



Minutes of the meeting of the NP Advisory Board held at the West Room on Monday 18th March 8pm.

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

Officer: Rachel Gill

1. Apologies for absence

Tony Powell (TP)

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the meeting of 18th February 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

RG has chased this up and had a response from Ricardo Rios (SODC). He said that they had been under resourced but had recently employed 2 new people and one of them would deal with adopted plans, we should expect a response in 2 weeks.

(ii) WPC website

GB reported some problems looking at the website on a tablet. **RG to investigate. GB to check the TOR, for discussion at the next meeting.**

RG to email the Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan distribution list with a link to the new website

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

The OCC presentation will be given at the Watlington Business Association AGM on the 11th April.

Purdah would not affect this.

RG to forward the invitation email to the NPAB group and Full Council

(iv) Date for meeting with OCC on traffic improvement proposals

GB has sent an email requesting dates but has had no reply yet.

5. Update on Planning Applications

Site A (Archstone).

Archstone have launched an appeal based on non-determination by SODC. A parallel application will be submitted to SODC in order to continue discussions. This is not an uncommon procedure.

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

Chris Thompson (Beechcroft) attended the meeting for a short while to give an update on this application and to discuss how allocated time to speak at the SODC meeting on Wednesday could be divided. This is because the Parish Council and the developer have only been allocated 5 minutes to share as supporters of the application. It was agreed to allocate 3 minutes for Beechcroft and 2 minutes for the Parish Council but to continue to lobby for 5 minutes each.

The Parish Council wrote to all members of the SODC planning committee and tried to contact members by telephone ahead of the site visit which was held today (18th March). It was reported that only 4 members attended.

40 Brook Street

AM reported that Jeremy Bell has provided some very useful technical notes on the proposals for the access driveway and for the routing of services. JB will write them up for submission to SODC. It is still uncertain when this will reach the SODC planning committee, and SODC are still waiting on information from OCC.

Homes England (Chalgrove development, Cuxham and Stadhampton by-passes).

Several members of the NPAB group attended a drop-in event in Cuxham organised by Homes England. It was a good opportunity to catch up with Homes England and to find out more about the by-pass plans for Cuxham and Stadhampton.

6. Working Groups

- **Housing** – GB has been in contact with potential group members. The Parish Council has agreed to look at Rural Exception Sites. The group will also look at whether another housing survey is needed, and look at self-build and community led housing.
- **Early Years** – GB is working on getting a group together and will meet with Rainbow Nursery. Steph Van de Pette has also suggested some people to contact.
- **Provision for Young People** – Youth Club are doing a survey on Youth facilities
- **Provision for Older People** – no update
- **Sports and Recreation** – The Parish Council approved a suggestion to make an approach to landowners to buy land for playing fields.
- **Environment** – there is a group of people interested we will get them together once we are looking in detail at applications. Tree protection – GB is working on getting a map and list. TJ offered to help.

7. Pyrton Neighbourhood Plan

The referendum was held on the 14th March. The results was 76 in favour and 1 against. It was a 49% turnout of an electorate of 157.

Matt Reid gave feedback on his meeting with Ben Schofield (Pyrton Parish Council). RG circulated a copy of the document Ben had given to Matt at their meeting – this was a series of maps looking at

other options for locating the road and housing to achieve a bigger buffer between Watlington and Pyrton. Ben had asked what else he needed to consider and Matt had suggested the Kirkham Report.

Future Communications between Watlington PC and Pyrton PC.

There was some discussion on how best to engage with Pyrton PC going forward.

Resolved : RG/KT to contact Pyrton PC Clerk and arrange a date for a meeting.

8. Consultation on the Oxfordshire Plan 2050

The Board has been asked by Full Council to consider the response drafted by TJ.

Resolved: To send in TJ's response in 2 sections. TJ to email to RG.

9. Register of Community Assets

GB had circulated a link on this topic. MR added that he had covered this on a training course also attended by Steph Van De Pette. The first step is to draw up a list.

Resolved : To add this to the agenda for next month. Everyone to consider approaches for Discussion at the meeting.

10. Renewable Energy Projects

TJ has circulated emails on this subject. It would be useful to meet with someone from the Oxford Hub to see what might be suitable for Watlington. Other interested parties could be invited to attend.

Resolved: TJ to email our next 3 meeting dates and arrange for Oxford Hub to attend a meeting and present to us.

11. Other Business

- **PR gave an update on the SODC NP Forum plans.** There will be a meeting with Michelle Wells this Friday at 2:30pm. The key point is looking at groups wanting to run Neighbourhood Plans and how they can have common ground statements where appropriate. In addition, SODC is interested in the support needed by NP groups after they are made and how SODC and NP groups/parish councils can work more closely together.
- **PR said that SODC intend to submit their Local Plan by the 31st March to meet the Growth Deal requirements.** When will the consultation results be reviewed ? RG to write to Holly Jones on this matter.

12 Date of the Next Meeting – Monday 15th April 2019

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