



Watlington Parish Council

Watlington
Neighbourhood
Development Plan



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD
HELD ON
MONDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2021 AT 8.00p.m. VIA VIDEO CALL.**

Present: Gill Bindoff (GB), Terry Jackson (TJ), Keith Jackson (KJ), Steve Bolingbroke (SB), Tony Powell (TP), Fiona Danks (FD)

Officer: Rachel Gill

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Andrew McAuley, Tim Horton.

2. Declarations of interest

There were none.

3. NPAB membership

The approved wording of an item to go in the December edition of the Watlington Times has been sent to the editors. Hopefully, this will attract a couple of people who would like to contribute to the future development of Watlington by becoming members of the NPAB.

4. Minutes of the meeting of 18th October 2021 and matters arising

The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and will be signed by the Chair.

Matters arising:

KJ contacted Watlington Business Association regarding Airband – they will discuss Airband at their next meeting. Airband require people to sign up to their service now that the fibre spine is being installed in the town. People who had already expressed an interest are being asked to sign up again.

GB added that a response has been sent to SODC regarding the consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement.

5. Review of the WNDP:

(i) Review of WNDP policies – GB is in the process of updating the policies in line with the AECOM recommendations. They will be circulated before the December meeting and the group were asked to read through and check that this is the case.

(ii) Financial support from Locality.

There has been a zoom call to discuss the housing needs assessment work. The report will be available in a few weeks.

(iii) Draft Conservation Area appraisal and survey.

SODC have now acknowledged receipt of the documents but it could take a few months to get a response.

(iv) Trees Survey – update

We have not been able to contact Martin Gammie. It seems he is caring for a relative and has not provided the agreed revised quote due in September.

Resolved : to get other quotes for this work as it has to be completed this financial year. GB/SB to send details to RG. GB/FD to send RG a specification.

(iv) Sports Strategy

SB has now spoken to all the sports clubs including bowls and tennis. He has a summary of what all the clubs are doing and what help they need. The main requests are more space for football and cricket pitches and improved skate facilities. A gym and swimming pool are also popular. SB has been talking to the people who put in an application for a gym last year and looking at SODC provision for swimming pools. The data provides good evidence to support policies for improving facilities for sports in the WNDP.

(v) Transport Survey

The transport survey had around 100 responses so quite a small sample. TJ will feedback the responses to the transport group and let residents know what the next step is. WPC have joined the Community Transport Association (CTA).

(vi) Walking/Cycling strategy – there are some useful comments on these areas from the transport survey and sports survey. Paul and Pam McKnight, with support from OCC are working on a cycling map with suggested routes around Watlington and the surrounding area. New connections as part of the new developments are not going as planned as legal agreements were made at the outline planning stage without consultation with WPC or the NPAB. The link from Willow Close to Pyrton Lane is not included but will be put forward when a meeting is arranged between Watlington, Providence Land and the house builder. TJ asked about adding water play areas for the play areas on new developments. TJ will provide some examples and this will be considered at a later date.

(vii) 20 mph scheme. There is active OCC support for this but they do want evidence of community support. It is likely that a short survey is needed for evidence which NPAB can organise. SB suggested a group to look at all these traffic, transport, cycling, walking, pavements etc matters as they are all linked. GB said that we did have a transport group previously which can be re-activated for the NDP review.

Resolved : SB to produce an outline paper for discussion at the next meeting.

6. Development Sites

(i) Site A – GB suggested another meeting be arranged as there were some concerns over the wildlife area and the discovery of another spring line.

Resolved : Meeting to be arranged via James Caffrey to include the Bloor Ecology Officer.

(ii) Sites B, C and PYR2

TP suggested a meeting with representatives for Sites B and C. It was agreed to do this once the housebuilder has been appointed.

(iii) Revised Masterplan for Pyr2

WPC does have formal input to this and there is general support for the scheme from Watlington and Pyrton parish councils. TP asked about the interface with existing Pyrton Lane and provision for a cricket pitch. There was some discussion

on shared use of the ICC playing field expansion for other sports clubs. Any agreement would be with the trust not with OCC.

7. Other matters:

There was a useful meeting with Thames Water today. GB, SB and Matt Reid had attended. There are 2 main sewage pipes to Cuxham – one each side of the road – one side will serve Site A and the other side Sites B and C. Thames Water were very professional and had a clear process. A further meeting will be held in a few weeks.

FD added that hedge works are being done in the West Meadow.

8. Date of the next meeting: Monday 13th December

THERE BEING NO OTHER INFORMATION THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15 PM