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ONF SC Meeting 12th March 2026 – Ottershaw VH 7.00pm

MINUTES

THOSE PRESENT: Bob Oliver (BO), Julie Last (JL), Nigel Eastment (NE)., Duncan Greig (DG); Thomas Gundacker (TG); Brian Williams (BW)

Apologies: Gemma Pickett, (GP), Jane Tilley (JT), Carl Mann (CM)

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING- CHAIR/SEC - Blog details of the meeting were agreed.

COUNCILLOR UPDATE (when in attendance) :

Copy emails were sent by Carl showing RBC support for Neighbourhood Planning and Forum process in an email to Government. There was no indication of the wider level of support, so while NP's may not be discontinued, there may be an issue with funding longer term.

BW – do we know whether the LP is continuing? BO thought RBC's plan had been fast tracked.

**Afternote: Next steps approved at Planning Committee 25 Feb. Commence 30 June,
New timetable, completion April 29.**

NEIGHBOURHOOD CIL –

NCIL Project Status:

- **Murray House Play Area** – awaiting result of public consultation, RBC said they would keep us informed of responses and outcome **O/S**
- **Highways-** Nothing to Report

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – BO

Draft Plan –

Design Code . –

Once SC approval received the NP, Design Code and Evidence Base will be published on our website, social media information posts etc

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLICITY/SOCIAL MEDIA – JL/GP

Design leaflet for all NA - information on the draft NP to be distributed via Royal Mail/Other courier or volunteers (TBD).

JL introduced Jane's draft. BO has circulated his comments. These were agreed.

JL happy for her home address and telephone number to be used.

DG suggested that a 'survey' style of response might be time saving.

TG use QuestionPro, would need to be reactivated.

ACTION TG

Minimum of 6 weeks response period, but we could extend that. – not the preferred option.

Do we not have to respond to the individual, but publish a summary of responses. Anonymous summary acceptable. Agreed.

How do we collate comments? DG suggests a Google form. If we have a google account we can do a google form. DG happy to design the form. When does it need to be ready? JL, fairly soon!

DG, Could use Google Sheets as Forum has an account. A quick demo ensued.

ACTION DG will design a draft form.

That will determine how the flyer is finalised.

Consultation with Utilities etc will need to be separately filtered. We will need a 'company name' section on responses.

No separate wording. Use the same form but statutory bodies to be informed with a register of who is notified, when and if responses received.

Flyer needs an end date only.

JL., We need a process for hard copies if requested. RBC might do it for us.

ACTION JL, get RBC to agree to the principle, ask John Devonshire. Get 10, always useful for another occasion.

JL discussed BO's comments on GP's draft.

BW reported there was a shortfall of minutes being uploaded on the existing website., JL has the soft copies of all the minutes.

ACTION: JL to ask GP to upload the missing minutes – end of October 2025 onwards is missing. Longer term archive after 12 months.

PLANNING APPS – JL

UK Sites and Hoardings have vacated. BO says the new occupants seem to be far better organised. Not yet fully operational.

RU.26/0190 Land between Druids Lodge and The Spinney, Stonehill Rd, Ottershaw

Erection of a single storey dwelling house, change of use to C3 residential – Much discussion. Expected the SC would side with RBC, and not be in favour of inappropriate development in the GB. Residents should be encouraged to make their individual representations.

WEB/IT – BO. GP working at home on this during meeting.

FINANCE – BO NTR

AOB –

SANGs plans and funding any update on FOI request ? Not discussed.

A320 –Update BO has circulated emails. We are using the blog on our website more and have 40 additional sign-ups for our Facebook page from links on Grapevine.

TG, the official map of the roundabout is still hopelessly out of date. Graham are not allowed to share the updated map. SCC's first answer to FOI request – it's on the website was untrue. Then confirmed in writing that there was no final version until project completion. Incorrect. A third request has gone in showing clear changes in the recently published image – Ongoing..

BO still has outstanding issues on his constitutional issues.

AFTERNOTE: Chased again on 13 Mar.

JL has spoken to the Plymouth Council opposition outfit. "Canopy" coalition of about 50 with similar tree related issues. JL will do a 'click/join'. Zoom meeting upcoming.

ACTION JL to distribute asap.

Great Grove Farm – EIA submission Nothing further to report.

AGM:

Date for AGM – Booked Friday 1st May

Require:

Minutes of the last AGM.

Agenda

Other briefs? Poss Delivery from TG on 'the map of the roundabout' FOI issues.

Hare Hill – BO will meet with Kathy Miller to review car park options.

Meeting dates booked for R Room VH :

Mar 26th

Apr 9th

Apr 23rd (not yet booked, couple of SC on holiday. Book for 30th April day before AGM or informal pub meeting to chat about AGM??)