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Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Nuthurst Parish Council held at Copsale Village Hall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllr C Kenny (Chairman), Cllr V Court, Cllr S Newell, Cllr S Catterall, Cllrs W Bayley, Cllr K McGovern  
District Councillor Dennis Livingston.

**Apologies:** Cllr D Cotton.

**Clerk:** Lisa Wilcock

There was 6 members of the public (parish tree warden).

*Meeting commenced 1930hrs*

**PC044-24/25 Apologies for absence**

It was RESOLVED to accept the apologies from Cllr D Cotton.

**PC045-24/25 Declaration of Interests**

No declarations of interest were made.

**PC046-24/25 CHAIR'S ANNOUCEMENTS**

None.

**PC047-24/25 PUBLIC SESSION**

MOP in regard to agenda item 9, with experience of NP. Understand HDC wanting to deliver more houses to get the LP through inspection. WSALC advice is ambivalent about whether PC should revise the NP. Unwise to do it now. Position of Government and planning authority is not clear and with the unitary authority there are so many unknowns.

MOP process planning meetings are more fundamental for the future is it possible to have the public session at the end rather than a third of the way down. So, you cannot ask questions once the presentations have been made.

District Councillor Dennis Livingstone, feedback from inspector has asked more questions. LP does not have any additional houses requirements for the area, and I agree at this present time it is best to hold back on the NP. Must be concerned about the assets are given to appropriate organisations and that the funding is in place to support them.

Question – as the LP is not compliant with the NPPF, does it have any teeth and what does one do when the two are in conflict. Cannot answer but NP still has 5 years to run. The LA may choose to ignore some aspects of the plan. So far, the made NP has protected speculative planning in the parish.

Chairman noted that the proposed unitary authority is now in a state of flux and there is no point in reviewing the NP now. Noted that council had already resolved to not re-visit the NP.

**PC048-24/25 MINUTES**

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the last meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 the Chairman signed the minutes.

- PC049-24/25 PLANNING MATTERS**  
None for consideration.
- PC050-24/25 LIST OF COMPLIANCE CASES BY HDC** – none.
- PC051-24/25 PARISH & NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN BRIEFING** – noted that the Clerk and 2 councillors attended the briefing. HDC are still awaiting a response from the inspector at the time of the presentation and were unable to give clear guidance on what will happen next with the LP. Noted that the LP is expected to go through as it is a robust document carefully written with legal and officer advice.
- PC052-24/25 WATER NEUTRALITY – IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – the council **noted** the document with the changes made to water neutrality. It was noted that there was no clear indication of how the new water neutrality policy will fit with the NPPF and how the developments reach a planning decision. How the water will be obtained to build in the area is unclear.
- PC053-24/25 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING AND PLANNING REFORM – WHAT’S HAPPENING AND WHAT DIFFERENCE IT WILL MAKE?** – the council **noted** the advice received from WSALC.
- PC054-24/25 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** – the next planning committee meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

*Meeting closed 1951hrs*

*Signed..... Dated.....*