**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NORMANTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**Held on Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 6.30pm at Normanton Town Hall**

**Present:** Councillor R. Best

Councillor Mrs E. Blezard

Councillor G. Croft

Councillor Miss J. Farrar

Councillor S. Hudson

Councillor F.D. Jones - Mayor

Councillor Mrs H.W. Jones

Councillor Mrs L. Masterman

Councillor B. Mayne

Councillor Mrs P. Mayne

Councillor Mrs A. Moran

Councillor E. Moran

Councillor R. Seal

Councillor Mrs M. Vickers – Deputy Mayor

Councillor A. Wassell

Councillor K. Wilson, JP

Councillor Mrs A. Wood

**Councillors Absent:** Councillor D. Appleyard, Councillor Miss J. Botterill, Councillor J. Hepworth, Councillor Mrs C. Moran, BEM.

**90. Mayors Welcome & Apologies**

The Mayor of Normanton welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a report on his engagements over the coming month.

The Mayors Chaplain led the Council in prayer.

RESOLVED that the report on the Mayors engagements be received.

**91. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for their inability to attend were recorded and approved on behalf of Councillor D. Appleyard and Councillor Mrs C. Moran, BEM.

**92. Declarations of Interest**

Members were reminded of the requirement to declare an interest on any item on the agenda in which they had an interest which was not already declared on their Register of Interests form.

The following declarations were made:

Councillor Mrs E. Blezard

Non-Pecuniary Interest – Planning

Member of the WMDC Planning Committee

Planning Application at Pingle Field

Councillor A. Wassell

Non-Pecuniary Interest – Planning

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Councillor K. Wilson, JP

Non-Pecuniary Interest – Planning

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**93. Members of the Public**

There were five members of the public in attendance, but none wished to ask any questions of the Council. The public were in attendance to hear the presentation from Carter Jonas on the proposed development at Mill Lane.

**94. HS2**

The representative from HS2 was not present and this would be deferred until the November meeting.

**95. Carter Jonas**

Emma Winter was in attendance to give a presentation on the proposed development at Mill Lane. Emma displayed the boards that were available at the recent public consultation and reported that they have been working with the design team since that meeting following feedback from the public.

The developers would be looking in more detail at noise, pollution and flooding and ways of improving access and connectivity. It was intended to create an underpass under the M62 for cycle and pedestrian access, but the main vehicular access would be from Mill Lane. There was a possibility of using the underpass for construction traffic initially.

The proposal was for up to 246 homes on the site which would be a mix of flats, bungalows, terraced and semi-detached properties.

The site had already been allocated for housing in the Local Development Framework.

The feedback from the public identified their priorities which were:

Green space, traffic issues, amenities and access to facilities and suitable affordable homes. There had been negative views on opening up existing cul-de-sacs and the school had raised concern about future expansion.

Comments from members included:

* The revised plans looked better than the original plans and it is important to keep talking and listening to the public.
* What percentage of affordable housing will be provided – Cannot say at this stage but will work with WMDC.
* What is being done for road safety at Mill Lane – Highways reports confirm that the road has capacity.
* There has been overdevelopment in the area and all these developments combined will have an impact on the surrounding road network.
* The businesses on Castleford Road cause visibility obstructions for people leaving Mill Lane – It may be that the nearby vacant land could be used for improvements if required.
* Traffic lights would be needed at Mill Lane or possibly bringing the junction out further to improve visibility.
* What are the figures for additional vehicle movements – information to be forwarded.
* What provision is being made for the future expansion of the school – The schools difficulties are understood but a contribution is given to WMDC and Common School is an academy.
* It was suggested that the developers go to site at 3.15pm and see for themselves the difficulties in accessing the road network.
* The development would be in a very polluted area adjacent to the M62 and the impact of further vehicles in the area will make the situation worse.

**96. Minutes – Meeting of Council**

RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of Normanton Town Council held on Tuesday 4th September 2018 (Minute Numbers 75-89; Pages 21-25) were received as a true record and the contents therein be approved.

(Proposed by Councillor A. Wassell / Seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Mayne)

**97. Minutes – Town Centre Partnership**

RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Town Centre Partnership held on Monday 24th September 2018 (Minute Numbers 6-10; Pages 5-7) were received as a true record and the contents therein be approved.

(Proposed by Councillor A. Wassell / Seconded by Councillor Mrs A. Moran)

**98. Notice of Conclusion of Audit**

The Town Clerk reported that the audit had been finalised and displayed.

RESOLVED that the comments of the external auditor be noted.

**99. Land at Kind Edward Street**

Members discussed the potential purchase of the land at King Edward Street. It was indicated that WMDC would wish to seek best consideration for the land and would require detailed plans of the Town Council’s intentions for the land before they would commit any costings.

RESOLVED that the purchase is not pursued at this time and no further action taken.

**100. Correspondence**

The Town Clerk reported that there had been a verbal confirmation that the vacancy could be filled by co-option. Further information was awaited in writing from Electoral Services.

**101. External Organisations**

RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Meet ‘N’ Eats Diner held on Tuesday 28th August be received.

**102. Outside Bodies**

Freeston Foundation – It was reported that there had been a presentation on exam results.

**103. Accounts for Payment**

The following lists were circulated for approval:

1. Accounts for Payment in October - £11,944.66
2. Accounts paid in September - £10,929.50
3. Card Payments since the last meeting - £1,189.63

RESOLVED that the accounts listed be approved for payment.

**104. Planning**

The planning applications received since the last meeting were circulated and no objections had been received by the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED that the planning lists be noted, and no objections be made.

In the absence of any further business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.