



2/22

## MINUTES

### EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF IGHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm via Zoom to discuss the Call for Sites.

Present: Cllr Willingham (Chair), Cllr Holden (Vice Chair), Cllr Burgham, Cllr Clark, Cllr Emmett, Cllr Fielder, Cllr Hogarth, Cllr Mitchem, The Parish Clerk and 4 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllr Hall and Borough Cllr Betts
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** - Cllr Hogarth declared an interest in Dark Hill as a close neighbour
3. **PUBLIC**

A question was asked about whether there was a planning application for Dark Hill and Cllr Willingham confirmed that there was not although we have seen a scheme for development recently.

#### 4. **CALL FOR SITES**

Cllr Willingham explained that as an early stage of the review and refresh of The Local Plan we have been asked to identify a range of suitable, available and deliverable sites that can help meet the development needs of the borough up to 2039. This includes the need for:

- new homes
- new jobs
- other land uses

TMBC are inviting land owners, developers and other people with an interest in the use and development of land to submit sites for assessment. The deadline is 5pm on 7 February 2022

Cllr Willingham said that there were 3 potential sites in Ightham: Dark Hill, Plasterite on Redwell Lane which is a brownfield site and the land behind Greenacres Nursery on Haul Road.

It was felt that it should be up to the owners to put forward the site near Greenacres.

Following a discussion with the owners of Plasterite, it was decided that it would be inappropriate for us to put the site forward.

All sites that the Parish Council put forward in the last call for sites were rejected due them being in greenbelt and AONB.

Cllr Holden said that we should consider our position on building in AONB/greenbelt to help with our decision making process.

Signed.....Dated.....



There was a discussion about Dark Hill as we have seen several proposals for the site. There was a suggestion that we could put forward the site with conditions such as a limit on the number of houses, however, there would be no guarantee that they would be adhered to.

All Councillors gave their views, and it was *unanimously* decided that we would not put any sites forward on the basis that they were all greenbelt and AONB. The Clerk was asked to write to TMBC to let them know with our reasons.

The meeting closed at 20.11pm

Signed.....Dated.....