

## Minutes of a meeting of Puddletown Area Parish Council (PAPC) held at 7.00pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021, remotely via Zoom.

**Present:** Cllrs Peter Walton (Vice-Chair), John Ridout, Peter Redman, Mike Brown, Katie Weiss, Dan Weiss and Lauren Tidbury.

**Meeting Chair:** Cllr P Churchill

**Clerk:** Anna Bendall

**Also in Attendance:** 6 members of the public

**Minute Number**    **Comments**

20/179    **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Alan Sheppard, Nicky Ling and Julian Hubbuck.

20/180    **Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests**

None received.

20/181    **Dorset Local Plan Consultation**

The Chair briefly summarised the draft Dorset Local Plan which is available on the Dorset Council website.

Councillors each explained their main comments which had all been fed into the draft response prepared by the Clerk. The main points were as follows:

- It is vital to preserve the character of Dorset
- Infrastructure (including roads) must be maintained and developed in line with housing development.
- Green energy scheme developments must be of a scale appropriate to the area and community backing and engagement is crucial.
- Efforts to reduce energy use, and particularly waste, are just as important, if not more so, than increasing the production of green energy.
- Where there are large scale developments, the impact on neighbouring parishes needs to be considered.
- Infilling needs to stop so that green spaces are not lost from settlements.
- The language used in the plan, particularly with reference to obligations of developers, needs to be much firmer.

20/182    **Public Participation**

Members of the public were given an opportunity to comment on the plan and the draft PAPC response. The main points raised were:

- The strategic identification of windfarm sites includes a buffered constraint for grade 1 listed building but should also take all other listed buildings into account as well as areas of significant cultural heritage. There should also be a buffered constraint so that sites cannot be within 400m of an AONB or National Park.
- The map of potentially suitable areas for wind farm sites should not be published at this stage. The identification of possible sites should be community led and no site should be identified in policy until this has happened.
- When major developments are planned or green energy schemes of a certain scale (including any wind farms), neighbouring parishes should be consulted as these

developments could impact other areas.

- There is no mention at all of the proposed Dorset National Park.

20/183 **Draft P APC response**

The following changes were agreed to the draft response:

- Much of the analysis of environmental impacts will be added to the response as an appendix rather than being included in the main body of the response.
- Comments on identification of wind farm sites will be updated to reflect points raised by local residents.
- A further comment will be made on the failure to mention the proposed Dorset National Park.
- Comments about community involvement and working with local councils will be amended to include the request that neighbouring parishes are consulted on significant planning applications.

Meeting closed at 7:50pm

**I confirm that these minutes were approved at a meeting of the Parish Council.**

**SIGNED ON ORIGINAL**

.....Chair

Date:

Peter Churchill