

Kingsbridge Town Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT SITES) SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 6.00 P.M. IN QUAY HOUSE

Present: Cllr Philip Yates (Chairman)
Cllr Anne Balkwill
Martina Edmonds
Cllr Robin Griffin
Cllr Wayne Grills
Cllr Margaret Kitt
Cllr Steve Sidney
Cllr Jax Williams

In Attendance: District Cllr Rufus Gilbert
District Cllr Keith Wingate
One member of public
Martin Johnson (Secretary)

14/8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Matt Farrand.

Public Open Forum

Mr Tom Shell had read the minutes of the inaugural Sub Committee meeting and was shocked to find allocated site K5 had been earmarked to be extended. The proposal would only be slightly smaller than the extended land area within the recent planning application which was not supported by Kingsbridge Town Council (KTC), refused by South Hams District Council (SHDC) and dismissed at Appeal by the Planning Inspector. He quoted from the latter's report dated 22 August 2014 at paragraphs 19, 22, 23 and 54 that an extended site would have major/substantial adverse effects on the character and appearance of the local landscape. He further stated that 117 objections had been received for the above planning application, there were alternative development sites in town to take the pressure off K5 and the area to the east of Norden Lane should be for low cost/affordable housing.

Cllr Yates thanked Mr Shell for his statement; allocated site K5 would be discussed during the meeting.

14/9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.

14/10 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16 September 2014 were approved as a correct record.

14/11 POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITES FOR KINGSBRIDGE

All information from the last meeting had been made available again alongside maps of the parish boundary, AONB boundary and town development from 1884 to 2011. Members carefully reviewed the draft recommendations contained in the minutes of the last meeting. Various revisions and additions were made to the original comments. It was then **RESOLVED** to reply to SHDC with the comments at Annex A regarding potential development sites in Kingsbridge.

14/12 RELATED MATTERS

Cllrs Farrand and Grills, and the Town Clerk, had attended a most worthwhile SHDC led Town & Parish Workshop "Let's Talk Growth" on Friday 19 September 2014. Housing figures were being worked up but were not available at present.

It was **RESOLVED** to inform SHDC that KTC would not be appointing a member as the point of contact for "Our Plan" business and any business should be received via the Town Clerk for the Planning Committee/Sub Committee.

14/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members agreed that a further meeting was not required.

Annex:

A. Potential sites for development in Kingsbridge – Comments.

The meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.