



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 MAY 2022 AT 8p.m. VIA VIDEO CALL.**

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

**Officer:** Rachel Gill

**In attendance :** Tim Horton (TH)

1. Election of chair / vice chair

AM nominated GB to continue as chair. Seconded by FD.

GB nominated TP to continue as vice-chair. Seconded by TJ

**Resolved : GB to be Chair, TP to be Vice-chair.**

2. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies from Steve Bolingbroke.

3. Membership of NPAB

Keith Jackson is stepping down due to work commitments, it was hoped he will return at some point.

Tim Horton has also stepped down but asked to be kept informed and may attend some meetings.

AM, SB and TJ will continue as councillors on the NPAB advisory group.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

5. Minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and matters arising:

a) Confirmation by WPC of the chosen level of the WNDP Review

This is waiting on Full Council to look at in more detail. A recommendation from NPAB to follow a middle approach without the need for a referendum will be made to the next Full Council meeting in June.

b) Information from SODC Housing Officers on allocation of affordable homes

NPAB has been offered some data on housing allocations in place of a meeting. It was agreed to take up the offer of information on number of people putting Watlington as a preference and the level of interest.

6. Watlington Conservation Area Boundary Review

WPC have now been asked to make a formal response to the suggestions for boundary changes to the conservation area. There was some discussion on this, it was agreed some priorities could be made. The view of the group was that the new document was much improved. A recommendation will be made to Full Council to support the boundary proposals at the next meeting in June.

7. Consultation: Joint Local Plan SODC and Vale of White Horse

**Resolved** : No collective response is needed at this stage as the document is still lacking in detail. GB will report this back to MR/KT

8. Review of the WNDP:

a) Update on project plan/workshop on 30.05.22

There has been no update on the service centre/employment section but TP has met with Dorian Griffiths. **Resolved** : A meeting to be setup with local businesses as part of an informal consultation. A workshop is booked for the West Room on the 30/5.

b) Review of the Sustainability Appraisal – update

FD has suggested some sensible amendments to the objectives and asked for comments.

c) Trees Survey – ongoing

d) Traffic 2030 – update

SB has updated the document following the second meeting. GB to circulate the document to the group for any further comments – replies are required by Wednesday.

e) Consultation programme

Once the NPAB has agreed a draft of the policies and these have been supported by Full Council, there will be opportunities for some public consultation. Following this, a meeting will be arranged with SODC to discuss the review.

9. Locality funded projects:

a) High Streets and Social Infrastructure

Funding has been received. KT has commissioned the two surveys.

b) Design Guide

A draft report should be available in about 2 weeks time.

10. Update on development:

a) Site A Red Kite View

- The swift boxes have been installed. We are waiting for an update on hedgehog highways and a leaflet for residents.
  - b) Sites B and C – Reserved Matters planning applications
    - Freddie Van Mierlo is arranging an on-site meeting with Geoff Arnold ( OCC Highways) about connectivity with Willow Close and other highways matters. Redrow have agreed to have a drop in evening, possibly on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. They will be asked to bring an ecologist with them.
  - c) Update on Edge Road
    - There was a meeting last Friday with OCC and members of the Interface Group of Watlington and Pyrton parish councillors. It seems that there is some slow progress and reports of the meeting are positive. WPC are in contact with the key cabinet member and local county councillor in order to increase engagement.
11. Other matters and date of next meeting

The notes on sites B and C from GB were reviewed at the Planning Committee meeting. The comments need to go to SODC. A first response will be sent and any extra comments sent separately after the Geoff Arnold meeting. GB has also sent proposals for dates for a meeting to Emma Bowerman.

TJ asked about consideration of a community energy scheme as there is funding for a feasibility study. GB said that solar panels were included in the application. SB has been asking Redrow about a community heat project.

FD checked about the mixed native hedge and whether a species list was required. FD will send this to GB.

**Next meeting -: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

**THERE BEING NO OTHER INFORMATION THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:16 PM**