

MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL – 2 November 2020

AGENDA ITEM 8

Public Question Time

1) *Question from Richard Armstrong*

How do WLDC expect to respond to the overwhelming comments and feedback received for a Normanby by Spital Single Neighbourhood Plan?

- Will WLDC decide to endorse a single plan and simply note the residents feedback in the consultancy Neighbourhood Plan documents (as suggested by an Officer) or
- Will they chose to intervene and advise Normanby Parish Council that residents clearly want a joint plan with Owmbly?
- Whilst WLDC may not have the power to overturn the Normanby Parish Council decision, WLDC have a moral duty to act and mediate with Normanby PC over this injustice and lack of respect for the villagers they are meant to represent

Considerations:

- Residents overwhelmingly support a Joint Plan and we have collected approximately 50 letters/emails of support, some of which are yet to be posted to WLDC for the 4th September consultancy period deadline.
- A Petition signed by 138 residents requesting the Parish Council reconsider reinstating the Joint Plan was completely ignored in November 2019.
- Public funds from Localities of £4000 has been spent on a joint NP, will WLDC be endorsing two separate NP's costing approx. £9,000 for each parish wasting valuable public funds when the Joint Plan can be resurrected.
- There is such discontent by villagers that Normanby PC are not representing their views that an election has been called (after approx.no elections for 30 years) for the latest Councillor vacancy. Trust has gone, and the Normanby PC Code of Conduct is ignored, as they are not representing the view of the residents
- Owmbly PC have written a letter of support stating they still want a Joint Plan with Normanby by Spital.

Attachments:

1. Letter containing residents' concerns, which many have signed.
2. Letter from Owmbly Parish Council
3. Letter from Normanby PC

*Note the attachments have been provided to Councillors under exempt cover.

2) Statement from Normanby-by-Spital Parish Council

Our comments relate to the application for a single neighbourhood plan.

We analysed 100 letters: 3 were not named or addressed

72 on template letters

25 individual letters

Including 8 non residents

Concerns have been raised by certain individuals who felt obliged to sign what was put in front of them and who openly admit to not knowing what it was about. Some are from very vulnerable residents, who were not informed that their details would be placed into the public domain.

Not all households were approached by the "Action Group".

We would like to thank WLDC for all their help and understanding regarding this matter.