaling back of regeneration programmes and services and changes to SWP services.

## **05/06 Neighbourhood Plan (Examiner's Report)**

Council consider the Queen Camel Neighbourhood Plan (NP) final Examiner's report (1 June 2020) including the suggested modifications to the draft NP and considered PC feedback to SSDC for its considerations.

Points raised by Councillors included:

- the Local Planning Authority (SSDC) has the legal role to accept or not the Examiner's modifications, not the PC;
- SSDC is able to accept the modifications for specific purposes;
- if SSDC does not accept modifications that is likely to lead to withdrawal of the NP by the PC or delay;
- NPs cannot prevent development and provides a policy guide once of the development plan policy;
- surprise that non-conformity with the existing and emerging LP wrt Settlement Boundary was not previously highlighted;
- the most contentious issue is modification to remove the Settlement Boundary;
- risk at Referendum if Settlement Boundary removed from NP;
- is the definition of infill development satisfactory without a Settlement Boundary;
- Councillors to be involved in PC feedback to SSDC;
- PC to feedback that growth to the existing settlement to be contiguous;
- reference to the LP (March 2015) presumption in favour of sustainable development and that rural settlements should not include Settlement Boundaries; and
- to request a deferral of consideration by SSDC Executive until August 2020;

**It was Proposed by Councillor Simon Thornewill and Seconded by Councillor John Brendon that delegated authority be given to the Parish Clerk to work with the Council's Planning Consultant to provide the following feedback to SSDC; Councillors to be provided with information:**

- 1. The PC wants to retain the Settlement Boundary in the NP, as it provides clarity as to the area where general infill would be appropriate, and was supported by local residents in preparing the plan;**
- 2. SSDC should include the Settlement Boundary or make other suitable modifications;**
- 3. that the Parish Council want the NP to be in conformity with the LP;**
- 4. that the NP is given significant weight by SSDC when making development management (planning) decisions, as soon as possible; and**
- 5. that the NP is taken to Referendum as soon as possible.**

**It was resolved to approve the Motion.**

**For 7, Against 0, Abstained 0**

## **06/06 Councillors on Finance Committee**

Council noted that Councillor Thornewill will stand down from Finance & Risk Committee

Councillor Kathy Grainger offered to be appointed to the Finance & Risk Committee, which was accepted by Council. As no other Councillors offered, Councillor Grainger's offer to join the Finance & Risk Committee was accepted.

There was some concern about the operation of the Committee and that all Councillors need to be involved in financial matters; the Committee itself and its Terms of Reference will be considered at Council 13 July 2020.

**0706 Draft Cycling and Walking Manifesto for Somerset**

Council considered the draft Cycling and Walking Manifesto for Somerset with comments including approval, given the Projects included in the draft NP; roads being overwhelmed; priority needed for vehicle traffic and to reduce speeding.

**It was Proposed by Councillor Kathy Grainger and Seconded by Councillor John Brendon that the Council approve the draft Manifesto and supports the resultant consensus manifesto.**

**It was resolved to approve the Motion.**

**For 6, Against 0, Abstained 1**

**08/06 Planning Applications**

There were no Planning Applications received for consultation comments from SSDC.

**09/06 Notification of Planning Application**

A schedule of Notification of Planning Applications (received by SSDC from March 2019) was provided to Council for noting.

**10/06 Previous Planning Applications**

A schedule of Previous Decided Planning Applications (received by SSDC from March 2019) was provided to Council for noting.

**11/06 Accounts for Payment**

Accounts for Payment from 31 March 2020 were discussed.

**Accounts for Payment (8 June 2020):**

Name	Amount	Purchased	Date
<b>Invoices:</b>			
Plant for box (at bus stop)	£49.36	Ms Peachey (expenses)	4/6/20s20
Zoom (SHill expenses)	£143.88	Annual subscription	3/6/2020
Came & Company	£453.05	Annual Insurance Renewal	1/6/2020
Clerk	£392.67	Salary May 2020	29/5/2020
Scribe	£308.40	Annual subscription	27/5/2020
Lightatouch	300.00	Annual Internal Audit	28/4/2020
Viking	£60.55	Ink Cartridges	6/5/2020
HMRC	£17.00	NIC and PAYE	3/4/2020
HMRC	£74.80	NIC and PAYE	30/4/2020
Clerk	£33.50	Home office April 2020	30/4/2020
Memorial Hall	£32.00	Hire	30/4/2020
Dorset Planning	£327.60	NP	30/4/2020
Clerk	£314.30	Salary April 2020	30/4/2020
CFL	£3,024.00	Queen Camel Post	29/4/2020
Nat West	£36.00	Bank charges	31/3/2020
UTB	£18.00	Bank charges	31/3/2020

Clerk	£33.50	Home office March 2020	31/3/2020
Clerk	£375.79	Salary March 2020	31/3/2020

**Receipts:**

SSDC	£17,819.00	Precept 2020/21	14/4/2020
HMRC	£1,239.66	VAT Reclaimed	10/1/2020
SSDC	£3,775.85	NP fees	12/2/2020
Abercomyn Solar	£6,558.00	Solar Farm	31/3/2020

**It was resolved to approve the Accounts for Payment.**  
**For 7, Against 0, Abstained 0**

Signed.....

Date .....

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