

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 07 NOVEMBER 2022
AT CAPEL PARISH HALL**

1 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr Ball, Mr McLachlan, Mrs Schryver, and the Clerk.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mr Garber, Mrs Dale, Mr Salter, Mr Ashwood, Mr Cox and Mrs Ryan.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

4 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS:** None

5 **MOLE VALLEY LOCAL PLAN – Update on Hearing Sessions:**

Councillors had received a report regarding the Mole Valley Local Plan Hearing session on Tuesday 25 October and summing up on Friday 28 October 2022.

Although the hearings have concluded the inquiry is still formally open.

- At this stage the Inspector has not concluded on the key issue of housing numbers, but she has asked for additional information before she decides on this point.
- The Inspector has asked the District Council more justification for the housing numbers on the town centre sites, where the Councils density matrix has not been employed.
- She also asked the District Council to review the Green Belt methodology where they have made recent modifications to the Green Belt boundary as part of the examination process. In effect they need to go through the exceptional circumstances test.
- She also asked for a table making it clear the capacity of building within various zones i.e. built up area/Green Belt/Countryside beyond the Green Belt.
- Also, to review the site selection and possible change in circumstances.
- She has asked for this information to be provided by the 11 November and will then prepare an initial view a few weeks later.

6 **APPEAL LAND SOUTH OF COLES LANE, OCKLEY – Update on appeal date:**

The Parish Council has been informed that the appeal hearing for application MO/2020/0667 will resume on 29 November at 13:00 (online only).

The purpose of resuming the hearing is principally so interested persons are given an opportunity to speak about the evidence as set out on the Council's consultation letter dated 24 August 2022.

Although the Inspector asked questions about that evidence during the hearing session on 28 July 2022, and the appellant and the Council have already provided their views on the evidence, the Inspector has a small number of additional questions to ask because of the consultation.

The Parish Council has already informed the retained legal and professional team of the hearing.

7 **LAND OFF TEMPLE LANE, CAPEL:**

The Council was reminded of the recent letter received from Solicitors Engleharts regarding this matter. It was agreed no reply would be forwarded until the full Parish council has had time to read the letter and agree a response. In the meantime, the Clerk will remind Engleharts of Parish Council meetings and statutory obligations and that the earliest date for members to determine their course of action will be 21 November 2022.

Dates of Next Meetings:

Full Council Meeting: **Monday 21 November 2022 at Beare Green Village Hall**

Planning Committee: **Monday 5 December 2022 starting at 7:00pm**

Finance Committee: **Monday 09 January 2023**