



Watlington Parish Council

Watlington
Neighbourhood
Development Plan



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD HELD ON MONDAY 23rd JANUARY 2023 AT 7.00p.m. VIA ZOOM

Present: Gill Bindoff (GB), Fiona Danks (FD), Tony Powell (TP), Keith Jackson (KJ), Andrew McAuley (AM), Terry Jackson (TJ)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence:
There were no apologies.
2. Appointment of new NPAB members:
It was agreed to wait until the local elections in May to recruit additional members of the parish council.
3. Declarations of Interest
There were none.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 12th December 2022:
The minutes were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and will be signed by the Chair (GB)
There were no matters arising.
5. Review of the WNDP:
 - a) Update and timetable for 2023:
The latest version of the aims/objectives and of the policies were agreed as a working draft. They will be formatted by Rachel in the parish office ready to be added to a full draft of the WNDP as it progresses. The aim is to run a consultation on the draft in the Spring. It is important to programme the consultation into other consultations which will also run at a similar time – especially the County Council consultation on the edge road.
 - b) Policies on Watlington as a service centre, Employment and Infrastructure:
It was agreed that GB and TP will contact local businesses to check out the best way to consult each group. It is hoped to be able to attend a meeting of the Watlington Business Association in February or March. Evidence will be gathered to inform any changes to the policies.

- c) Appraisal of sites in the WNDP area put forward in the SODC call for sites:
A decision on the timing for this will be deferred to the next meeting so that members can get all the relevant information from the SODC website.
- d) Review of the Sustainability Appraisal:
This is ongoing (FD).

6. Locality funded projects - updates:

- a) High Streets and Social Infrastructure:
GB and Ian Hill will meet the architect, Rhian Woods, to discuss proposals for the restoration of 33 High St. and provision of new community space on 26th January. Plans will have to be consulted on and submitted to SODC for planning approval by 31st March.
- b) Design Guide:
The latest version of the Guide has been received from Aecom. A few further amendments were proposed. The final version will be submitted for approval to Locality. It is expected that the approved version will be available from AECOM by the end of February.
- c) Trees survey:
The report: Watlington Treescapes Appraisal has been received from Martin Gammie. It was agreed that the report is excellent and provides a very good guide to protecting and enhancing the local treescapes. MG has offered to do an online presentation on the report. It was agreed to accept this offer and to agree a date. The presentation will be open to parish councillors and to members of environmental groups in the parish.

7. Update on development:

- a) Site A Red Kite View:
Updated information is still awaited from Bloor Homes on progress on the provision of bird and bat boxes and the hedgehog highways.
- b) Sites B and C:
 - (i) Amended plans from Redrow have not been received yet.
 - (ii) GB has been trying, without success, to contact the Environment Agency to discuss the aspects of the development which concern the protection of the chalk stream on Cuxham Road. This remains urgent as the discharge of conditions which could impact the stream have been submitted to SODC for approval.
 - (iii) OCC has confirmed that the offsite provision for cycleways and footpaths from Site B to Willow Close and from Site C to Pyrton Lane will be included in conditions for planning permission for the reserved matters applications.
 - (iv) Information requested by WPC from Thames Water about provision for foul and surface water drainage is still outstanding. Rachel is following this up from the parish office.

c) Edge Road:

The consultation planned by OCC for February has been delayed. It is hoped that this will go ahead in March but no date has been confirmed yet.

8. Other matters and date of next meeting:

No other matters were raised

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 20th February 2023

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.30p.m.