



## ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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### ATTLEBOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

#### Minutes of the Remote Meeting of the Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan Committee Held on Monday 19 April 2021 at 7pm

#### Present:

	Cllr E Tyrer – presiding	
Cllr P Leslie	Cllr L Grave	Cllr A Westby
Cllr T Taylor	Cllr J Ellis	Cllr V Dale,
M Ridgway	E Burrows	Dist. Cllr Ashby

In attendance - Anne Willett – CEO's Assistant (minute taker)

#### 049.21) Apologies for absence

None received

#### 050.21) Declarations of Interest

a) **Declarations of interest received:** - None received

b) **To receive any requests for dispensation of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest -**  
None received.

#### 051.21) Resident's Questions – None received

Cllr Grave had received concerns from a resident that spraying had been carried out on plants situated around trees at Grosvenor Park, London Road. This would be queried with Grounds staff to ensure safe spraying is carried out.

Cllr Tyrer had received photographs of rubble being left in the play area at Grosvenor Park and confirmed a problem with litter was happening at other open spaces and the Town Council would use the website and social media to garner a better community spirit.

#### 052.21) Minutes of the Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meeting held on 15 March 2021 –

On the motion of Cllr Westby, seconded by Cllr Dale, it was,

**RESOLVED** to accept and approve the minutes of the Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held on 15 March 2021.

#### 053.21) ANP Theme Sub-Committees Updates –

- Cllr Tyrer gave a general update on meetings, one had taken place with Simon Wood and George Freeman MP, another arranged with Sam Chapman-Allen on 20<sup>th</sup> April and Ptarmigan on 10<sup>th</sup> May.
- It had been discussed that Attleborough could become a 20 Minute Town promoted by Town & Country Planning Association to develop Towns and Cities to

be connected within 20 minutes. There was a willingness to revisit the ADP, there is a need for that partnership and comments from all sides to do that

a) The Local Economy Updates –

- Still working on Thetford Attleborough Partnership (TAP). There is a best practice between 5 market towns and when it works it is passed onto the other towns. We want to position ourselves strategically on the A11 Tech Corridor and explore how to market our area. We are still investigating the land towards The Stag to see if it is deliverable if not what are the options to identify further employment land.

**ACTION: ET/PL**

b) Housing –

- Been in discussion with Simon Wood - this would come together a lot more if we were to go along the 20 Minute concept, there is a big area of deliverable and affordable housing in there and part of that is design and how we could influence design in the market place.

c) Transport & Communication –

- Parking strategy being discussed tomorrow with Breckland, also hoping to catch up with contact from BT, we want to be an example of digital investment changes the format and usage of term
- There is a trial pending on Queens Square car park which was delayed due to Covid. Cllr Leslie and Dist. Cllr Ashby keen to act on this commitment which could feed into car parking strategy. The first three hours would remain free and there would need to be provision made for people working in the town needing to park all day. Need to explore Council owned land for additional parking, find out about train station parking and take Car Park trial to Full Council meeting.

**ACTION: ET/PL**

d) Education –

- Nothing to report apart from Rose Croft and Attleborough Primary Schools looking to join as a Trust.

e) Health & Social Care –

- Elizabeth Burrows reported they had a further meeting with CCG, Attleborough had been identified as a priority area but was in competition for monies available. It must be emphasised at Breckland level the importance of the investment in health provision for Attleborough. Work had started on phase one of the UEA project and the outcome would be shared.

f) Sports & Community Facilities –

- Indoor Sports Centre – no meetings of Sub Group due to commitments, Cllr Tyrer happy to co-ordinate for the moment. Another meeting between Breckland, Academy and SETS arranged for 26<sup>th</sup> April to scope our project, the only commitment at this stage.
- Gaymers needs to be followed up and taken forward.
- Old Library site update – remains in use as storage, no plans realised until after May Elections, likely to be a lot of interest so may be sensible to obtain a valuation as only a six-month window. Cllr Leslie had been in conversation with Cllr Oliver who would approach Norfolk County Council after election on possible disposal and valuation of site, then discuss possibility of Town Council procuring the site. Would need to have viable options i.e. business case study but as part of the community to become an asset for the community. Cllr Westby advised importance of obtaining a valuation and also view the site in readiness.

g) Environment, Sustainability and Design Quality –

- Decoy Common – Mary Ridgway gave update – under discussion regarding land ownership of both Decoy and Besthorpe Commons and adjoining land. Outline

suggestion for entrance track have been produced. Additional sources of funding need to be sought as well as Attleborough residents' suggestions on how to enhance for public use. Cllr Tyrer had requested three quotes for a topographical survey, depending on survey, three quotes would be obtained for building work, to be carried out fairly soon as funding deadline is July. Still waiting for official plan from Land Charities showing land ownership. Local schools would be contacted for their ideas on Decoy and Linear Park.

- Bloomers - been working in Queens Square improving borders, replacing plants, looking to order plants for the tubs and hanging baskets shortly. There had been lots of positive feedback and donations of plants from residents and the community. Cllr Tyrer thanked volunteers and everyone involved and for the work being done by Cllr Taylor on the new sensory/community garden.
- Cllr Tyrer hoped to get the 20 Minute Town concept moving with updates from Breckland about the Development Partnership and would like to pencil in a presentation to you at the next meeting.

**ACTION: ET**

**054.21) ANP Projects** – Already discussed in items above

**055.21) Community Involvement** –. No further progress

**056.21) Any Other Business-**

Elizabeth Burrows pleased with how many meetings had taken place since last ANP Committee meeting

**057.21) Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.25pm