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MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PAVILION AT 6.30pm ON MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2019.

488/19 Record of attendance and apologies

In attendance: Cllrs Mrs Clark (Chair), Vawer, Stevens, McElvogue, Fisher and Porter. Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Shackleton, Ratcliffe and Rogers.

489/19 Declaration of interests on items on the agenda

None.

490/19 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting of 5 August 2019 were confirmed as being a true record of the business conducted.

491/19 A27 Arundel Bypass

Cllr Mrs Clark gave an overview of West Sussex County Council's A27 Arundel Options ECF Select Committee meeting held earlier in the day. Seven members were present, and a number of speakers presented their views, of which the committee asked several questions. Five members voted in favour of the Magenta route, with one against and one abstention.

The council meeting discussed its response to Highways England on the A27 Arundel Bypass Consultation and agreed the following;

Option 3v1 - Crimson

At our parish meeting this option was well-supported. It has historically - from well before 2017 - been the preferred compromise route of local communities. WPC members were swayed by comments made to them by HE and by our MP and others in both 2017 and 2019 saying it was unattainable. In the last few weeks we have written confirmation from HE that the Crimson option is in fact "viable" and that there is no clear planning reason for them to indicate a negative planning outcome. As best it can WPC has confirmed this is legally correct. Therefore, on this ground it considers the consultation has lacked transparency and fairness. and been unsatisfactorily muddled and divisive. An attempt at the end of the consultation period to build stakeholder and public consensus for Crimson was unsuccessful.

The council's support for the Crimson option was put to a vote. The vote to support the Crimson route was carried unanimously.

Resolved: To support the Crimson route.

On behalf of the council Cllr Mrs Clark wished to express appreciation for the work undertaken by the Highways Working Group throughout the A27 Arundel Bypass Consultation.

Signed	Date