

Congham Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 27th February 2024.

In Attendance: Cllrs: M de Whalley, N. Grief, L. Grange and G Clark. Clerk, Ophelia Donovan.

1. Welcome.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:30pm and welcomed those present.

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received Cllr. Tilbrook.

3. To receive Declarations of Interest.

Cllr. de Whalley declared an interest as the Borough Council's portfolio holder for the Planning Committee.

4. Congham Bridge Inquiry:-

4.1 After a discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would like to provide evidence at the Inquiry as an Interested Party.

4.2 It was agreed that the clerk should be nominated to speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the Inquiry.

4.3 It was agreed that the clerk would prepare a statement of case and submit this to the Council for their approval.

4.4. The next steps were agreed as the preparation of the statement of case and attendance at the conference on the 4th March 2024 and at the subsequent Inquiry.

5. Local Plan Review:

5.1 It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should make representations at the Local Plan Review. The main concerns noted were the traffic generated by the proposal. That the active travel enhancements would increase congestion which would have an impact on Congham. Concern was also raised over the lack of biodiversity net gain master plan.

5.2 It was agreed that Cllr. Tilbrook, who was not present at the meeting, should be asked whether he could represent the Parish Council at the Local Plan Review. If Cllr. Tilbrook was unable to attend the Local Plan Review, then a written statement could be submitted.

5.3 The next steps were agreed as the written statement would be drafted sent to the Council for approval before being submitted to the Local Plan Review.

Proposed: Cllr. Clark.

Seconded: Cllr. Grange.

6. Congham Fuel Allotment

6.1 Cllr. de Whalley provided an update on his trip to the records office in order to locate maps which detail the boundaries of the fuel allotment. Cllr. de Whalley confirmed he was still awaiting copies of the maps to be sent to him.

6.2 It was agreed that confirmation the boundaries of the fuel allotment should be deferred until further information had been received.

7. It was noted that the date of the next Parish Council's Ordinary meeting is Wednesday 27th March 2024 at 7pm.

Signed.....Chair, Cllr. de Whalley.