

**MINUTES OF THE EASINGWOLD ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE GALTRES CENTRE AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017**

**PRESENT** Councillor P. Nottage (Chairman)  
Councillors R. Tanfield, S. A. Shepherd, G.W. Ellis,  
F. Johnston-Banks, C. Jackson, County Councillor P. Sowray  
plus 18 members of the public

**Clerk:** Mrs Jane Bentley

1. **Apologies**  
Councillors C. Barnes, N. Madden and J. Fowell
2. **Minutes Of The Annual Parish meeting held on 26th April 2016**  
The minutes were approved for signature.
3. **Matters Arising From The Minutes**  
There were no matters arising.
4. **Report From Charities/Grant Recipients**  
Laura Varney provided an update on behalf of COZIE. There were no questions.  
(appendix 1)  
A paper report was available for members of the public from The United Charities & Ann Cobb Charity. There were no questions.  
(appendix 2)
5. **Guest speakers from:**
  - a) **Hambleton District Council**  
Caroline Skelly presented the Local Plan progress to date (appendix 3)  
Question 1: Where does the figure of 500 houses come from?  
Answer: The strategic housing assessment uses modelling and forecasting tools over the next 17 years it is not an imposed figure.  
Question 2: Does Hambleton District Council think this figure is proportionate for Easingwold?  
Answer: Hambleton District Council needs to work with neighbouring areas to ensure that it is proportionate  
Question 3: In addition to 500 dwellings if you convert that into numbers of people this will be an increase of 1500 people or a 25%-30% population increase. What happens if Easingwold is unable to cope with this increase?  
Answer: The household projection figures are published by the government and those consulted have agreed that they can cope with the increase.  
Question 4: In terms of 500 houses is there a split between affordable housing and other housing?  
Answer: The definition of affordable housing is up to a value of £250,000, including self-build. It is only possible to build affordable housing on sites of more than 10 houses.  
Question 5: I don't see any allocation for community-led housing?  
Answer: There is no requirement

Question 6: Is there a brownfield register at Hambleton District Council?

Answer: No, but there will be.

Question 7: Hambleton District Council has just sold a brownfield site at the fire station for £205,000 this could have been used for community-led housing

Question 8: Phasing is very important the government is looking at a review of the development plan every 5 years, will this happen at Hambleton District Council?

Answer: The government is now looking at a 5 year plan rather than a 15 year plan

Question 9: What is statutory phasing?

Answer: 5, 10 and 15 years

Question 10: Between now and the end of 2018 there are a few applications in the pipeline, is it clear which ones are in development?

Answer: Stillington Road development of 175 houses is included in the 500 as is the Kelbalk Lane development. The 80 houses outstanding in the appeal are not included in the 500 figure.

Question 11: Phasing is crucial 300 houses have already been approved so already there are only 200 remaining, please confirm that you will not bring it forward like last time

Answer: I agree that phasing is crucial.

b) The Chairman outlined the Business Forum's presentation (appendix4) there were no questions.

**c) Darren Dalzell and Dr Boyd from Millfield Surgery provided an update**

There has been great expansion at the surgery which was built in 1992 when it was capable of providing for 3,400 patients, the patient list is now 7,300 plus and is **over** capacity. The surgery has been in talks with NHS England, Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group (VOYCCG), NHS Property Services, NYCC, York Hospital Foundation Trust and the Local MP. The surgery is looking at bringing health and social care together on one integrated site, a one-stop shop; dental, physiotherapy, pharmacy, optometrist's site (as the current site will not be fit for purpose in the near future), mental health, out of hospital care in Easingwold. The expansion project has been discussed at York Hospital Trust and a Viability Study document will be sent to Hambleton District Council.

Question 12: Is Tanpit Lodge a good site?

Answer: Yes but not ideal, the current Millfield site is not adequate, St Monicas has limited potential. The better options identified are York Road and Knott Lane but we are leaving our options open. The document will be presented to Hambleton District Council on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Question 13: Will the document presented to Hambleton District Council be available to the public?

