

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Brightling Parish Council held on
Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom video conference

Parish Councillors present: Cllrs Caroline Croft, Daniel Lambert-Gorwyn, Dianne Mower,
Andrew Wedmore (Chair)

Parish Councillors absent: Cllrs Wrenn, Oxenford & Petty

In attendance: Gilly Lowe, Clerk to the Council
5 Members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr Petty & Cllr Kirby-Green

2. Planning Consultations

Cllr Mower provided a summary of the proposed changes to the two government consultations on the planning process. Cllr Wedmore explained that the purpose of the meeting was to approve the draft documents as official responses from the Parish Council. There would be an opportunity for members of the public to comment, and then the councillors present would vote on the responses.

All members of the public commented that they appreciated the hard work that had gone into researching and summarising the response from Brightling Parish Council – it was noted that the supporting documentation was very detailed and technical. The question was asked if the Council were working with neighbouring parishes to co-ordinate the response, and Cllr Mower confirmed that this was the case.

Cllr Wedmore commented that in his opinion the best form of pressure was for individuals to write to their MP expressing their views on the proposed changes.

Cllr Wedmore proposed that all four documents be adopted and that the clerk should be asked to submit the response documents to NALC, and to the government consultations, as the official response of Brightling Parish Council. Cllr Croft seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously. Cllr Wedmore proposed that he be authorised to use the resources of the village website to publicize these responses, to campaign against these proposals and to urge parishioners to contact the local MP and councillors. This was seconded by Cllr Croft and passed unanimously.

3. The meeting was closed.

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Signed (Chairman)

Date