



Watlington Parish Council

Watlington
Neighbourhood
Development Plan



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD ON MONDAY 18th MARCH 2024 AT 7.30p.m. THIS WAS AN ONLINE MEETING

Present: Gill Bindoff (GB chair), Tony Powell (TP), Kim Harris (KH), Fiona Danks (FD), Isla Woodcock (IW)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.
Apologies were received from James Herridge-Leng, Keith Jackson and Terry Jackson. James will be stepping down and Keith has asked for a 3 month leave of absence.
2. Declarations of Interest
There were none.
3. Minutes of the meeting of 19th February 2024 and matters arising.
Resolved – these minutes were agreed to be a correct record of the meeting.
 - a) Update on the completion of the shared cycleway/footpath from Red Kite View to Cuxham Road
Although the legal agreements are now in place there is still no timescale for the works. There is also no information on what the completed scheme will look like. GB has been chasing Freddie Van Mierlo on this.
 - b) Treescape appraisal working group: meeting on 26.02.24
There was a meeting at the end of February and it was agreed to do a walkaround in April to review trees which could need a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) and are not currently covered. Areas of woodland which need better management will also be reviewed but this will be complicated as most are in private ownership. It was suggested an article for the Watlington Times would help raise awareness.
4. Review of the WNDP:
 - a) Policies and discussion with SODC
No update this month.
 - b) SODC Joint Local Plan: Response submitted
The response was submitted.
 - c) Watlington Conservation Area Appraisal
GB has met with the Heritage Officer- it was a useful meeting and SODC are ready to start the official consultation in the next 2-3 weeks. The consultation

will last 6 weeks. Changes to the Conservation Area will then be considered and adopted by SODC late summer. SODC will review non-designated heritage assets (previously grade 3 listed buildings) and also some of the walls. SODC have also been sent the WNDP Treescape Appraisal and Design Guide. TP added that the boundary of the AONB was being reviewed and a reserve draft part of the WNDP might be considered to prepare for this.

5. Locality funded projects: updates:

Application for technical support for the delivery of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan: discussion with Ben Castell, AECOM on 23.02.24

GB and Steve Bolingbroke met with AECOM. KJ had started looking at a public transport survey – funded by SODC and run by CFO. GB will meet with Andy Aherne to discuss how this can be progressed while Keith is unavailable.

6. Update on development:

Planning application for the Watlington Relief Road WPC response to the consultation and other responses.

Unfortunately OCC have only published responses from statutory consultees so it is difficult to gauge reaction. Comments have been scattered throughout the 100 documents so it is difficult to access. GB suggested asking for a meeting with the SODC planning department and will also meet the Rights of Way officer with Andy Aherne and Steve Bolingbroke.

Red Kite View: Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan (attached)

The plan has been updated as Bloor failed to deliver on the Hedgehog highways and Swift boxes. There are additional items like bird boxes, a nesting box and a barn owl box. We will write to Emma Bowerman to say we are not happy with the situation but we note the extras.

Resolved : to have a site visit with Emma Bowerman and check that the extra items have actually been installed and see the state of the new trees when they are in leaf. FD added that she had seen the leaflets sent to residents and they did not explain the benefits or importance of the hedgehog highways and swift boxes. KH asked about ongoing management of the green spaces. The document says the developer is responsible for the replacing failed trees for 5 years and for the green space in perpetuity. A management group will need to be set up to manage the green spaces.

7. Other matters and date of next meeting

TP added that Barrett homes are trying to take over Redrow.

Next meeting Monday 22nd April