**Public Minutes of the resumed Planning and Highways Committee**

**held in the Council Chamber, Newbury Town Council, Town Hall, Market Place, Newbury**

**30/11/2021 at 1:30/13:30.**

**Present**

Councillors; Nigel Foot (Chairperson); Gary Norman (Deputy-Chairperson); Jeff Beck; Billy Drummond; Roger Hunneman; Pam Lusby Taylor; and Tony Vickers

**In Attendance**

Darius Zarazel, Democratic Services Officer

**114. Apologies**

Apologies received from Councillors Vaughan Miller, Jo Day, and Phil Barnett.

Councillors David Marsh and Andy Moore were absent.

**115. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

The Democratic Services Officer declared that Councillors Jeff Beck, Billy Drummond, and Tony Vickers are also Members of West Berkshire Council, which is declared as a general interest on their behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow them to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business. Councillors, Billy Drummond, and Tony Vickers are also Members of Greenham Parish Council.

**116. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**Proposed:** Councillor Tony Vickers

**Seconded:** Councillor Jeff Beck

**Resolved:** That under Section 1, Paragraph 2, of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential and personal nature of the business to be transacted.

**117. Newbury’s Neighbourhood Development Plan**

**117.1 To resolve to approve volunteers for the NDP Steering Group**

**Proposed:** Councillor Jeff Beck

**Seconded:** Councillor Roger Hunneman

**Resolved:** That Councillor Nigel Foot be approved as a member of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.

**Proposed:** Councillor Billy Drummond

**Seconded:** Councillor Gary Norman

**Resolved:** That Councillor Martin Colston be approved as a member of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.

**Proposed:** Councillor Nigel Foot

**Seconded:** Councillor Jeff Beck

**Resolved:** That Councillor David Marsh be approved as a member of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.

**Proposed:** Councillor Nigel Foot

**Seconded:** Councillor Tony Vickers

**Resolved:** That Councillor Gary Norman be approved as a member of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.

**Proposed:** Councillor Nigel Foot

**Seconded:** Councillor Gary Norman

**Resolved:** That Councillor Martha Vickers be approved as a member of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.

**Proposed:** Councillor Nigel Foot

**Seconded:** Councillor Billy Drummond

**Resolved:** That Councillor Vaughan Miller be approved as a member of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.

**Proposed:** Councillor Jeff Beck

**Seconded:** Councillor Roger Hunneman

**Resolved:** That Councillor Nigel Foot be elected as Chairperson for the NDP Steering Group.

**Proposed:** Councillor Jeff Beck

**Seconded:** Councillor Nigel Foot

**Resolved:** That Councillor Gary Norman be elected as Deputy-Chairperson for the NDP Steering Group.

**Proposed:** Councillor Nigel Foot

**Seconded:** Councillor Gary Norman

**Resolved:** That Anthony Pick, Dr Paul Millard MBE, John Brownell, Kim Whysall-Hammond, Paula Ann Saunderson, and Louise Sturgess be approved as the public members of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.

**117.2 To resolve to recruit a NDP Planning Consultation**

**Proposed:** Councillor Jeff Beck

**Seconded:** Councillor Tony Vickers

**Resolved:** That Bluestone Planning be recruited as the planning consultant for the Newbury Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.

The Committee would like it to be noted how much the Council valued Andrea’s contributions, but with a split decision, it was decided not to recruit her as the NDP planning consultant.

The inaugural meeting of the Steering Group was decided to be held on the 16th of December at 7:30pm/19:30

**There being no other business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 14:38 hrs.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Chairperson**