

East and West Hanney Neighbourhood Plan steering committee

Minutes of Meeting on 12th February 2016

Present

Nigel Bennett (HCA), Eddie Wilkinson, Stewart Scott, Guy Langton, Chris Ball, Jim Triffitt, Patrick Karney, Stephen McKenchie

Apologies

Graham Garner, Paul Aram, Judy Long

Minutes from January Meeting

Approved.

Matters Arising

- A Miller offered to look ok at engagement with wider community and a theme for the plan as a whole. Both done.
- Two sub groups formed looking into housing at each end of the village. Noted that the VWHDC did not want the existing boundary of West Hanney to be extended.
- SS noted that a village envelope could be defined as a part of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- The owner of Weir Farm had indicated that an application for 30 houses on 1 hectare behind the houses on the causeway will be submitted shortly.
- The owners of Ploughley farm have been asked if they had any long term plans. They are looking at possibly a farm house and a small number of dwellings.
- Approval for use of maps has been obtained.

Local Plan inspection.

SMcK believes that the Inspector will make his report on the Local Plan in October.

On 4th Feb EHPC had a round table discussion involving all interested parties. The inspector appears to be even handed and fair and seems to be working towards the right plan, not just any plan. He had picked up deficiencies in the plan and highlighted this to the VWHDC. He planned to visit the village on 5th Feb. He also considered areas that had been omitted, for example on the east of the A338. Barwood made a submission. SMcK will attend on Wednesday 18th.

JT noted that the size of the village, small or large, was interrogated by the inspector. Noted that a member of the planning committee was also there and reiterated his support for the rejections.

Noted that the inspector was surprised that the applications had been put in and refused even though the sites were identified in the local plan. Also the inspector noted his concern that the site had been rejected by the Kirkham report and yet was taken forward.

Noted that Mr K Dijkman implied that a revised application could come forward for the southern site, addressing the planning committee's concerns.

A338 traffic evidence paper.

Took publicly available data and questioned it as it did not accord with other surveys. Found formula to calculate road capacity, but cannot get full information from the County Council. Looked at future road loading, 2 reports had some contradictions but both stated that the A338 would be at capacity by 2029.

EHPC has paid for an automatic road survey at southern 30mph sign. Gives data on type of vehicle, speeds and volumes and shows flow goes north in the morning and south in the evening. Raw data is to go on website. Action clerk.

This could help with getting a pedestrian crossing, County Councillor has got the highways department to look more closely at a controlled crossing.

Giffords Mill

Paul Sayers drafted a document that identified a potential historic site. Chris Ball and the History group will be looking at what can be done, including landscape analysis. An analyst could survey both villages at a cost. Noted need to highlight interesting archaeology.

Waltons Meadow pond.

A storage pond on Ploughley farm could be formed, to be a flood alleviation scheme and a fishing pond for crucian carp. This land could be reserved as a pond in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

Sports facilities

Look to develop a strategy for sports facilities in the village. This needs some updating but forms a good basis for discussion with local sports clubs.

Community engagement process

Noted the circulated document and draft timeline (for EH). Noted that line 13 onwards are what VWHDC say must be done. Noted will need to use modern technology to engage as many as possible.

Noted that the steering group felt that March 2016 may be too soon to start the public consultations. Looking at a date later in April as an information gathering exercise from the wider community. GL to put a trailer in the Hanney news as a preemptive announcement. GL to get date for the event from the hall, evening during week or Saturday before 22nd for 4 hours. Format, nibbles and times to be decided.

Banking arrangements.

GL will set up a separate bank account for the Neighbourhood Plan finances.

Theme and vision

This could be finalised as part of the public engagement. Thanked Angie for her work thus far.

Progress on other issues

Finance planning: close to getting the money from the DC. Localities funding is also available but has stricter criteria for application and time of use.

Ideas of spend: traffic surveys at more points in the village, up to six points at £185 per point plus VAT.

Dr Harvey Rodda. A flooding expert to look at potential sites and grade from a flooding perspective. He would need the sites identified. He quoted £3500 to do this work, dependent on the number of sites.

VWHDC may be consulted on the legal issues but must approach Oxfordshire Rural Community Council for other help. They will also charge but is coming on 16th Feb to speak to the group.

Strategic environmental assessment. Need a screening opinion first, this is done by the DC if appropriate. This will cost.

Sustainability appraisal may also have to be done.

SS sought for ideas on anything else that may be needed.

Community First Oxfordshire

Reminder that there is a meeting with Community First Oxfordshire on 16th February.

Next Meeting 21st March.