



Planning Committee Meeting

Thursday 28th September 2023 at 10 a.m.

Meeting held at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, WS12 4EP

1. **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present

2. **Apologies**

Cllr. A. Pearson [attending a funeral], Cllr. A. Walker [unwell]
Chief Officer Lindsey Smith [sick leave].

3. **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

4. **Minutes**

The Minutes from the Planning Committee Meeting held on 29th June were unanimously approved. It was noted that the Planning Committee meeting scheduled for 31st August 2023 had not taken place.

5. **Chair Update**

Chair proposed, and Committee agreed that Cllr. Jagger would take notes in the absence of any officer.

6. **Local Planning Applications**

There were no adverse observations to any of the items on the planning tracker.

7. **Development of Local Action Plan**

Thanks was expressed to HTC Officers for drafting a skeleton Action Plan for us to consider and add into. Cllr. Jagger confirmed she had gone through this and made some rough notes, which she read out to the Committee.

Committee agreed to delegate this piece of work to a "working group" [in accordance with page 5 of the HTC Committee Delegations document of April 2023]. NB: This working group would review the neighbourhood plan as well as the Local Action Plan.

It was suggested that Cllr. Jagger and Cllr. Walker initially set up this working group [with potential to add people] and it was agreed that this would be further discussed outside of the formal meeting. Cllr. Jagger confirmed she has arrangements to meet Cllr. Walker informally next week.

Cllr Jagger explained that work to develop a local action plan was urgent and our officers have been requesting this from us as a matter of urgency for several months. It was agreed that full council should ultimately resolve to agree the Local Action Plan as soon as possible.

8. Motion from Cllr Jagger re: Reaffirmation of HTC's Climate Emergency Declaration & Action Plan dated 25th June 2019.

Cllr Jagger proposed/Cllr R. Turville proposed an amendment stating that this implementation plan was agreed by a previous administration and therefore should be brought before the current administration for review and approval. Cllr. A. Turville seconded.

Cllr Jagger stated that any Climate Emergency action plan must form part of our wider Local Action Plan which our officers had been requesting this from us as a matter of urgency for several months.

[unanimous] It was agreed to reaffirm the Climate Emergency Declaration dated 25th June 2019 [reaffirmed 28th September 2023].

[unanimous] It was agreed to defer the implementation of the Climate Emergency Action Plan until this has been reviewed by full council. [Unanimous].

ACTION REQUIRED: Ensure that this Climate Emergency Action Plan is brought to full council agenda as soon as possible.

9. Matters Arising for Next Agenda

The next full council meeting is on 4th October 2023 and the final call for agenda items had already been made.

10. Date of Next Planning Committee Meeting

Thursday 26th October at 10 a.m. at Pye Green Community Centre

The meeting closed at 10.30 am.