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ONF SC Meeting 23rd October 2025 – Ottershaw VH 7.00pm

MINUTES

THOSE PRESENT: Bob Oliver (BO), Julie Last (JL), Nigel Eastment (NE), Duncan Greig (DG), Thomas Gundacker (TG), Jane Tilley (JT), Gemma Pickett (GP)

Apologies: Brian Williams (BW), Carl Mann (CM)

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING- CHAIR/SEC -

COUNCILLOR UPDATE (when in attendance) : n/a

NEIGHBOURHOOD CIL –

NCIL Project Status:

- **CCTV – CM/BO Update**

BO – RBC to do the technical work and have liaised with SCC. Proposed that the camera currently on the roundabout will be repurposed but with a change in the angle of view towards Brox Rd. **CM** will visit SCC to look at the kit and potential angle of view.

BO -This project may now need to wait for completion of the new roundabout.

RBC have said we could not use NCIL on support costs That needs to be validated, issue with budgets.

ACTION: BO to check with RBC.

Install will be a lot cheaper than we initially thought but will take longer.

BO another camera will probably be necessary for the new car park. This will be a separate case.

- **Highways – BO:** Nothing to report. Subsequent email from Jonathan Hulley updating on proposed traffic calming measured proposed for Ottershaw (to be posted on to web page?)
- **Open Spaces/Play Areas – JL:** Naomi Barrett has taken over from Chris Swatridge. Murray House Open Space play area proposal is now being worked on by RBC.

ACTION: JL to ask for a copy of the current proposals. NB: Naomi is on holiday until Tuesday 4th Nov.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – BO

JL Nov 20th scheduled for a final review of the draft plan. BW's observations will be reviewed and notated for either correction or amendment following SC discussion.

JL to review BW's email.

ACTION: BO to Recirculate BW comments NB: Done

Forum member Rachel Fuller had asked to attend a meeting. Suggest she attends the 6th November or December meetings as the 20th Nov meeting will realistically be a 'SC Working Group' totally focussed on the draft NP.

BO, proposed the inclusion of a Green Corridor & Nature Recovery, he expressed concern that our plan is weak in this area. We are at great risk of major development. Coalescence is no longer defended in the NPPF, he suggests strong green corridors will help to protect our area and has circulated a draft document with a strategy for a vision.

There may be an option to get the community involved with nature recovery. For discussion

TG, asked can a Green Corridor be quantified or better defined. It's really about connecting the green bits together. He cited the Virginia Water plan as a good example and read out their 'Local Gap' policy. It was agreed that it would be a useful addition to our own plan, this can be viewed in the VW 'evidence' section.

BO said there is a regime to use to identify the areas.

ACTION: BO to produce draft Gap Study to be discussed at the next SC.

ACTION: TG to circulate VW information.

BO – commented that currently the graphics have not been put back in the plan

ACTION: TG to source.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLICITY/SOCIAL MEDIA – JL/GP

Nothing raised – but discussed below.

PLANNING APPS – JL None of any significance.

WEB/IT – GP reported that following the comments and suggestions, the A320 should be kept as a separate project as it will not be a permanent feature.

Planning Matters suggested as a topic – It was agreed that committee discussion is not the best way to determine the way to design a re-vamped website. The less people involved the better.

Blog Content –**DG** suggested it needs to be updated regularly and perhaps can be determined at the end of each SC meeting? **BO** stated the WIX window has constraints.

JL, asked if we get blog content right can we do away with the newsletter?

OPTION: can we use AI to generate suggested blog items from each meeting? To be tested?

BO- the ownership of the WIX website has transferred to BO.

ACTION: GP to discuss with the designers along with the various sub-categories suggested.

FINANCE – BO Minor spends, we have sufficient funds.

AOB –

SANGs plans and funding any update on FOI request? none. Action with BO.

A320 –BO has been talking with Sus. **JL**, suggested the ONF write to Janine regarding the discharge of planning conditions. **JL** asked if SCC has a statutory obligation? **BO** - Yes, but we have already gone down that road.

BO – only 1 of the 11 planning conditions have been signed off. Sus has issues with other conditions. **TG** suggests that should be the focus. What are they actually going to do?

ACTION: BO will send letter to Janine at SCC.

Afternote: Sent on 24th Oct.

Broxborough Park latest

CM has been talking to Tony Graham of Vistry. Side boundary has been relocated to original location. Traveller families have also purchased 4 houses. The evidence of the issues being encountered needs to get back to RBC (fulfilling the Council's obligation to find housing sites for the Gypsy and Traveller Community?). **BO** to discuss with Carl, how can RBC prevent similar problems at other sites with traveller pitch allocations?

Ashill meeting

JL – We are meeting in 2 weeks time. **JT**-We should be in listening mode. They have already asked for a copy of the draft plan, which they can see shortly on our website.

Stonehill Stables – JL reported their application had failed – but since that they have been planting and building sheds. They seem to be carrying on regardless.

The meeting ended: 20:35 hrs

Meeting dates booked for R Room VH: 20th November, 4th December