

**MINUTES OF ASTON, COTE, SHIFFORD & CHIMNEY EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON Monday 7th MARCH 2022 at the Village Hall, Aston, AT 7.30 pm**

Members Present: Russell La Forte (Chairman)
John Ordish (Vice Chairman)
Paul Sparrowhawk
Phil West
Gill Ball

In Attendance: Elaine Anstee – Clerk
Dan Levy (OCC Councillor)
21 members of the public

1. Apologies from Members: There were apologies from B Lings and J West.

2. Parish Councillors - Disclosure of interests on agenda items – None.

3. Meeting Open for Public Participation

It was RESOLVED as proposed by R La Forte and seconded by J Ordish, with all in agreement, to defer this item until after the North Farm Consultation presentation.

4. North Farm Consultation Presentation

The slides for the presentation are available on the Parish Council website (<https://www.astonoxon-pc.gov.uk>). This is not definitive and will still need further negotiation with OCC. The results as summarised will be delivered to OCC Officers for informing their next steps.

Summary:

- Of illustrative options currently on offer, most favoured is '9 Houses'
- But this needs further refinement and negotiation
- Reject other illustrative options (with rationale)
- Discuss viability of alternate options proposed (level of confidence?)
- Apply the 4 principles (do nothing not an option, minimise development, permanent solution for whole site, on-site drainage)
- Protect 'red lines'
- No hub or affordable housing
- Define tangible benefits – critical to WODC (LPA) determination
- Community support is conditional, this is not an open cheque
- Continued (binding) engagement crucial (OCC, PC and WODC), especially over 'red lines' (OCC public consultation event in short-term)
- What if WODC (LPA) say no? OCC intent? Risk?

5. Public Participation

There was 45 minutes of public participation off which the key points were:

- The option to do nothing shows a lack of ambition on the behalf of OCC and we should be able to create a green/blue options.
- There needs to be a more creative approach to 'value' by central government as the 'monetary' value of something may be outweighed by its 'intrinsic' value.
- Need to hold OCC to account for their assurance that this was a Flagship Community project.

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- WODC is the planning authority and can veto anything not included in the Local Plan 2031 so the community and OCC need to think about the 'benefits' of this project if affordable housing and other issues are not part of the final design.

6. Date of next meeting:

Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7.30pm - Monthly meeting of Parish Council

Meeting closed at 21.01 pm.

Signed.....Dated.....