

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SELBORNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD IN SELBORNE VILLAGE HALL**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024 AT 8.20 PM**



**Present:** Cllr D Ashcroft, Cllr S Bennett (Chair)  
Cllr C Bridger, Cllr H Grosvenor  
Cllr S Heaselgrave, Cllr S Hulbert  
Cllr W Megeney, Cllr N O'Donnell  
Cllr B Roger-Smith, Cllr D Webster-Jones

**Absent:** Cllr G Earney, Cllr M Turner

**Also present:** Liz Ford, Parish Clerk and 16 residents

#### **24.61 Apologies for Absence**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllrs Earney and Turner.

#### **24.62 Chairmans Announcements**

The Chair welcomed all, including the two new Councillors Sarah Hulbert and Ben Roger-Smith. It was noted that the meeting would be recorded and that, on account of the nature of the business being discussed, great care would be taken to ensure that the meeting was being conducted correctly particularly with respect to the declaration of interests and the avoidance of pre-determination.

#### **24.63 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Bridger advised that she had finished working at the Queens Hotel Tap Room on 17<sup>th</sup> May and had checked with the Monitoring Officer who confirmed that this was no longer an interest to declare and she could therefore take part in discussion of the re-determination of the appeal ref APP/Y9507/W/21/3289423 (see under minute 24.66).

Cllr Ashcroft declared an interest on account of statements he had made previously at both the SDNPA and EHDC Planning Committees regarding planning applications at The Queens Hotel site. To avoid any perception of bias he elected not to take part in the discussion of the re-determination of the appeal ref APP/Y9507/W/21/3289423 (see under minute 24.66).

Cllr Webster-Jones declared as a precaution that he had shares in Selborne Stores Ltd, the community benefit society which had been formed to re-open a village shop in Selborne. It was confirmed at the meeting there was no proposed shop provision in the planning application under appeal. It was therefore not an "other interest" in the business of the meeting and he could take part in discussion of the re-determination of the appeal ref APP/Y9507/W/21/3289423 (see under minute 24.66).

Cllr Megeney declared that she had spoken at the SDNPA Planning Committee and the following appeal of planning application ref. SDNP/20/04118/FUL before she was a Parish Councillor. She advised that she had now spoken with the Deputy Monitoring Officer who had stated that views expressed previously before she was a Councillor did not impinge on her speaking on the application at the meeting and that she had no declarable interests. Cllr Megeney stated that she was not predetermined and of an open mind and would listen to the information at the meeting before she made any decision on any response regarding the re-determination of the appeal .

#### **24.64 Approval of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Cllrs Hulbert, Megeney and Roger-Smith abstained on account of not having attended the meeting.

## 24.65 Public Questions

*It was RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting to allow members of the public to speak for a maximum of three minutes each and for the total public session not to exceed 30 minutes.*

Seven residents spoke regarding the proposed development at the Queens Hotel which was the subject of the redetermination of the appeal to be discussed later at the meeting (see under minute 24.66).

*It was RESOLVED to re-convene the meeting.*

**24.66 Planning Applications:** To consider and agree a response to the following planning application(s):

**Planning Inspectorate Reference: APP/Y9507/W/21/3289423, SDNPA Reference: SDNP/20/04118/FUL  
The Queens Hotel , High Street, Selborne, Alton, GU34 3JH**

**Appeal:** Conversion and extension of the existing Queens building and barn to form 5no. Aparthotel suites (C1), a Field Study Centre and Tap Room (Mixed Class F.1 and Sui Generis) and 1no. Detached dwelling (C3) within the grounds, with associated parking and landscaping.

The Clerk advised that the Council should not make a response to the consultation request on account of the risk of a challenge of predetermination of any Parish Council comment decided at the meeting. The Clerk's advice and the proposed development was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to make no response to the consultation request.

## 24.67 Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in Blackmoor Village Hall (Meeting Room).

**The meeting closed at 9.10pm**

<b>Signed</b>	
<b>Chair of Selborne Parish Council</b>	
<b>Date</b>	