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**MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
22nd February 2021 AT 7 pm (HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM)**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jon Clarke	Chair
Mark Somervail	Vice Chair
Beryl Edwards	
Neil Pocock	
Gordon Godfrey	
Susan Rees	
Lara Pringle	

ALSO, PRESENT

Proper Officer Mrs U Kilich, County Councillor Douris and 47 members of public

EX/06/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence
Cllr Capozzi sent her apologies.

EX/07/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare an interest linked to any item on the agenda.
There were no Declaration of Interest.

EX/08/21 Public Participation

There were 47 members of public attending the Zoom meeting.

EX/09/21

Local Plan Strategy

Cllr Clarke opened the meeting by introducing himself and the Council members. The Local Plan was the subject of extensive comment both from Councillors and members of the public, the “subject” will form part of Cllr Clarke’s response to Dacorum Borough Council.

The main body of the report will be on:

- Inadequate consultation period
- Failure to use Brownfield land.
- Climate change biodiversity
- Housing target of 922 considered too high.
- No traffic management plans.
- Physical health and mental wellbeing
- 50% population increase.
- Traffic congestion and road safety
- Bulbourne and water supply
- 40 acres of Green Belt lost
- Berkhamsted merging into Northchurch.
- Infrastructure needs.

Cllr Clarke invited Cllr Douris to speak. Cllr Douris said he did not indicate that he wanted to speak: he attended the meeting to listen, learn and understand the views from both the councillors and the members of public which he found was helpful. As a County Councillor, Cllr Douris was particularly interested about the suggestion that Bell Lane could become a cycle way. One of the elements Hertfordshire are considering under the Local Transport Plan 4, is also encouraging people to use public transport.

Cllr Pringle as Dacorum Borough Councillor addressed members of the public stating that she was highly impressed with the quality of argument against the Local Plan. Cllr Pringle went on to invite members of the public to attend the Dacorum Borough Council’s meeting on Local Plan taking place on 24th February. Cllr Pringle expressed her concerns over the timing of Local Plan where the elderly and vulnerable were not able to submit their feedback to Dacorum due to shielding/isolating, on that basis Cllr Pringle proposed to have the Local Plan Consultation be stopped. Cllr Pringle encouraged all to complete the questionnaire. Cllr Pringle closed the meeting by informing all that Northchurch Parish Council has improved the website.

Ex/10/21

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 29th March 2021 Meeting at 7.00pm via Zoom Meeting.