



## Minutes of The Meeting of the Strategy Committee Held in the Community Office At 8pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Present:**

**Councillors:**

Stephanie Van de Pette (Chair)  
Andrew McAuley (Vice Chair)  
Matt Reid  
Tom Bindoff  
Ian Hill  
Rob Smith  
Terry Jackson  
Tony Williamson  
Fergus Lapage

**Officer:**

Kristina Tynan

55/18 Apologies for absence  
There were none.

56/18 Minutes of the Strategy Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 which were received by Council on the 10/7/2018 a to be signed as a correct record

**Resolved:** That these minutes were a correct record of this meeting and that they be signed by the Chairman.

57/18 Declaration of Interests  
There were none notified.

58/18 Matters Arising

1. **Parking on the Bottom of the High Street** (Minute 50/18:2 refers) – This was delegated to Operations to deal with at July Full Council and who are now dealing with this issue.

2. **Co-op** (Minute 47/18:2 refers) – Asking for information on the Car Park as they are under pressure to explain the on-going cost for the Car Park

A meeting took place with Robert Arthur from the Co-op on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. SvP, AM, MR and KT were present. There was discussion on his concerns about paying £8000pa which he thinks is too high. Discussion took place on a way forward. RA gave some helpful information about how other places run their car parks and he offered to find out some information about information on business rates etc. KT to follow up.

3. **Community Hub** (Minute 50/18:3 refers) – SvP said that TW explained this interesting idea at the last meeting and there was substantive discussion on it. SvP said that this should be delegated to the Tourism and Economy Working Group to further look at. TW said he would be happy to attend the meeting when it is organised. SvP said that the Working Groups need to be set up with their ToR.

59/18 Consultations

1. **SODC Draft Conservation Area Appraisal**

**Resolved:** That this be referred to the Planning Committee Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> August to send a Response prior to the deadline of the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018.

60/18 Discussion Items

Main Discussion Items

1. **Pyrton Lane** – Meeting with WPC, OCC and Pyrton Lane Residents – 19<sup>th</sup> July – Report of Meeting. MR is writing up the notes from this meeting and will circulate. There was a large number of Pyrton Lane residents present. Jason Sherwood (OCC) stated that the Edge Road will go ahead and was positive about the funding of it. It is hoped it would be built before work on housing starts. OCC are now taking the Edge Road more seriously as the Developers have now prepared a Memorandum of Understanding which they have now submitted to OCC and OCC are working with the Developers.

IH said that it was agreed to have a meeting with a small group of Pyrton Lane residents to discuss options for alleviating their problems and will discuss options that the residents have suggested. MR, IH and TJ will be the WPC representatives at this meeting.

2. **OCC and Cherwell District Councils** – Joint Partnership – Letter was attached to June Agenda. This was noted, and WPC have no comments to make on this.

3. **SODC Local Plan** – Alternative and Additional Capacities – Letter was attached to June Agenda. AM stated that SODC now say they have a 5-year land supply. This was noted, and WPC have no comments on this.

4. **WPC Position on Chalgrove Development** – MR

MR said he spoke to Jason Sherwood on Homes England who are now responsible for the Growth Deal money, which they can use for infrastructure, and which is not now linked to the Chalgrove Development. MR asked if they are enabling Chalgrove by supporting the Edge Road. IH said that we need to be careful regarding Homes England as they have linked the road infrastructure they will fund to Stadhampton. TB stated that they are toughening their stance against the District and the NP Forum are trying to arrange a meeting with Homes England specifically on Watlington.

5. **Allotment Terms of Reference** – Draft was attached to the agenda.

KT to send all existing terms of reference, agreements etc to SvP who will draft some new ones. NS, MR and SvP will look at these prior to them being sent to the Operations Committee for discussion.

61/18 Short Discussion items

1. **Appointment of two NP Forum Members onto the Strategy Committee**

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:** To appoint Gill Bindoff and Keith Jackson onto the Strategy Committee.

TB stated that he will resign from the Strategy Committee in September.

2. **Appointment of three Parish Councillors onto the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Board**

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:** To appoint Matt Reid, Andrew McAuley and Terry Jackson onto the NPAB.

AM stated that there are 5 people who will transfer from the NP Forum to the NPAB, Gill Bindoff, David Cotterill, Keith Jackson, Peter Richardson and Tony Powell.

Terms of Reference will need to be drawn up the NPAB and this will be done by the Planning Committee as it will be a sub-committee of Planning.

It was noted that the Watlington NP now holds full weight in terms of planning.

62/18 Update on on-going issues

1. **33 High Street and the Charlotte Coxe Charity** – Update

TB stated that the new wall looks beautiful.

TW said that the aim for the Charlotte Coxe Charity is to get everything together to be able to agree the document with OCC to be sent to the Charity Commission for Sole Trusteeship. We have not had a reply as yet from Winkworth Sherwood. If the Charity Management Group was set up and committed too much money on 33 High Street the WPC as the legal entity would have to step in. There is an option to not be a Sole Trusteeship but move to be a CIO. The whole purpose will be to keep the library open and ensure that future finances of the library are viable.

MR said that there will be a paper written for the next FC meeting on this. TW stated that we need to see the OCC Accounts for the Charlotte Coxe Charity and also see the sale prices of the 11 properties as we need to see how they have split the money received between OCC and the Charlotte Coxe Charity. FL asked if the OCC accounts for the CCC are audited and was told that they have been. It is important to ensure that they are not giving us a loss maker.

The Shadow Group have received 3 quotes for doing up 33 High Street.

2. **Outreach Group** – If any update. We have not received an update, KT has chased this and will do so again.

3. **Welcome Pack for new residents in Watlington** – TJ has drafted this. KT will send to Members.

4. **Bus Services**- IH said he has been trying to get recent Comet usage figures. The last ones he had received were for February 18. The Finance Committee will need to look at these in view of the grant given. The GoForward Bus Service to Wallingford were looking at expanding to a 5-day service but the latest news is that they will not now be expanding.

5. **Link with Icknield Community College School Council**- MR reported that there was a group of the School Council who got together to discuss Neighbourhood Planning to raise awareness of local democracy. SvP said that it is really good to get the children involved with the Community and we need to open the dialogue even more.

There is a Science teacher who is hoping to get some projects going, eg Robot Resurrection and do some Robot Wars etc and he is hoping that this may happen next term.

6. **Chalgrove Solar Park** – IH reported that OCC need to do a survey and he will chase up Keith Stenning regarding this. IH/KT will contact Ian Hudspeth also on this issue.

63/18 Correspondence

None that needed discussion.

64/18 To note items for Future Meetings -

All Committees– Review of Terms of Reference – September. SvP will give a template for committees to use.

Car Park Review -SvP, AM, MR and IH - September

Communications Policy Review – September. AM said that we have a Communications Strategy but will put a paper together on how we interact with our Community and also our media relationships.

Cycleway – Sept/October - KT to send information on this to AM and RS to have a look at what has been discussed previously.

65/18 Any Other Business to note – Items to be notified to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

**Opening of Barbara's Door at the West Room** – TW said this will take place at noon on 1<sup>st</sup> August and hoped that as many Councillors as possible would attend this.

**Strategic Plan** – We have this in place already but SvP said that this would now be the NP. SvP will have a look at this and see that everything is incorporated that needs to be in it.

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10PM**