

Hampstead Norreys Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th January 2023. Held in the Memorial Room, Hampstead Norreys Village Hall. Commencing at 6:17 pm

Members Present: Councillor Ros Maskell, Vice-Chairman
Councillor Fiona Bennett – from 6:20 pm
Councillor Caroline Herman
Councillor Colin Layton
Councillor Harriet McCalmont
Councillor Gwenan Paul

Members Absent: Councillor David Barlow, Chairman

Officers Present: Sarah Marshman, Clerk

In Attendance: 1 Member of the Public

Minutes

- 22/23-095 To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Council**
Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor David Barlow.
- 22/23-096 To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Interests or Non-Registerable Interests and to consider any Requests for Dispensation**
There were no declarations of interests or requests for dispensation.
- 22/23-097 To receive questions or comments from members of the public or representations from any member who has declared an Other Registerable or Non-Registerable Interest**
There were no questions, comments or representations.
- 22/23-098 To approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19th January 2023**
Resolved: Members agreed the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record. The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman.
- 22/23-099 Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting**
There were no matters arising.
- Councillor Fiona Bennett arrived.
- 22/23-100 To consider the following planning applications:**
22/03086/FUL St Abbs Cottages, Hampstead Norreys, RG18 0TQ - New access from Yattendon Road and car parking for St Abbs Cottages
Resolved: To submit a response to object to this application as the council believes the existing track should be refurbished rather than building a new track on the open countryside. It was also noted that despite the track running immediately adjacent to

the parish boundary, no notification containing the usual response form could be located as having been received from West Berkshire Council.

22/23-101 To consider a response to West Berkshire Council's Local Plan Review consultation
Resolved: To submit the response given in Appendix 1.

22/23-102 Matters for future consideration and information
The suggestion of installing a dog waste bin near the entrance to Eling Way was discussed. The Clerk will obtain quotes.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 6:51 pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 23rd March 2023 7:30 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 1: Response to the West Berkshire Council Local Plan Review Consultation

Having reviewed the proposed LPR settlement boundary. Hampstead Norreys Parish Council (HNPC) requests changes be made as per the green line on the attached map. The green line is proposed to run from the current settlement boundary along the rear of the dwellings at Folly View, along the side of the end property, and then drop back along the front of the properties adjacent to the road before running along the boundary of Red Cottage and back up along the rear boundaries of the houses on Water Street.

HNPC does not feel it is appropriate to include the land known as 'The Paddock' within the settlement boundary as this may then allow for development to occur on this land. Currently, Hampstead Norreys experiences regular closures of Water Street due to the drains being blocked. This has been particularly noticeable over the current winter and Thames Water has been required to do extensive work to maintain the system.

As the drainage in Water Street is already unable to cope with the pressure of the surrounding dwellings, it is deemed inappropriate to make The Paddock more susceptible to the development of new dwellings.

In Appendix 9, the LPR states the following definition:

Settlement boundaries identify the **main built up area of a settlement within which development is considered acceptable in principle**, subject to other policy considerations. While allowing for development, settlement boundaries protect the character of a settlement and prevent unrestricted growth into the countryside. **They create a level of certainty about whether or not the principle of development is likely to be acceptable.**

This confirms that the presence of the settlement boundary along the proposed line will leave The Paddock susceptible to development.

The LPR states:

4.35 Settlements outside of the settlement hierarchy will deliver additional development but **this will be limited to infill or change of use within the settlement where a settlement boundary has been defined**, and to rural exception schemes for affordable housing to meet local needs. Some limited development is important for the long-term sustainability of rural communities. Outside these settlements, in the countryside, a more restrictive approach to development will be taken as set out in other policies in the LPR .

Again, the presumption is that if an area of land is included within the settlement boundary, there is a presumption that it is available for infill development.

In Appendix 2 of the LPR, it states:

Principles of inclusion of land uses

Settlement boundaries identify the main built up area of a settlement within which development is considered acceptable in principle, subject to other policy considerations. While allowing for development, settlement boundaries protect the character of a settlement and prevent unrestricted growth into the countryside. **They create a level of certainty about whether or not the principle of development is likely to be acceptable.**

Where practicable and barring the exceptions set out below, **boundaries will usually follow clearly defined features such as walls, hedgerows, railway lines and roads.** Where possible,

preference will be given to using features that are likely to have a degree of permanence as some features can change over time. Where development is on one side of the road only, the settlement boundary will be drawn along the edge closest to the settlement. Some boundaries may also follow along the rear of built development in order to prevent inappropriate development, for instance where dwellings have large back gardens.

It should be noted that the current proposed settlement boundary line runs across The Paddock but does not follow a clearly defined feature. However, were the settlement boundary to run along the boundary of Red Cottage, these criteria would be met.

HNPC therefore strongly requests that the proposed settlement boundary is altered as it is suggesting, to run along the boundary of Red Cottage.

