

HARBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Extraordinary General Meeting of Harberton Parish Council
at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at Harberton Parish Hall

In attendance: Cllr Beamish, Davies, Hambly, Morris, Paine, Palmer.

Apologies: Cllr Bowley, Camp, Williams.

Invitees: Alex Crowe and Jem Friar (Members of the Neighbourhood Planning Group), D.Cllr McKay

Clerk: Ms Radford

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Agenda

1. **Apologies** were noted above.

2. **Neighbourhood Plan Renewable Energy Chapter** *To consider the Parish Council's response to the chapter, as drafted, having been introduced to the Energy Policies by members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.* Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group thanked the Parish Council to reviewing draft chapters of the Neighbourhood Plan at meetings this year, and introduced the context for the Energy Chapter.

It was commented that the policies within the draft Energy Chapter had been written following a specific consultation event in February, led by members of the Steering Group. The purpose of the events was to listen to what matters to local residents when discussing the local landscape and discussing renewable energy, and begin to balance those things. It was commented that matters such as support the reduction of waste in energy and generation of energy through community projects was discussed. The output from that meeting was a detailed discussion document that will form part of the Neighbourhood Plan's evidence base.

It was noted that the nature and the local landscape were mentioned frequently in the 'free comments' boxes of the recent Housing Consultation survey, showing how important these issues are for local residents.

Each policy was discussed in turn:

Policy: 'Sustainable buildings' It was noted that the policy has the object/intention to reduce energy costs and carbon emissions from our homes and other buildings. **It was RESOLVED** that councillors agreed with the draft policy.

Policy: 'Renewable energy' It was noted that the policy has the object/intention to encourage appropriate renewable energy infrastructure that directly benefits our community. There was discussion on whether the policy as drafted was too prescriptive, but on balance **it was RESOLVED** that councillors were in support of the draft policy.

Possible community initiative: Harberton Parish Energy Group It was noted that this community initiative is proposed to encourage appropriate renewable energy infrastructure that directly benefits our community also. **It was RESOLVED** cllrs were in support of the community initiative.

Meeting closed at 7:30pm