



Watlington Parish Council

**Watlington**  
Neighbourhood  
Development Plan



**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD  
HELD ON  
MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 8.00p.m. VIA VIDEO CALL.**

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**Present:** Gill Bindoff (GB), Terry Jackson (TJ), Keith Jackson (KJ), Tony Powell (TP), Matt Reid (MR), Peter Richardson (PR), Tim Horton (TH) Ian Hill (IH)

**Officer:** Rachel Gill

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.  
Apologies from Andrew McAuley (AM)

2. Declarations of Interest  
None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**Resolved: That these minutes are a correct record of the meeting and that they be signed by the Chair.**

4. Matters arising from previous minutes:

CIL A group of parish councillors has been set up to review potential CIL projects. It will work with the Strategy Committee and reflect priorities in the WPC Strategic Plan. WPC will strive to obtain additional funding for projects from the SODC and OCC share of CIL payments on development in Watlington.

Edge Road Consultancy Specification: we have still not received a copy of this document. RG to check with KT on whether we have had any response.

Meeting with Louise Wicks – this has not happened. This needs to be chased up with Steve Harrod.

Representation at the SODC Local Plan hearing. WPC made written representations to the Inspector regarding the edge road and GB represented WPC at the Examination hearing on 04.08.20. Having considered all the evidence before him, the Inspector's preliminary note (28.08.20) states that safeguarding land for an edge road is sound. OCC has provided an updated map which includes the 2 possible routes for the road. This will appear as a modification to the Local Plan. Final decisions on the route will be based on the consultant's reports.

Transport Group. There has been no meeting and the questionnaire has not been sent. RG offered to look into using survey monkey when questionnaire is sent.

Conservation Area Specification – as agreed, GB has asked for a meeting with SODC but there is no date set yet.

Renewable Energy – TJ is waiting on feedback from Kate Brown and will then circulate the final version of the note before sending it to Providence Land.

Airband – there has been no update on their offer regarding provision of fibre to the premises. RG to contact Airband for an update.

Providence Land developments at Sites B and C. A revised outline application showing both alternative routes for the edge road is expected to be submitted to SODC shortly. It could go to the SODC Planning Committee in November.

5. Green Spaces in new development sites. TH raised the issue of whether it would be better for these areas to be run by management companies or the Parish Council. He was nervous that these large areas would not be under local control and would prefer the Parish Council to take them on. GB added that the Watlington Green Plan group had also asked about this. GB has asked around neighbouring local councils to see if there are any precedents. TH suggested writing to Bloor Homes. TP said we would need to be very sure on the costs and liabilities involved.

**Resolved : Recommend to Full Council that WPC writes to Bloor Homes on this matter and moves it forward.**

#### 6. Review of the WNDP

##### Conservation Area Review.

There may be a problem with Locality funding – RG to resolve this ASAP so we can proceed. It seems we can apply for the full amount less what we have had in the last 5 years, this is the normal interval for review, however the inspector requested the WNDP be reviewed after 2 years. We have received the full amount of grant we can have in the last 5 years.

After meeting note: Locality has confirmed that the 5 year restriction does not apply to NDPs which are being reviewed so RG will submit the grant application form.

##### Draft Timeline

GB circulated a draft timeline for the review of the WNDP and asked for feedback from the group. TJ suggested adding in 'what ifs' and also noted that a group of 2 councillors and 2 non councillors were looking at Climate Action and incorporating this into the review of the plan. TP was concerned that the review would take place when there are a lot of changes going on in the planning system and things could soon be very different. GB noted that whatever happens we still need a strategic plan for Watlington. There was some further discussion on this matter. TH asked whether the plan was to get groups of residents involved and GB said yes. The model provided by community engagement in the development of the WNDP was successful and will be used again.

It was resolved that NPAB members will send comments/suggestions for inclusion in the Timeline to RG with a copy to GB. A revised Timeline will be produced for consideration at the October meeting.

## 6. Response to consultation on Planning for the Future White Paper (MHCLG)

The full consultation document together with the linked consultation on 'Changes to the current planning system' were discussed.

GB offered to draft a response document. There are 2 parts :

1. Consultation on changes to the current planning system – deadline 1/10/20
2. Consultation on the wider document – deadline 29/10/20

TP has also made some notes and will send to GB. TH felt that the strength of our NP was in choosing sites and addressing traffic issues and he felt that the new white paper would not allow either of these. PR felt the White Paper was too vague. MR felt that having an urban/rural split would be more effective. It was agreed that GB will circulate draft responses for comment.

## 7. Email from Norman Perry

The email had been addressed to TJ as chair of the Watlington Transport Group. It covered issues including the provision of the edge road and footpath/cycle routes between Watlington and Chalgrove. These are positive items which WPC supports. TJ has responded on behalf of WPC. It was noted that a meeting with Victoria Land is needed to discuss the possibility of Beechcroft supporting a minibus service to Watlington and the M40 bus stops at Lewknor. A detailed proposal for a scheme will need to be presented to them for consideration.

## 8. Other Business

MR raised land use if Icknield Community College moved to Chalgrove as a result of development of the airfield. The review of the WNDP should address this issue.

\*\*\* The possibility of creating a new cricket pitch as part of a green space on PYR 2 between the edge road and Pyrton village has been raised by the Chair of Watlington Cricket Club. We need to get a view from Providence Land about possible use of the space for sport and recreation facilities.

**Resolved : Add use of part of Pyrton 2 for recreation to the agenda for the next meeting and find out more information in the meantime.**

TH noted that WPC have chosen the names for the 11 roads on Site A and these have been accepted by SODC.

KJ asked about consultations on changes to the Local Plan. There will be a formal consultation on the proposed modifications coming up soon. (After meeting note: the consultation will begin on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020).

PR invited the group to join an ONPA (Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plan Association) webinar on the 10/10. There will be a panel of 4 experts discussing the future of neighbourhood planning. GB noted that she and AM had a meeting with the Environment Agency. Notes of the meeting had been circulated.

There is a remote meeting next week on air quality with Simon Hill (SODC Environmental protection Team Leader). AM, GB and Ian Hill will attend.

**THERE BEING NO OTHER INFORMATION THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:00 PM**