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Minutes of a meeting of Frome Town Council's Planning Advisory Group

Date: Thursday 28th July 2016
 Time: 6.00pm
 Venue: The Saxonvale Centre, Garsdale, Frome BA11 1RZ

Present:

Frome Town Councillors: Richard Ackroyd, Colin Cobb Pippa Goldfinger & Shelia Gore
 Mendip District Councillors: Des Harris

In attendance:

Members of the public: 0
 Presenters: 3
 James Wood, Journalist for the Frome Standard
 Jane Llewellyn, Planning & Development Officer
 Hannah Paniccia, Finance & Administration Apprentice

Minute Ref	Agenda Item	Action
2016/046P	<p>1 QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC</p> <p>Jane advised that Cllr Cath Puddick has resigned from the Planning Advisory Group due to work commitments.</p>	
2016/047P	<p>2 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Cath Puddick, Nick White Colin Cobb (Arrived at 6.05pm)</p> <p>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS</p> <p>Cllr Pippa Goldfinger works at NVB so will not vote on anything regarding the presentation from NVB architects. Cllr Goldfinger handed over to Cllr Cobb to chair the meeting from 6.10pm until 7.00pm while the presentation took place.</p> <p>MINUTES</p> <p>The minutes of the Planning Advisory Group meeting held on 16 June 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chair.</p>	
2016/048P	<p>3 FOR DISCUSSION: PRESENTATION FROM NVB ARCHITECTS FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT RODDEN ROAD, FROME</p> <p>The land discussed is currently under private ownership but they would like to offer part of the land to Frome Town Council to use for open space. One of the presenters mentioned that the land has had three different owners since 1999 but transferring the land to FTC will protect it. The edging that is preferred would be a natural boundary such as hedges. They believe the land is suitable for housing due to the location and appropriate access. The houses are planning to be highly sustainable and as close to 0% energy as possible. There will be three houses with a split in them all from two to three stories. They propose to take one tree out but will then plant street trees and plant more foliage on the land that will then belong to Frome Town Council. They have not yet spoken with Chris Stringer, Environment Manager, regarding what foliage will be planted but are happy to have that discussion. The front garden is relatively flat and will have a stone wall as a boundary which will match the stone on the other side of the street. The houses will have timber cladding, which is already on other houses in the area, and the parapets of the houses are below the eaves of the existing buildings. The presenters feel that the design of the house will fit into the area well. Cllr Cobb</p>	



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	<p>mentioned that the visual impact is a significant issue especially from Rodden Meadow. The presenters have had visual impact studies completed and constructed the view with a model. The plans show that the new houses are below profile of the houses behind. Cllr Cobb had concerns of what they look like closer up and has asked if they could make some plans of the perspective closer to the houses. The presenters said there is no reason why all the houses have to be laid out the same way when Cllr Cobb asked.</p>	
2016/049P	<p>4 FOR DISCUSSION: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM</p> <p>Jane met with Natasha Durham and Steven Blake who is the Elections Officer at Mendip District Council. Jane mentioned that the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum is set to be in October but the date is still to be confirmed. Frome Town Council will not know the exact figure for what they will be funded to spend throughout the referendum due to the number of electors changing every week. Some of the ideas which were suggested by the PAG were; to have a stand at the Cheese Show, to have a stall at the Independent Market and to have copies of the Neighbourhood Plan at the Cheese and Grain so members of the public can view it. They also would like to design a flyer with five key points about the Neighbourhood Plan which could be delivered to households. Jane said Frome Town Council will be advertising to accept the Neighbourhood Plan and FTC will need to register as a campaign group to do this. Jane will put together a table of events and send it to the Cllrs. Cllr Goldfinger asked James Wood, Frome Standard Journalist, if he would put something in the Frome Standard if Jane sends something over, James said that this wouldn't be a problem.</p>	
2016/050P	<p>5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Thursday 8 September 2016 at 6.00pm The Saxonvale Centre, Garsdale, Frome BA11 1RZ</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.30pm.



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