



Watlington Parish Council

Watlington
Neighbourhood
Development Plan



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY BOARD HELD ON MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.30p.m. VIA ZOOM

Present: Gill Bindoff (GB), Keith Jackson (KJ), Terry Jackson (TJ), Tony Powell (TP), Ian Hill (IH)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from:

James Herridge-Leng, Isla Woodcock, Fiona Danks, Kim Harris

2. Declarations of Interest

GB said she had a conflict on item 5b as she is chair of trustees for Community First Oxfordshire. She has not looked at the bid received from them or the other consultants.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 17th July 2023 and matters arising.

The minutes were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and will be signed by the Chair (GB), matters arising were as follows :

- a) Community-led Stewardship conference on management of green spaces and community assets 15.09.23
GB attended this and it was a useful conference. All the presentations are available on the CFO website.
- b) Update on the completion of the shared cycleway/footpath from Red Kite View to Cuxham Road
GB said that Jason Sherwood of OCC is responsible for these works to be funded by Bloor Homes as part of the planning permission for the development. Freddie Van Mierlo is chasing up progress. It is due to be actioned in October but there is no date set at present. There is also no information available to Watlington about some changes to the permitted scheme or about the arrangements to plant 2 new trees to compensate for each tree which will be felled.

- c) Response to the SODC consultation on the draft Air Quality Action Plan and meeting with SODC Air Quality Team on 24.07.23
Full Council agreed the draft response to the AQ Action Plan but the SODC team were unwilling to take on board WPC's points. The data on air quality monitoring SODC is using is from 2020 & 2021 when traffic volumes were reduced due to covid. Government advice is that data from these years should not be used as it is not representative of normal traffic conditions. Efforts are still being made to ensure that there is no reference in the Action Plan to the possibility of SODC considering revoking the Watlington Air Quality management Area in the next couple of years. The data which is valid does not indicate that the level of nitrogen dioxide pollution is declining and has not consistently declined over the past 5 years.

4. Review of the WNDP:

- a) Report on the consultation on the reviewed objectives and policies and next steps
The group discussed the responses to the consultation. Overall the response was very positive and there were a good number of responses. The average across all polices was 83.7% in favour.
The next step will be a meeting to go through where updates to the policies need to be made.
The draft report on the consultation was discussed and suggestions made for improvement. A revised draft will be circulated for comment.
Resolved: that the final version is submitted to Full Council for approval to publish.
- b) Working group with Watlington Business Association
Watlington Business Association raised some important points in their response to the consultation – the end date was extended to give them more time to respond.
Resolved: to reply to WBA and arrange a meeting with them.
Resolved: to write the policies around the economy/business as a matter of urgency.
- c) Consistency with the WPC Climate Action Plan
There was some discussion on the role of the NPAB group.
Resolved: to propose to full council that a separate group be set up to monitor progress of the WPC Climate Action Plan.

5. Locality funded projects: updates:

- a) Treescape Appraisal: action plan
Fiona Danks has extracted action points from the document and is targeting a couple of people to help get a group working on it.
- b) Application for support for Basic Conditions Statement

An application to Locality has not been made yet – GB is chasing a third quote and then an application will be submitted.

6. Update on development:

- a) Site A Red Kite View – SODC enforcement investigation.
There is no further information on the enforcement investigation. FD walked the site and there are still issues with planting.
- b) Sites B and C: SODC approval of planning applications P23/S0432/RM and P23/S0433/RM.
These applications were approved on the 19th July. GB attended the meeting. There were some objections on-line. An amended application for the temporary road access has been received this week.
- c) Changes to contact with Redrow
Chris White has left and the local office has closed. The parish council has been contacted by the new planning and land management team and a virtual meeting has been held.
- d) Deed of Easement by Willow Close.
This will allow a connecting cycle path/footpath from the Redrow sites to Willow Close over land which WPC owns. It is being reviewed by the WPC Finance Committee at its meeting on the 28th of this month.

7. Other matters and date of next meeting

TP made the group aware that the updated NPPF (National planning policy framework) was published on the 5th September.

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm

The next meeting will be held on the 16th October.