Answer: Not currently but eventually, as part of the plan document.

Question 14: Where is the funding coming from?

Answer: Funding has not been identified as it is not possible to obtain funding without a plan so the plan needs to be created first. There are funding opportunities available such as the York Trust once we have identified what can be done to maximise the potential in Easingwold. Beyond dealing with problems of general practice today we need to look at the strategic future and transformation plans not just the current scenario. We are optimistic now we have the VOYCCG support.

Question 15: You have got 7,300 patients you may get 9000 so will the new facility be able to deal with that number?

Answer: The immediate need has been identified then Hambleton District Council's figure was included and we are looking at a facility capable of housing 15,000 patients.

Question 16: Are you able to say to HDC that unless the medical facility is built within the time scale you will not be able to cope unless it is phased.

Answer: We have made it quite clear to the VOYCCG that we have reached our limit and will apply to close our list once the patient number hit a certain figure.

Question 17: We don't know the size of site that you want for your plans, the policy was that Tollerton and Stillington were going to close but that does not appear to be the case now. The Tollerton surgery is increasing in size.

Answer: The NHS were supposed to supply stats to Hambleton District Council partly because of the Jomast appeal, they are having a discussion with them. The Jomast site has been appraised against the requirements. The size will be defined in the document submitted on Friday.

Question 18: Part of document going to Hambleton District Council is an assessment has the Claypenny site been considered?

Answer: The Claypenny site has been considered but is not adequate.

Question 19: Do you have a favoured site?

Answer: Any adequate site is favoured

Question 20: Is dentistry included?

Answer: Yes

Question: When will you get feedback from the council?

Answer: The document goes in on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April and we will not rest until we have a response. Everyone needs to be involved and to get behind it.

Question 21: When we had the consultation for the neighbourhood plan people were prepared to see more housing as long as the infrastructure was adequate otherwise the local plan will not be supported.

Question 22: There are 2 major issues health facilities and the primary school

## **6. Chairman's Annual Report**

The Chairman provided a summary of last year's activities, much of which was published in the Last council newsletter and which led to the Easingwold winning Hambleton's Parish Council of the Year award. He went on to outline the council's plans for next year, including significant projects on improving the condition of the Market Place (toilets, seating, cobbles and footpaths etc), implementing the Millfields Vision and addressing car parking problems and putting in place a Neighbourhood Plan and Vision for Easingwold. He stressed that the community would be engaged/consulted before any major changes were made. The Chairman thanked the Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Miscellaneous Works Contractor, working groups, residents and councillors who have contributed over the last year.

Question 22: COZIE would like to be more visible in the town with young people contributing to the community

Answer: Easingwold Town Council will offer the opportunity wherever possible.

Question 23: How do we galvanize the community?

Answer: we will be frequently looking to provide opportunities for the community to be involved

Question 24: The Neighbourhood Plan was going well what happened to it and what's the current status?

Answer: The draft Neighbourhood Plan relied on the Hambleton Local Development Framework to cover the allocation of land for development but, following the Public Inquiry brought by Gladman, it was concluded that the LDF could not longer be relied upon for this purpose so we are now working with Hambleton District Council on the new Local Plan and a revised and broader Neighbourhood Plan in parallel .

Question 25: Could something be put in Advertiser about this?

Answer: There is an update in the Autumn and Annual Newsletters which can be found online and also on the noticeboard on the Market Green.

## **7. RESOLUTION(S) FROM THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman read out the following resolution:

“As the population of the town grows every effort should be made the make incomers feel welcome. Could the Council provide welcome information for everyone when they move in, listing shops, services and especially voluntary organisations, and their need for more volunteers? The Estate Agents could inform the Council when houses are soon to be occupied the names of the new occupants would not be needed”

It was agreed that providing local information to new residents was a good idea but there was questions as to whether a handbook was the best way to achieve this and whether that is now the function of a website, as well as asking estate agents to give out information. In principle it was agreed that it was a good idea to give information but that it required a discussion as to the best way possible to do this.

## **8. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no questions from the floor.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

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