# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Old Jubilee Fire Station, Red Cross Road, Goring 7.00pm Thursday 27 April 2017

**Members Present:** 

Chairman Nigel Gilson
Members David Wilkins
Stephanie Bridle

Mike Stares Tom Rothwell Enid Worsley

Kevin Bulmer (GPC)

**Officers Present:** 

Clerk Colin Ratcliff

8 members of the public and press.

16/21 To receive apologies for absence

None

16/22 To receive any declarations of interests

None.

16/23 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2017

**Resolved**: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

16/24 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

None

16/25 Public Forum

Maureen Whicher asked if a reply had been received from SODC regarding solicitor's comments on Manor Road. TR gave details of the reply received; the flooding map was faulty and has been fixed, they could not comment on a plan that had not yet been submitted and reiterated the consultation periods, and SODC did not agree with the submissions made by Mr Calder on the sequential test.

## 16/26 To receive Chairman's Report

The Chairman summarised Appendix B which was a detailed report submitted to the Parish Annual Meeting. He additionally mentioned that some work done on flooding issues needs validation. There had been some distractions and the plan was now due for submission to the parish council in June.

The potential number of new houses was discussed; TR explained housing numbers in SODC's latest Local Plan consultation and the NP's likely allocation in the area of 90-100 additional dwellings.

The Chairman explained that further meetings had been held with the School Governors, Diocese and OCC; the online petition had been withdrawn and a proposal was still awaited without which an assessment could not be made. He explained some of the issues involved and believed that a proposal was unlikely to be received before the draft plan was ready for submission to GPC.

The Chairman noted further delay had been caused by waiting for the second supplementary Bramhill Report regarding GNP6, which had taken longer than was hoped. He discussed recent information received from SODC on HELAA where 23 sites capable of accommodating over 2,000 houses had been submitted, which reinforced the need to complete the NP as soon as possible. He noted the deadline of 17 May for comments on the consultation. Maps of the submitted areas were circulated (appended to the minutes).

## 16/27 Decisions since last meeting

Signed:

N. Gilson Dated: 19/6/2017

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None.

Notes from the meeting with the School will be placed on GPC's website.

## 16/28 Matters for future discussion

EW asked whether new policies contained in SODC's draft Local Plan needed to be considered. MS said it was being done.

Jerry Unsworth (GNP5 and 6 Planning Consultant) requested to be involved in discussions regarding the school. MS said the NPSG need to see a formal proposal first, that on SODC advice all developers have to be treated in the same way and that discussions would be held with all relevant developers at the appropriate time. NG noted that other developers also have proposals with a school option.

A MOP question was asked that if a school were to go on GNP6 where would the displaced housing go? DW said that was speculation as the NP have no proposal. KB believed Woodcote were refreshing their NP and may be worth talking to.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2000 hrs.

### **Abbreviations:**

GPC Goring on Thames Parish Council

HELAA Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment

MOP Member of the Public NP Neighbourhood Plan

NPSG Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

OCC Oxfordshire County Council

SODC South Oxfordshire District Council