

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21ST MAY 2012 AT HUNTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr R Sawtell in the Chair, Cllrs G Thomas, D Heaton, L Leonard (arrived during Item 3.1), T Stanbridge and Mrs S Goodwin, Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: No members of the public were in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from County Cllr P Stockell.

2. COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS

There were no councillor declarations.

3. CONSULTATIONS

3.1 Kent County Council Draft Kent Freight Action Plan

Members considered the consultation document and the draft response from the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) to the consultation and made the following comments:

- The inclusion of Section 8, particularly objectives 2, 3 and 4, are welcomed;
- The KALC response is sensible and should be used as the basis for the Parish Council's response, leaving out the section on the Dartford International Ferry Terminal;
- The document is largely aspirational, with no timetable in Section 8 or the summaries for implementation.

3.2 Kent Forum Housing Strategy Refresh

Members considered the consultation document and the draft response from KALC to the consultation and made the following comments:

- The Parish Council largely agrees with the KALC response;
- To achieve growth in the number of houses, consideration needs to be given to improving the infrastructure in Kent in general - roads, schools, water, power, medical services, shopping facilities, etc;
- There are questions of sustainability from the increase in the number of houses and general infrastructure;
- The New Homes Bonus for developers is an unnecessary cost to the tax payer, promoting something that will happen anyway as developers want to develop;
- The **Housing Strategy** is aspirational, but until the Government sorts out the economy and it starts to grow, nothing will happen anyway;
- The **Housing Strategy** document is overly long and complex.

3.3 Kent County Council Gypsy and Traveller Pitch Allocation Policy

Members considered the consultation document and made the following comments:

- The criteria are far too loose and not restrictive enough;
- The number of pitches should be severely limited to avoid conflict with the residential population;
- The children of travellers who remain settled should not be considered for a site;
- Kent should be aligned with neighbouring counties and not seen as an easy option for those

wanting pitches;

- Query over the definition of 'area' – does this mean the whole of Kent?
- Query as to whether applicants must be from Kent.

3.4 Ashford Borough Council Chilmington Green Action Plan Regulation 19

Members agreed not to provide a response to this consultation

3.5 Kent County Council Commissioning Plan for Education Provision 2012-17

Members agreed to pass the consultation document to Cllr R Porter, who is Chair of Governors at Hunton Primary School.

There being no further matters to be discussed the meeting closed at 7:50pm.