

**SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
AUTHORITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held at 2.00pm on 7 November 2018 at the Memorial Hall, South Downs Centre, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9DH

Present:

Alun Alesbury	Tim Burr	David Coldwell	Norman Dingemans
Janet Duncton	Barbara Holyome	Daniel Humphreys	Roger Huxstep
Helen Jackson	Doug Jones	Russell Oppenheimer	Margaret Paren (Chair)
Ian Phillips			

South Downs National Park Authority Officers:

Trevor Beattie (Chief Executive), Andrew Lee (Director of Countryside and Policy Management), Tim Slaney (Director of Planning), Steven Bedford (Chief Finance Officer), Louise Read (Monitoring Officer), Robin Parr (Head of Governance) and Richard Sandiford (Senior Committee and Member Services Officer).

Also attended by:

Mike Hughes (Major Planning Projects and Performance Manager) and Andy Beattie (Wealden Heath Countryside and Policy Manager).

OPENING REMARKS

I02. The Chair informed those present of general housekeeping matters.

ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

I03. Apologies were received from Sebastian Anstruther, Heather Baker, Ken Bodfish, Chris Dowling, Neville Harrison, Tom Jones, Gill Mattock, Robert Mocatta, Graham Morrison, Anthony Watts Williams and Pete West.

ITEM 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

I04. The following declarations of interest were made:

- Norman Dingemans – Agenda Item 6, Public Service Interest as an Arun District Councillor.

ITEM 3. URGENT ITEMS

I05. There were none.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

I06. The Chair invited Kay Wagland, speaking as Chair of Arundel Scate, to address the meeting.

I07. Kay Wagland made the following points regarding the A27 Arundel Bypass:

- That Arundel Scate supported the Authority's action taken in order to protect the National Park.
- Information was available that challenged the information Highways England (HE) made available during their consultation and that a number of errors had been identified in the data from HE.
- The Purple Route should be considered by HE as it met the needs of Arundel and the National park.

ITEM 5. NEED FOR PART II EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

I08. Members were asked to consider whether, in respect of Agenda Item 6 the public, including the press, should be excluded from the meeting on the basis that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if a member of the public were present during the items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 5 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, being information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exempt information outweighed the public interest in disclosing

the information. The basis for this being that whilst there was a public interest in maintaining transparency of Authority proceedings and ensuring public understanding in relation to the business of the Authority it was felt that on balance this was outweighed by the requirement of the National Park Authority to be able to take legal advice and fully consider the implications of its actions or proposed actions without confidential information being released into the public domain.

- I 09. It was proposed and seconded that the meeting move into private session to consider agenda item 6.
- I 10. **RESOLVED:** The Authority resolved to move into private session for agenda item 6 and the public, including the press, were excluded from the meeting.
- I 11. The Chair closed the meeting to the public, including the press, at 2.10pm.

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