

DRAFT MINUTES: CORBY GLEN PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th October 2020 at 7.30pm using video conferencing.

Present: Cllrs Lamming (Chair), Collins, Cook, Fowler, Fox, Hargreaves & Muir.

In attendance: Mr A Clink (Musson Close Resident), Cllr N Robins, Mrs S Woodman, Parish Clerk

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr Walsingham. Reasons noted and accepted.
- 2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None noted.
- 3. Matters to be further discussed at this meeting:**

Councillors had been sent previously the draft Application for Local Green Space Designation document relating to the land in the centre of Mussons Close, prepared by the Mussons Close Group. The group are seeking the Parish Council's endorsement and requesting that the application be submitted by the Parish Council, as the previous submission had been.

Mr Clink outlined the history of the land and the reasons for the need for the green space designation.

A previous application for Local Green Space designation (November 2015) had failed because although the application met two of the three criteria, SKDC were not convinced it met the third, namely that the land is "demonstrably special to the local community and holds a particular local significance". The current submission, therefore, has stressed the ways in which the land meets this element of the criteria.

Since 2015 the land has been entered on SKDC's register as an "Asset of Community Value", but this entry will expire in March 2021 and a new application will be required to maintain the entry.

The owner of the land had appealed unsuccessfully against SKDC's refusal of planning permission, but the appeal highlighted the fact that despite belief to the contrary, the land currently has no formal designation as open space, a situation which this application now seeks to rectify. The application has the support of the Open Spaces Society.

Mr Clink explained that although the designation, if approved, would not prevent building, it would give the land the equivalent of 'Green Belt' status, which must then be taken into account by with regard to future planning applications.

There is already a court case pending concerning the injunction on the owner to clear debris from the land. The case has been deferred from June until November because of the coronavirus pandemic. Until this is resolved, it is difficult for SKDC to enforce the injunction.

After discussion, the Parish Council resolved to endorse the application and request that the application be submitted by the clerk on behalf of the council. Agreed. 6 for, 1 abstention. The word 'unanimously' will be removed from the Forward.

Cllr Cook will attend future meetings with SKDC in the role of an observer and report back to the Council.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Mrs. Sue Woodman – Parish Clerk