



**DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Duston Parish Council  
Duston Community Centre  
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**Planning Committee**  
**MINUTES 24<sup>TH</sup> September 2020**

**CHAIR:** Councillor M Ingram

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Huffadine-Smith, Maitland, Pepper

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Gary Youens – Deputy Parish Clerk

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

- Cllrs Clarke

**2. To receive the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
(APPENDIX A)**

- The minutes were agreed as a true record.

**3. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to  
business on the agenda.**

- There were none.

**4. Public Participation Session**

- There were no members of the public registered to speak.

## 5. Planning for the Future White Paper 2020

It was RESOLVED:

To make this submission:

- Planning should have viable communities at its heart. Planning needs to create places where people actually want to live. Existing communities should be able to trust the planning system in that their voice shall be heard.
- Planning should also be about place shaping and so each community has their own identity.
- Welcome the proposed change in time frame for such local plans to be 30 months, the current average of 84 Months means they already out of date once completed.
- Planning must become more accessible. We support local planning authorities making it easier for people to feed their views into the system via social networks and via their smart phones. So no more planning applications on lamp posts.
- Delivering more affordable housing is crucial. There is a significant shortage of affordable housing in the Northampton area.
- There is in the Planning for the future a stronger emphasis on Neighbourhood Plans and the 25% share of CIL, there should be a fairer distribution than the one we encounter at present where 106 agreements are made in secrecy and are rarely allocated to the appropriate parish.
- Unfortunately, there is nothing about "in fill" developments and HMO in the paper. These are important issues faced by more urban areas.
- Whilst Estate Management Companies are outside of the current planning system local councils should always be given the option to adopt Public Open Space.

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