

Minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee held on Monday 27 October 2008 at 7.30pm at Knightwood Leisure Centre Valley Park

Present: Councillor C Anderson (Chairman), and Councillors A Dowden (Vice Chairman), J Barton, and Mrs K Oliver.

Also in attendance: Councillors G Compton, Mrs C Dowden and Mrs A Dyde.

NOTE: All members attending this meeting were there in their capacity as a Parish Councillor only.

Action

1 Appointment of Chairman

Resolved:

That Councillor Anderson be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the Council year.

2 Appointment of Vice Chairman

Resolved:

That Councillor A Dowden be appointed Vice Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the Council year.

3 Core Strategy

Councillor A Dowden advised members that Test Valley Borough Council had now started a consultation exercise on its Core Strategy for development up to 2026. The consultation would run from 31st October to 12th December and the strategy could be viewed on the Borough Council's web site.

The Borough Council would be holding exhibitions at various locations in the Borough and again dates and venues could be found on their website.

Councillor Dowden circulated a paper suggesting a number of points as the Parish Council's response to the consultation. Members were in general agreement with the paper as circulated and it was suggested that this form the basis of a leaflet to be delivered to all residents in the parish to assist them in responding to the consultation exercise.

Resolved:

- (1) That the Parish Council response to the consultation exercise be as set out in the paper put to the meeting.**
- (2) That a leaflet be sent to all residents in the Parish as outlined in the paper circulated at the meeting informing them of TVBC's consultation exercise on the Core Strategy and putting forward a tool kit to assist them in commenting to TVBC on the Core strategy.**

4 Great Covert

An outline planning application, TVBC08/02094/OUTS, had been registered with Test Valley Borough Council for the development of housing (up to 1050 dwellings), commercial buildings, retail, sports facilities, a junior school, medical and community facilities, woodland and recreational area, heat and power plant and associated landscaping, footpaths, cycleways and access on land at Great Covert Park, Castle Lane, North Baddesley.

Both Councillor Anderson and Councillor A Dowden had worked together in researching the application in order to produce a toolkit to help local residents when making their comments, details of which was circulated at the meeting.

Councillor A Dowden advised members that this application was premature in view of TVBC's emerging Core Strategy which did not include development of this magnitude in the Valley Park area. He explained that it would infringe the local gap between Valley Park and North Baddesley and other members voiced their concerns over the establishment of what they felt was another community in the gap.

Members felt that the Parish Council's position on this application should be to object to it and in this regard a paper putting forward suggested grounds for objection was circulated.

Resolved:

- (1) That the Parish Council object to the application TVBC08/02094/OUTS and that the grounds for objection be as set out in the paper put to the meeting.**
- (2) That a leaflet be sent to all residents in the Parish informing them of the application and putting forward a tool kit to assist them in commenting to TVBC on the application.**