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Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Monday 16th March 2026, in the Methodist Chapel at 7pm.

Present – Cllrs F Smethers (Chair), N Bess, K Gardner, J Gibbins, B Hancy, I Haynes, C Nnadozie, S Roberts, C Wallace

Also present – Clerk and 1 member of the public

Meeting start: 7pm

**307/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies approved for Cllr Starmer. Cllrs Madle, Phillips and Taylor were not present.

**308/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

None

**309/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Member of the public just wished to observe.

**310/25 CONSULTATION**

Council discussed the Local Plan and its impact on Harpole.

Under the plan, Harpole is expected to plan for a further 110 houses. It was proposed that this is objected to due to all the housing under the two SUE in the parish. It was thought that any need by Harpole for housing would be met by this. Whilst the SUE fall under a line for Northampton, they are in Harpole Parish and the parish council is trying integrate all into one community. It was asked if any planning approved between now and the publication of the plan would count towards any number given to Harpole.

The village confines have changed slightly but all were happy with the proposals.

There was a proposal that we ask that development should be infrastructure led. Mitigation for extra traffic should be in place before building starts. There should also be safe continuous active travel routes between developments and the villages they are linked to. There also seems to be insufficient evidence that this plan aligns with the transport plan.

The Local plan is also asking for Green Space allocations. Several areas around the parish were suggested to keep a green buffer, and to preserve historical or special green places.

Mention should be made of the short consultation length in comparison to how long it has taken to pull together and publish and its length.

Clerk to draft response based on discussion and to circulate for comment before the deadline. Our response to be published on website / facebook / noticeboards to encourage residents to respond.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Signed

Date