



Watlington Parish Council

Watlington
Neighbourhood
Development Plan



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD
HELD ON
MONDAY 21st MARCH 2022 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), Andrew McAuley (AM).

Officer: Rachel Gill

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Tim Horton.
2. Declarations of Interest
There were none.
3. Minutes of the meeting of 21st February 2021 and matters arising
Resolved: That these minutes of the meeting be agreed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.
4. Review of the WNDP:
 - (i) Update on project plan and review of remaining policies
The timing plan was reviewed. TP/SB and AM have reworked the housing strand. KJ/SB have reviewed the transport strand. GB to speak to FD and TJ about their strands. RG and SB have updated it to reflect the timing difference if there is a referendum or not. Avoiding a referendum would reduce the time from submission to adoption from 8 months to around 5 months. There was some discussion on this matter. The WNDP policies have been strengthened to cover weaknesses in planning and to align with changes to the local plan on Climate Change and Nature Recovery.
Work is now progressing on housing. SODC is making a call for sites for the joint local plan to 2041. This is not the same timescale as the WNDP but we may still have ad-hoc applications. There are a lot of requirements for land – community energy, sports, youth club etc but these can only work if they are planning gain (i.e part of a housing development) and all the development sites in the current plan have been used.

The PC need to decide which route forward:

- Revise as discussed – other sites might come forward and we need to be sure what gains we'd like. This should meet the middle option “material modifications” and would not require a referendum. A joint local plan will come through in around 2 years so updates would be needed then.
- Substantial re-write and additional sites and benefits. This would need a referendum.

Resolved : Recommend to Full Council that the WNDP be reviewed to meet the criteria for “material modifications” which does not require a referendum.

(ii) Housing policy and meeting with SODC Housing officers

There has been a meeting with SODC housing officers. There is a lack of coherent policies and good data. Existing developments will meet the need in Watlington and for SODC. Policies are being updated and modified rather than re-written. A meeting with the Housing Allocations team is needed as more information is required on how houses are allocated. One key group missing is key workers who may not be eligible for ‘affordable’ housing but cannot afford to buy in Watlington.

(iii) Transport policies – workshop on 14th March 2022

SB gave an update on this workshop. Despite poor attendance there is now a list of potential solutions. Freddie van Mierlo confirmed that OCC Highways would be able to assist.

- (iv) Review of the Sustainability Appraisal and Environmental Report
- (v) Workshop to evaluate the match between draft policies and draft objectives – this is waiting on completion of draft policies.
- (vi) Consultation programme – this will come out of the strand details.
- (vii) Locality technical support:
 - High Streets and Social Infrastructure - this application is still being considered. We should have an answer very soon.
 - Design Code – TJ/GB have met with AECOM. AECOM will be updating the guide for us.
- (viii) Draft Conservation Area appraisal and survey – no update but invoice needs chasing.
- (ix) Trees Survey – work ongoing. RG to chase invoice.

5. Update on development:

(i) Site A Red Kite View

- meeting on site – an email was received saying it is too dangerous to go on site at present.
- changed construction traffic route – it seems that all traffic is accessing the site via Britwell Road. A request has been made to change the official route. Post meeting note – we have received an email to say Bloor are unable to access the site from Cuxham Road at present.
- rubbish along fence – post meeting note – an email has been received to say this will be cleared next week.

(ii) Sites B and C – Reserved Matters planning application P21/S0858/RM.

There are 2 applications for reserved matters. One for the Edge Road route and one for detail on house types, landscaping, biodiversity etc. The Edge Road application has been received. The second one has not. RG to chase. Resolved : Try to get a further meeting with Redrow.

(iii) Update on Edge Road – no further update. The consultant has still not been appointed – one year later than initially planned and we have no transparency on what is causing the delay.

6. Other matters and date of next meeting

KJ asked whether it is still planned to include cycling/walking/horseriding into the transport plan. SB confirmed that it is.

The next meeting will be Monday 25th April.

THERE BEING NO OTHER INFORMATION THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:15 PM