

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Held at the Goring Parish Council Offices on Thursday January 4th 2018 at
13.30

Present: Chairman Nigel Gilson, Stephanie Bridle, Mike Stares, David Wilkins, Tom Rothwell and 9 members of the public

1. Apologies: Enid Worsley

2. Declarations of Interest: None (TR previously declared)

3. Minutes of meeting of 23/10/17 approved

4. No matters arising

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that the Regulation 14 Public Consultation had been completed on 13/12.2017. The Steering Group had resumed work on January 3rd after the Christmas and New Year break and was now collating and studying the responses received in the consultation.

6. Public Forum

In response to questions from members of the public present, TR reported that all comments received in the public consultation would be published together with the responses of the GNP Steering Group to the issues raised. The Consultation Report would be one of the four documents submitted by the Parish Council to SODC, the others being the revised Neighbourhood Plan, the Sustainability Appraisal and the Basic Conditions Statement. All these documents would be available to the public and could be commented on as part of the Regulation 15 Consultation conducted by SODC. The Consultation Report would contain the names of individuals who had made comments but not their home or email addresses. The Steering Group anticipated that the revision of the Plan and the preparation of the final versions of the other documents would be completed by mid-February.

A member of the public had been unable to attend the meeting and, in her absence, it was agreed that a letter from her containing the text of the statement that she would have wished to make should be read aloud to the meeting. This was done.

7. Report on Regulation 14 Consultation

TR reported formally on the public consultation. In all, comments had been received from 158 respondents including a number of statutory bodies. Two statutory bodies had requested permission to submit their report a few days after the formal closure date. This had been agreed as had the late addition of the address of one member of the public. A member of the public expressed the view that the number of respondents seemed low. However, it was well in excess of the number of respondents to many other plans. It was also reported that many respondents had commented on multiple issues and that far more issues would need to be considered by the Steering Group than the number mentioned. It was also noted that attendance at public consultations had regularly been in excess of 300. Other issues relating to the consultation had already been raised in the Public Forum (above). It was reiterated that all documents relating to the Regulation 14 Consultation, including details of the responses of the Steering Group, would be released to the public at the time of the Parish Council's submission of the Plan to South Oxfordshire District Council.

8. Formal approval was given to the closure of the consultation process.

9. The Chairman reported that in response to SODC's SHEELA report, which identified other potential development sites in Goring Parish, a supplementary landscape report had been commissioned from Kirkham Consultants on some land adjacent to GNP2.

10. The meeting was closed at 14.15.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD



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