

TUTBURY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the of the Parish Council was held in the Charity Office, Duke Street, Tutbury on Monday 25 November 2013.

Those present were Cllrs W Crossley (Chairman), F Crossley, P Steadman, A Allen, and G Wright. In attendance S Powell (Clerk).

140/1.0 APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs S Adams

141/2.0 RESPONSES TO ESBC'S LOCAL PLAN

2.1 Cllr W Crossley reported on the outcome of the recent Alliance of Parish Councils meeting. Each Parish Council was to make their own submission to ESBC but from an informative discussion, a number of common issues arose including the numbers houses being planned, strategic village status and the impact of the Redhouse Farm appeal decision.

2.2 It was felt that arguments put forward in support of the Redhouse Farm development which persuaded the Minister the grant permission, could undermine ESBC's local plan strategy. The appeal case presented by the Borough Council at the appeal, including the calculation of housing numbers and the five year land supply was not accepted.

2.3 The concern was raised that the number of houses proposed in the Pre Submission Local Plan were too high and unattainable as they were based on optimistic patterns of growth which historically had not been achieved. If this situation persisted, ESBC's rolling five year land supply would, in the early years of the plan, not be met. It left open the possibility for applications for development to be submitted in addition to areas already allocated in the plan. Such areas might gain approval because of the presumption in favour of development set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

2.4 In addition to the problems with the overall strategy of the plan, there was also a need to address issues that were particular to the Parish. Development at Fauld Camp was considered to be unsustainable; transportation issues were of particular concern together the lack of other elements of infrastructure.

2.5 The view was expressed that ESBC's methodology for the classification of Tutbury as a 'Tier 1' Strategic village was flawed. Tutbury and other 'Tier 1' villages were not visited or actively engaged by the Borough Council in the formulation of their strategic status, contrary to the Scheme of Community Involvement. No account was taken of capacity issues in existing facilities or the extent of the areas that they served. The means of providing additional facilities in the plan was somewhat vague and reliant on mainly on developers. In the supporting evidence to the local plan, the provision of infrastructure was not detailed enough to be satisfactory and left much to future consideration.

2.6 Members concurred with the matters raised above and went on to debate a number of other concerns with the plan including:

- The protection of the village from unplanned development
- Effects increased traffic through the village and along unsuitable country roads
- Renewable and Low carbon energy generation
- Sustainability and the limitation of air pollution
- Effective monitoring of the local plan with measurable performance indicators

2.7 It was agreed that Cllr W Crossley in conjunction with the Clerk translate the Parish Council's concerns into formal representations to be submitted to the Borough Council by the end of the consultation period. It was also agreed that the Parish Council should request to be represented at the public examination stage of the plan to clearly express the views of the Parish.

140/3.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

3.1 Monday 16 December 2013; Cllr Allen asked that Superfast Broadband be placed on the agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm