



Minutes of the meeting of the NP Advisory Board held at the West Room on Monday 18th February 8p.m.

Present: Gill Bindoff (GB), Matt Reid (MR), Tony Powell (TP), Terry Jackson (TJ), Keith Jackson (KJ), Peter Richardson (PR), Andrew McAuley (AM),

Officer: Rachel Gill

In Attendance: Steph Van de Pette (SvP)

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the meeting of 21st January 2019

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

4. Matters Arising

(i) Publication version of the WNDP

MR has drafted a letter to SODC to chase this.

Resolved: Letter to be sent to SODC

(ii) WPC website

RG gave an update on this – the new website is now live. We need to get Vision to take down the old site and email subscribers the new website address. The final change to the terms of reference needs to be completed. There was some discussion on the blog and who could contribute. TP said he would have a look at the website and feedback to SvP. There was some concern that the Neighbourhood Plan section was not at the top level of selections and might be hard to find.

(iii) Renewable Energy Projects

TJ has heard back from one organisation but not the second. This will be added to the agenda for next month's meeting.

(iv) Uptake on Broadband improvement scheme – gigabit voucher scheme

PR has spoken to OCC and they have said they are happy to present. PR has also made contact with a local company called 'swishfibre'.

Resolved: A meeting to be set up in conjunction with Watlington Business Association in early April. The OCC presentation could be given at the WBA AGM.

RG to check with KT whether Purdah would affect this.

(v) Pyrton NP

A referendum version of this plan has been published. There is a referendum on the 14th March. Emma Bowerman attended the meeting arranged by OCC on 31st Jan with Pyrton, and other communities neighbouring Watlington, to discuss current planning applications and the delivery of the edge road. OCC will hold follow up meetings with each village in due course.

5. Working Groups

(i) Review of existing groups: Traffic and Environment

The NPAB has taken on the Traffic and Environment groups and they are meeting as required. The Environment Group met with Jeanette Wooster and Cat Robinson from the Env Agency to look at Chalk Streams and how to make the most of opportunities from the Planning Application process to make proposals to look after the stream and have some net gains in bio-diversity.

(ii) More groups could be set up to feed into Strategy or Planning. GB asked for opinions on this. Development of new groups:

- **Community Led Housing** – no update at present. Should this just be called housing? Is another housing survey needed?
- **Sports and Recreation** – There was some discussion on facilities and also potential loss of facilities if the school moved. TP asked whether we could identify the school hall as a Community Asset? RG to find out what qualifies and add to agenda for the next meeting.
- **Provision for Young People** – including new facilities at the Pavilion. SvP and NS are doing a survey on Youth facilities, a motion to Full Council will recommend an extension of the Pavilion to provide a Youth Room. MR suggested asking Icknield about this.
- **Provision for Older People** – this group are generally easy to contact but some thought should be given those who are isolated.

NPAB members will follow up the points raised and report back to the next meeting.

6. Update on Planning Applications

Site A (Archstone).

A letter has been received from Archstone stating that they plan to go to appeal based on non-determination. TP asked about a large phone mast on the site – re-located from another part of the site. PR will ask about this.

Sites B and C

Still waiting for submission of plan. No further information on why this is delayed.

Pyr 2

Still at outline plan and no further progress.

Pyr 1

This was due to go to Planning Committee on Wednesday but will now be delayed by approx. 1 month as a site visit has been requested. No feedback on what happens next, this is very worrying.

Resolved : AM will contact Paula Fox at SODC and Anna Badcock

Resolved : PR will contact Beechcroft for an update

A meeting had been held with Emma Bowerman on 4th February at 2:30pm for an update on all the planning applications along the route of the edge road. 6 members of the NP Advisory Board had

attended. Notes of the meeting are on the NP website. The meeting followed meetings between EB, Pyrton PC and other neighbouring communities at the end of January.

7. Review of Traffic Improvement Measures

The list of schemes went to Full Council and Planning. It has been sent to the Gavin Belcher (Senior Transport Engineer South and Vale OCC). The list will be the basis of further discussions with County to take forward with developers.

8. Education Update.

There was a meeting with Barbara Chillman about Early Years provision as this was raised by OCC. Notes of this meeting are on the NP website. There is no OCC provision for extra space or help on this. SvP proposed an Early Years Group Meeting.

Resolved: SvP to set up an Early Years Group Meeting

9. South Oxfordshire Local Plan Consultation

The response to this was agreed by Full Council and submitted. There were around 1300 responses in total.

10. Training Package on WNDP for WPC

AM circulated a document with his plan for the training and gave the group a summary. He planned for 2 x 1-hour sessions with a break in the middle. He asked for opinions on whether to wait until a new council is in place and use it as an induction exercise, do a course asap or do 2 lots of training. **PR** felt that waiting for a new committee would work well as the idea of an SODC NP Forum was starting to take shape after 12 weeks of radio silence! A new member of SODC staff had started (Michelle Wells), she has visited Watlington and has asked for dates to take things further. This would tie in well with delaying the WNDP training until a new planning committee is in place. **PR** will circulate minutes from this meeting when it happens.

11. Other Business

- Two items from Full Council were deferred – Sports and Affordable Housing. Both will go to the next FC meeting.
- TP asked about a register of Tree Preservation Orders? Do we have one?
- MR expressed concern over the potential move of Icknield Community College to Chalgrove if development of the airfield goes ahead. No decisions are likely to be made in the near future.
- GB raised the Consultation on The Oxfordshire Plan 2050 – closing date is the 25th March.
Resolved: Pass to Strategy.
- **PR** made a statement to say that as a result of an email received which cast doubt on his integrity and which was circulated to Full Council by Matt Reid in his role of Chair of the Parish Council, he will be stepping back from the Planning Committee but will continue with the NPAB in the short term.
- MR thanked **PR** for his efforts.

12 Date of the Next Meeting – Monday 18th March 2019

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10:00pm.