

Maidwell with Draughton Parish Council
via Zoom

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 21 October 2020

Present: Cllrs Munro (Chair), Blake, Martin, Paybody and Sanders-Hewett and Cllr Harris

39. **Apologies for absence were received:** Cllrs Calnan and Mortimer and Cllr Parker
40. **Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests** under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda – Cllr Blake disclosed an interest in the Government's White Paper on Planning due to a professional association with a commercial development company and placed on record his intention to withdraw from the meeting when this business is transacted (agenda item 42 refers).
41. **Open Forum** – One person in attendance. No issues were raised.
42. **Government's White Paper consultation "Planning for the future"** – It was acknowledged that the document was extremely lengthy and complex and therefore Councillors were very grateful to Brixworth Parish Council, NCALC, Pete Redman and Cllr Harris for information supplied by them which made the task much less onerous. It was recognised that the current system allowed the opportunity for local people and Councillors to have their say and it was considered important that this continued. Whilst the proposal to simplify and speed-up the process would be welcomed, the document did not state how that would be achieved. Cllr Blake left the meeting. Councillors took a five-minute break to allow for further consideration of PR's document. Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree PR's suggestions and submit these comments, which were in line with the Neighbourhood Plan, without alteration. Prop: Cllr Sanders-Hewett, Sec: Cllr Martin. Unanimous.
43. **Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) consultation by Daventry District, South Northants and Northampton Borough Councils** – Whilst it was agreed that the consultation seemed very comprehensive, concern was expressed that, because of much more digitalisation owing to the current situation, this could disenfranchise some of the population, who may not have computers or a good, reliable broadband, and it was therefore felt important that face-to-face consultations as previously held in libraries/village halls etc were carried out. Clerk to submit this comment. Prop: Cllr Paybody, Sec: Cllr Sanders-Hewett. Unanimous.
44. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 November 2020 at 7.30 p.m. via zoom.
45. Meeting closed at 8.07 pm.

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