

Watlington Neighbourhood Plan Forum

Coordination Group

Minutes of 18th meeting : 16/05/2016 – West Room 7.30pm

Present: Gill Bindoff (Facilitator), Norman Perry, Pepita Bianchi, Keith Jackson, Pauline Harvey, Peter Richardson.

1. Apologies for absence:- Rebecca Broadbent, David Cotterill, Rob Smith, Tony Powell

2. Declarations of Interest :- None.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 5th May were approved.

[Action: KJ to arrange publication on the website]

4. Matters arising from the WPC NP SC on 9th and 11th May 2016

Tony Williamson was to withdraw the motion he planned to put to full council regarding a meetings with the WAT8 developers. The WP NP SC already have a schedule underway for meetings with all known developers so far invited. The SC held a meeting on 11th May to agree outline arrangements for meetings with developers on 25/26th May. The meetings will be split into two groups – one for developers whose proposals could include provision of an ‘alternative road’ for through traffic and those whose proposals could not.

The meetings will be split into a plenary session which all developers present would attend to hear WNP views followed by separate meetings with each developer.

The advice of Peter Canavan will be sought on how these meetings should be approached when he kindly attends the DS group meeting on Tuesday 17th May.

The SC has yet to agree the make up of the WNP representation at these meeting. The NPFCG has proposed GB and NP as members.

The meetings should have an audio recording

[Action: PR to arrange sound recordist]

5. Development Sites

GB reported that work on selection criteria is now well advanced with the initial set now more –or- less agreed. TP has produced a spreadsheet with all the criteria and known sites arranged such that available sites are to the left unavailable (red) sites in the middle and grey(unknown) sites to the right.

PR noted that the sodc “call for sites” as part of their updated Local Plan expired on 29th April.

PC may know if further Watlington sites have emerged.

There was some discussion of the “What Watlington Wants” and “What Watlington doesn’t want” documents based mostly on evidence from consultation 2 which are intended as backstop statements to be used in developer meetings and which could be used when considering planning applications coming forward before the NP has been completed.

It was thought that the first document is fine but the second may need some work.

[Action: Ask PC at the DS meeting if any new sites have emerged.

GB to provide link to the SODC report on their latest local plan – which presents revised housing allocations

NPFCG: To consider the “What Watlington doesn’t want” document]

6. Annual Parish meeting

For various reasons the leaflet to be distributed in advance of the meeting was not finalised or

printed. It was decided to proceed with a version of the leaflet to be distributed at the Town meeting.

There will also be reports from the Housing and Car Park Surveys and a report on progress of the traffic group.

[Action:GB/PR to work with RG on material for the Annual Parish meeting]

7. Locality Grant application

This has been delayed. DC is still working on a specification for support for the traffic group.

8. Update on advisory group progress

Traffic: awaiting report

Housing: has met to consider housing survey and has produced some recommendations

[Action: GB to circulate report]

Sustainability Appraisal: Report needs to use more straightforward language

Need to follow up school meetings and have year 11 pupils involved

Economy: Meeting planned for 24th May with home workers and people running businesses from home.

9. AOB

GB reported on attending the Goring NP presentations and noted that the high quality of the presentations had a major impact. A lesson for us !

It was noted that the first WNP roadshow is planned for 11th June and work needs to start on the presentation materials for this.

10. Next meeting

Thursday 2nd June – 7:30pm West Room