

**GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**GREAT EASTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RECORD OF JOINT PARISH COUNCIL AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MEETING HELD  
ON 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017 AT 7.30 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**1. PRESENT**

**Parish Council:** Cllrs P Long (Chairman), P Brittain, A Murdock, G Vizma and C Johnston  
**NP Advisory Committee:** R Bowder (Chairman), B Mitchell, I Drummond, E Yates,  
R Barribal, J Brittain, J Boulter and D Gibley (Secretary).

**2. APOLOGIES**

D Cllr M Rickman, Cllr L Walsh, B Hemmings and N McKay.

**3. WELCOME**

Cllr Long invited Mr Bowder, Chairman of the NP Committee, to open the meeting.  
Mr Bowder welcomed all to the joint meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group and the Parish Council, noting that there were two principal agenda items: the report by the Independent Examiner and the amended Referendum Version of the Neighbourhood Plan. Both documents are on the Village website.

**4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Declaration of Interests.

**5. RECORD OF MEETINGS OF 6 October.**

The minutes of the last joint meeting of 14 December was approved and signed.

**6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT – June 2017**

Mr Bowder said this report, previously circulated to all, is a final document which is not subject to amendment, unless there are any factual errors. The key points have been circulated previously, noting that the Examiner has recommended that the Neighbourhood Plan, as amended, should now proceed to Referendum. Importantly he has endorsed the “robust consultation process” and had found in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan in respect of three significant challenges.

The Chairman noted that the error in referring to Great Easton as a Rural Centre rather than a Selected Rural Village has been followed up by HDC. Mrs Yates queried the apparent inaccuracy in the report on page 29 concerning the criteria for Affordable Housing when referring to “sites of more than 1,000 square metres” and it was agreed to query this with HDC. The Chairman then invited the Neighbourhood Plan Committee members to vote. It was unanimously agreed to accept the Examiner's report.

Cllr Long then asked the Parish Council members to vote. There was unanimous approval to accept the Examiner's report.

## **7. REFERENDUM VERSION OF THE GREAT EASTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2017-2031.**

The Chairman then asked neighbourhood plan members to vote on the Referendum Version of the Neighbourhood Plan, which has been amended to incorporate the Examiner's recommendations. It was unanimously agreed to adopt the amended Referendum Version of the Great Easton Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2031.

Cllr Long then asked the Parish Council members to vote. There was unanimous approval for the amended version of the Great Easton neighbourhood Plan 2017-2031 to be adopted and for HDC to be informed.

Both Mr Bowder and Cllr Long expressed their thanks and appreciation for the hard work and commitment shown by the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee throughout the process.

## **8. AOB.**

**- The Referendum.** The process of conducting the actual referendum and the possible timetable to avoid holidays was raised by Mr Mitchell. It was noted that the referendum will be organised and conducted by HDC and that full details would be obtained and circulated to all in due course. A simple majority of those who vote is needed for the Neighbourhood Plan to succeed. It was anticipated that all members would be requested to be involved in publicity and encouraging a high turnout.

## **9. NEXT MEETING**

To be advised.

Chairman Neighbourhood Planning Committee:

Chairman Great Easton Parish Council: