

UPLEADON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Upleadon Parish Council held on Thursday 24 October 2019 at Upleadon Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present:- Cllr H Dunn (Chair), Cllr M Manning (Deputy Chair), Cllr Mrs W Fabian, Cllr Mrs P Turner, Cllr Mrs P Cooke, Cllr P Dallow, Cllr E Wood

Also present District Cllr P Burford. There were no Members of the public present

4.00 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence

4.1 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

4.2 Business

To give consideration to Forest of Dean District Council Consultation:- Local Plan 2021-2041 Issues and Options

Members considered the Consultation document, in particular the four main options put forward and considered Option 3 – New master planned settlement – a site identified for an entirely new settlement which may accommodate a large proportion of the new housing needed for the district in the next 20 years as the preferred option. Members wished to promote a more sustainable form of development which include carbon neutral. The infrastructure – Doctors/Schools should be developed in a phased way – not at the end of development.

Option 1 – Expansion of a selection of existing settlements – more land is allocated for growth around key, selected towns and villages which are deemed to be suitable and sustainable locations to accommodate it.

Members considered that the existing infrastructure is struggling to cope already and is not a sustainable option.

Option 2 – Incremental expansion across all settlements – each of the existing towns and villages throughout the district are allowed to grow organically until they reach their natural limit. This closest to the “do nothing” approach.

Members considered if growth was spread in this way it would change the appearance of the district and may have a detrimental effect on these communities.

Option 4 – Agreement between neighbouring districts to accommodate FoDDC’s housing targets – one of FoDDC’s neighbouring districts, such as Tewkesbury or Monmouthshire, agrees to accommodate targeted housing growth, meaning FoDDC will be permitted to expand at a much slower rate.

Members considered this unrealistic, other areas have their own targets to reach and see this as passing “our problem on to someone else.”

Cllr Mrs Fabian proposed Option 3 as the favoured Option. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Turner and unanimously agreed.

Cllr Wood proposed the Council's views on the alternative Options be forwarded to the District Council with the added comment that Upleadon Parish Council would like to see some infill in Upleadon on suitable sites that are not suitable for agricultural purposes. This was seconded by Cllr Dallow and unanimously agreed.

This concluded the business of the meeting and it was declared closed at 8.15 pm.

NB Minutes are in draft form until approved by the Council at its next meeting.