

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG)

Monday 20th December 2021 7.00pm – 7.30pm (via Zoom)

Present: NPSG Members: Alison Alexander (Chair), Ian Catherall, Mike & Cheryl Loverock, Andrew Mogford and Bruce Thorogood

Attending: Karen Smith (Clerk) and 1 Member of the Public

1) Parishioners Time – *What happens if Covid Restrictions kick in and affect the Open Meetings planned for 29/30 January?* A Presentation with Q&A Session would be conducted via ZoomPro.

2) Apologies – Tom Lowry and Ed Vidler.

3) Approval of Minutes – the minutes from 06/12/21 were approved.

4) Matters Arising

Alison has forwarded the Plan and Appendices to Jason at SHDC. An article has also been sent to the Parish News to explain the process to the Parish in preparation for the Open Consultation. Bruce has circulated a statement regarding the Covenants to further strengthen the NPSG case.

5) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations relating to particular Sites

- Alison Alexander (Chair) declared a financial interest in Site 8.
- Ian Catherall declared a financial interest in Site 4.
- Bruce Thorogood declared a personal interest in Site 13, being his next neighbour; also in Site 8, being across the road (non visual); and also in Site 10, being across the valley (visual).

6) Finance

The £580 unspent from the previous grant NPG-12409 has now been returned to Locality.

7) Regulation 14

Bruce reiterated his concerns that the inspector will throw out the Plan without a more robust explanation of the constraints caused by the Church Commissioner Restrictive Covenants. His view was supported by Ian & Andy. Mike expressed reservations that it was not down to the covenants alone, indicating that not allocating in Staverton came out of the group's original, and preferred, pepperpot approach being rejected. His view was supported by Cheryl & Alison.

The group agreed to modify Bruce's proposed wording. Assumptions cannot be made on what landowners might decide in future, nor can the group pre-determine any future Plan. Bruce to amend and circulate for all to confirm happy with final statement – to include Ed & Tom. Alison will then forward to Lee for insertion into the Evidence Paper, and flag with Jason regarding printing timescales. Alison to check with Jason that the digital copy will be in accessible format.

It was agreed to have six printed copies – 2 x Halls, 2 x Churches and 2 x Pubs – these will be recovered for display at the Open Meeting.

Alison to draft a brief presentation and circulate before next meeting.

8) Date of next meeting – Monday 10/01/22 via Zoom

Karen Smith, Clerk