



Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategy Committee Held in the Community Office at 8pm on Tuesday 22nd October 2019

Present:

Councillors:

Andrew McAuley (AM)
Matt Reid (MR)
Ian Hill (IH)
Tim Horton (TH)
Terry Jackson (TJ)

Officer:

Rachel Gill (RG)

Members of the Public:

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Andrew McAuley chaired the meeting as the Chair had given her apologies.
The meeting started at 8:13pm

115/19 Apologies for Absence

Steph Van de Pette, Nick Hancock, Rob Smith

116/19 Minutes

Resolved: It was agreed to approve the minutes of the Strategy Meeting held on 23rd July 2019 which were received by Council on the 10th September 2019 and these were signed by the Chair of the Meeting as a correct record. There were 2 minor changes: typo in section 103/19 – change the word if to in. Section 109/19 Edge Road – AM was not at the meeting on Friday 17th July.

117/19 Matters Arising

1. **Charlotte Cox Trust.** IH gave an update on this. There has been some movement. Greg Stacey has been identified as holding things up and IH has verbal agreement that he will respond to clarify the OCC position by Friday 25th October.

2. **Oxcam Expressway Actions.** KT to check on these actions – meeting with John Howell and note to Neighbouring Parish Councils.

3. **NPAB and Strategy Seminar** – This has been put on hold due to the Planning Inquiry for Land at Britwell Road.

118/19 Declaration of Interests

There were none notified.

119/19 Chair's Report

AM gave an update on the Inquiry for Land off Britwell Road. TH attended and spoke on heritage. TJ was there throughout. The WPC lead advocates were AM and Gill Bindoff. The appellant and Pyrtan Alliance both had QCs to represent them. The main feedback was that

WPC did a good and professional job and conducted ourselves well. The Inspector now must weigh up the evidence about the impact of the development on the AQMA. The main argument is that although it is an individual and isolated site the cumulative impact of local developments needs to be considered. There were some discussions about what was local, but OCC confirmed that Benson and Chinnor were considered relevant in this case.

The air quality modelling did not include HGVs but used 3 cars per HGV.

TH made several points on the Inquiry:

- Heritage didn't really feature very much
- TH recommended a motion of appreciation to Full Council for the work of AB and GB, and the support of TJ, PR, TB and the work of the Clerk and Assistant Clerk in preparing for the Inquiry.
- The Air Quality representation from SODC was very poor, TH felt that it was disrespectful to the Council
- GB has raised how we get a better understanding across to the people in the Parish. MR noted that there was a write up in the Watlington Times. There will be another write up in the December issue – hopefully with the results.

Second Appeal

Resolved: To register as a rule 6 party for the 2nd appeal on Land at Britwell Road.

RG/KT to action

120/19 Communications Action Plan

Deferred to next meeting.

121/19 Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Board / Strategic Plan

NPAB and Strategy 3 Hour seminar – This has been put on hold due to the Planning Inquiry for Land at Britwell Road.

Strategic Plan – This is awaiting the seminar with NPAB

AM said that the Strategic Plan and WNDP need to meld together NDP objectives and policies and key elements from WPC. The objective is to simplify and clarify the situation.

The WNDP will need to be reviewed next August to keep the weight of the plan. This will need approving in July so a January start would be ideal.

AM suggested a morning in early December for the NPAB and Strategy 3 Hour seminar

TH made 3 points on NPAB:

- A meeting with Gavin Belcher (OCC) is long overdue and WPC should be chasing this.
- WPC should be chasing up the calling in of the planning applications.
- County is also wanting more S106 contributions from sites – again with no consultation with WPC.

GB added that we still need to meet about OCC's mitigation scheme as WPC have not been consulted at all. GB has suggested a meeting at a higher level than Gavin Belcher. TH endorsed this approach.

Resolved: That KT writes to Susan Halliwell requesting a meeting as the issue is bigger than just Highways. (TH/AM to agree words so a letter can be sent next week).

Healthy Community Strategy

GB suggested that a Healthy Community Strategy be written up to cover:

- Promotion of walking/cycling
- Connection to other sites and Town Centre from development sites
- Cycleway to junction 6

GB suggested that it would be useful to get this in place ASAP.

Resolved: That this issue be looked at by the NPAB Committee.

Transport/Highways

Recommendation from the Operations Committee to this committee to agree to purchase a single indicator for Howe Road, Brook Street or one of the entry roads.

There was some discussion on this, what locations would be best and could CIL money be used for this.

Resolved:

RECOMMENDATION: That the Finance Committee be asked to identify funds and the cost for installation on one. It was agreed that we would like to get several devices eventually.

That we recommend the Operations Committee to purchase 1 Speed indicator and to prioritise where it would be best to install.

122/19 Meeting with Neighbouring Parishes

A meeting needs to be arranged with J Howell, Anna Badcock and Steve Harrod.

123/19 Community Resilience Plan

A copy of the document was circulated. It is designed to cover actions by WPC until the Emergency Services arrive. There was some discussion on GDPR and distribution lists.

Resolved: That IH review the document and give feedback.

124/19 Fibre to the Premises (FTTP)- Survey of Interest

The survey will be carried out by the OCC team. WPC will have to collate replies and send to Open Reach for a quote.

125/19 Consultations

Proposed reforms to permitted development rights to support the deployment of 5G and extend Mobile coverage. Deadline 29th October.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3LBZ5ZH>

Resolved: TJ/MR to review and comment

Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2020-2025

To give your views on our proposed strategy please complete the online survey here

<https://survey.southandvale.gov.uk/s/Homelessness2019/?m=41091376rxsw3> by 5pm on Monday 25 November 2019.

Resolved: That no response is sent from WPC

Public Payphone Hill Road Car Park

This payphone is one within our district that has been put forward for removal under BT's 90-day consultation period. This consultation process gives your local community the opportunity to adopt a traditional red 'heritage' phone box and make it an asset for the local people to enjoy. It costs £1 and can be accessed via <http://bt.com/adopt>.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That we adopt the box for £1. The Operations Committee to look at refurbishment options and use as an 'information kiosk'.

126/19 Correspondence

20th August letter from Oxfordshire Environment Board

20th August letter from OCC re-Footpath at Christmas Common 9TH - **TH has submitted information on this as an individual**

22nd August letter from SODC to OCC – Concern over Oxford City Local Plan

22nd August letter from the Chiltern Society re: HS2

25th September letter from OCC about Connecting Oxford

TJ noted that this should be listed as a consultation. She has responded as an individual.

Resolved: TJ to write a response for WPC. KT to send.

127/19 Any Other Business

GB suggested that a new appraisal of the Conservation Area is required alongside the review of

the NPAB.

Resolved:

RECOMMENDATION TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: That the Finance Committee to earmark funds for appraisal of the Conservation Area (approximately £3k).

NH has asked for finance to look at a budget for expert help for the 2nd appeal (approx. 10k).

Resolved: KT to look at this.

TH gave an update on a British Legion project to put up 16 poppies around the town in the streets where residents died in the World Wars. He will be taking 2 walks around the village on Sat 9th November (10am /2pm). The story of the poppies has been picked up by the BBC so there will be some filming going on soon.

128/19 Items deferred to future meeting:

Protocol for marking the death of a senior national figure

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:08pm