Minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee

Held on Monday 9th April 2018 at 8PM in the Community Office

**Councillors**, Matt Reid (Vice Chair) Tom Bindoff, Terry Jackson, Tony Williamson

**In Attendance:** Gill Bindoff, Peter Richardson

**Officer:** Kristina Tynan

1. Apologies
Jeremy Bell
2. Declarations of Interest
There were none notified.
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd February 2018
There were a few amendments to the minutes agreed:

Page 2 Agenda Item 4, Tim Horton: Para 4 should read ‘Andrew Ashcroft’ not ‘Richard Ashcroft’.

Page 3 Agenda Item 4, Tim Horton: Para 9: ‘Oxfordshire Infrastructure Plan’ should read ‘OCC Delivery Strategy’.

Page 3 Agenda Item 4, Proposed Housing Allocations, para 4 ‘WNHP’ should read ‘WNDP’.

On the same Para 4 , to seek clarification of what was meant by TH comment ‘ is worried about emerging local plan rather than WDNP and is concerned that GB etc are prepared to say that’ as it is unclear what is meant. KT will look at the written minutes.

**Resolved:** That with the changes noted above these minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1. Matters Arising
There were no matters arising other than agenda items.
2. Examination of the WNDP
GB reported that she was hoping that the Examiners Report would be published last Friday but it still has not been. She hopes it will be published tomorrow before the Full Council meeting.

The NP Co-ordination Group and the NP Steering Committee had an informal workshop on the 20/3/2018 to fact check the draft report.

1. Referendum

Once the Examiners report has been published a SODC Officer will then go through it and write a report for the Cabinet member for Planning. The SODC Full Council will need to approve this to go to Referendum. The process is then gone through. There is a 5 week timetable. It is hoped that the latest date for the Referendum is not after the middle of June.

There are guidance notes for Neighbourhood Plan Referendums from SODC and KT will issue all Councillors with this at the FC meeting tomorrow.

The Parish Council can promote the Referendum but not a yes vote. GB hopes that the Parish Council will do this.

No Parish Council buildings, noticeboards, photocopier etc can be used by for any campaigning. The Parish Council cannot fund any of the campaign. The Yes campaign will need to raise money for any promotion. GB said that they will be holding a raffle to raise funds.

GB said she had not realised how draconian the rules were for the Referendum.

 7. Consultation of Pyrton NDP

GB said that in the WNDP land is safeguarded for an edge road on the allocated development sites and it will also be in the Local Plan. Pyrton have not put it on their plan. GB stated that WPC should ask for a Hearing on the consultation form so that Watlington has a seat at the table if the Examiner of the Pyrton NP decides to hold a hearing. After discussion it was thought this committee should ask that the Parish Council does not support or object to their plan but send in a careful statement, along the lines of the Parish Council are extremely disappointed and concerned at this stage that the land is not safeguarded but that it is vitally important to maintain a gap between Watlington and Pyrton.

This is on the Agenda for FC tomorrow night for discussion.

8. SODC Local Plan 2033

PR reported on the SODC Cabinet meeting and the SODC Full Council meeting at which Ian Hill spoke at both.

PR said that at the Cabinet meeting the committee recommended to keep Chalgrove in the Plan (option 1), however this was overturned at the Full Council meeting by 17 to 10 votes. This has led to the Leader of SODC, John Cotton resigning as he did not agree with this decision as he thinks that it will cause a real delay in the Local Plan as more consultations will be needed and this could affect them getting money from the Government Growth Deal as they can only access this fund if the Local Plan is in place by 31/3/2019.

However SODC Full Council members thought that they needed to have another site as the risk element about Chalgrove was too high. They had sought legal advice on this.

SODC are hoping to have everything ready on the Local Plan by the end of the year.

PR stated that he is attending an Appeal at Sonning Common tomorrow about a development which is not in any of the sites on their NP. He said it will be interesting to hear what happens.

9. Item for Watlington Times

 **Resolved:**  That the NP Co-ordination Group put an update on the WNDP into the Watlington Times subject to all members of the Steering Committee being sent it prior to it being sent to the WT.

10. Date of Next Meeting

 **MONDAY 30TH APRIL AT 8PM IN THE PARISH OFFICE.**

11. Any Other Business

**Data Protection Issue** – PR said that there had been an issue raised on this by SODC and this

has now been resolved.

**THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.00 PM**