

Minutes of the **Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**
on **16th March 2020** at 7.30pm in Hailey Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: G. Knaggs, A. Smith, C. McGibbon, M. Drew, A Gibson, **Parish Clerk:** L. Wilkinson, 2 members of public.

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1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Doland and Rogers.
2. **To receive Declarations of Interest:** None were received.
3. **How should Hailey PC respond to WODC's consultation which recommends a zero rate CIL for North Witney?**
It was agreed to object to this.

4. **If adopted, what impact will this decision have on North Witney infrastructure?**
If North Witney is zero rated for CIL, just over £10 million of 'Community Infrastructure' funding would be lost and funding requests would have to be negotiated through the Section 106 system.
WODC's own report given to the Inspector for the Local Plan, stated that CIL was viable.
It was agreed to wait for evidence to be published by WODC before Hailey PC puts in an objection.

5. **How should the PC communicate WODC's decision and the timing of the consultation to Hailey residents?**
Views will be sought using the Hailey Herald, website and Facebook.

6. **What recommendations (if any) should we provide to residents in this communication exercise?**
This will be determined once the WODC evidence is published.
Current Evidence:

All the Strategic sites (including N Witney) are in the Medium Zone and the proposal is that the rate will be set to zero instead of £125/sq metre. WODC justifies the decision to zero rate the Strategic sites on the grounds of viability but they did not provide any evidence to Councillors to support this decision. A Freedom of Information request for this supporting evidence has been submitted. The last report on viability was provided to the Inspector during the examination of the Local Plan. It included a CIL rate of £100/sq m for each of the strategic sites and declared all of the strategic sites as viable.

7. **Other items to note**

- a. **Coronavirus plan from Parish Council:**

A leaflet encouraging residents to look after their neighbours will be drawn up by Cllrs Gibson and Smith and sent out as an insert in the Hailey Herald. This will include the phone numbers of the councillors.

The parish will be divided up into patches, each co-ordinated by a councillor.

Co-ordinators will organise volunteers for their patch.

The contact number of councillors will also be posted on the website and noticeboards for people who need support. Only non-contact support will be provided.

- b. **Annual Parish Meeting**

No Central Government guidelines have yet been issued regarding cancellation of the APM. Thus, a short APM will still be held on 20th April at 7pm to cover the legal aspects of the meeting: the Parish Council work over the last twelve months will be summarised and any residents' questions will be answered (as the APM is a forum for residents to ask questions).

A larger village get-together, based on last year's APM format, will be held in the autumn.

The April PC meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 20th April.

Meeting closed: 8.30pm

