

Watlington Neighbourhood Plan Forum

Coordination Group

Minutes of 19th meeting : 20/06/2016 – West Room 7.30pm

Present: Gill Bindoff (Facilitator), Norman Perry , Keith Jackson, Pauline Harvey.

Attended by: Terry Jackson

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

2. Minutes of the meeting on 16/05/2016 – these were read and approved.

[Action: KJ to arrange for publication on the website]

3. Working meetings between members of WPC NP SC and NPFCG to finalise details for roadshows: During these meetings the content of a leaflet to be distributed to all addresses in the Parish and the format and content of the display panels to be shown at the roadshows was agreed. The content of a feedback form and details of other information to be made available at the roadshows was finalised.

In advance of the Roadshows a leaflet criticising the NP process was circulated to some households in Watlington by an organisation calling themselves the 'Shadow WNP Group'. The Forum provided answers to questions included in the leaflet and these were placed on the NP website on 14th June.

4. Roadshow feedback

Comments about the content of the roadshows and the roadshows themselves was generally very positive. People were appreciative that the NP had reached out to people in their own communities. About 250 people in total attended the roadshows which were not intended to be a formal consultation but instead to provide an opportunity to gain some feedback on Site Selection criteria and process, Sustainability options and the 'What Watlington wants' statements. The Roadshows were also used to provide information on the progress of the NP to residents.

The total cost of putting on the Roadshows was about £500. Some of the boards will go on display in the parish office and possibly other areas of the town. The boards can be viewed on the NP website.

5. Meetings with developers

These meetings were intended to be an exchange of information and were not formally part of the NP process. A panel of NPFCG and WPC NP SC members was present at each meeting.

All Developers who had notified the WNP that the sites they were acting for were available for development had been sent invitations to attend one of the developer meetings.

Wednesday 25th May (Panel Ian Hill , Jeremy Bell, Tony Powell , Norman Perry, Gill Bindoff, Rachel Gill – Tom Bindoff and Terry Jackson notes)

Boddingtons Planning (Neil Boddington) – Sites 38 + 23

Countryside Properties – Site 1

Thursday 26th May (Panel Norman Perry, Tony Powell, Gill Bindoff, Ian Hill, Jeremy Bell – Tom Bindoff and Terry Jackson Notes)

Archstone – Sites 11,12,2

Providence Land – Sites 8,9

Monday 20 June (Panel Terry Jackson, Matt Reid, Norman Perry, Gill Bindoff, Rachel Gill – Tom Bindoff notes)

Queensgate – Site 34

West Waddy – Site 30

The developers will be sent the notes of the meetings prior to publication on the NP website .

Thanks to Peter Richardson for the audio recordings of each meeting – these will be archived.

6. What Watlington Wants

These statements are intended to inform a set of policies that could be used in handling any planning applications which are made before the NP is adopted – certainly before the NP has reached draft approval. One strand from the Roadshows was that we should firm up on a list of more specific requirements for Watlington including improvements or facilities that infrastructure money from Developers could fund.

The following preliminary list was discussed:-

Rural setting of Watlington should not be affected

Traffic/Transport:-

Management Strategies – traffic lights on the two main approaches

Improvements to the area around the town hall

HGV weight limit management – anpr cameras + follow-up enforcement

20 mph limits Support for local transport

Note the above would be sought whether or not provision of an alternative route for traffic emerged from any developments

Swimming Pool/Indoor Gym

Community building along Cuxham Road – particularly if substantial numbers of new houses were to be built on the west side of town

Parkland area along the Cuxham Road stream

Incorporation of housing design guides to retain appropriate vernacular construction

Solar Panels on roofs of new houses

Undergrounding of electricity supply

Daylighting of streams

NP kindly agreed to draft a first version of a 'wish list' for developers.

[Action:NP to draft list]

7. Progress of NP

There are still some technical issues to be resolved regarding Development sites criteria selection/process.

Pepita Bianchi has produced a first draft of a sustainability scoping report.

The NPFCG is aiming to produce a first draft of the NP by September 5th. – this will be written by NP.

[Action: GB to circulate Housing group recommendations following the Housing Survey]

8.SODC Local Plan

SODC are looking to consult on the final stages of their local plan. A consultation paper is due to be published on 27th June. SODC will be visiting Watlington on July 5th to hold a consultation with local residents in the Watlington Club from 2-6pm. It is hoped that some of the WNP roadshow displays can be shown alongside the SODC displays.

9. Dates of future meetings

NPFCG 20th July 2016 venue to be confirmed, 10th August 2016 West Room(both Wednesdays)

WNP SC Monday 1st August