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ONF SC Meeting 28th Mar 2024 – Ottershaw VH 7.00pm

MINUTES

Those present: Julie Last, Bob Oliver, Gemma Pickett, Jane Tilley, Thomas Gundacker, Cllr Carl Mann, Cllr. Jonathan Hulley, Mick Hunt, Jim Nicol.

Apologies: Hannah Lane, Nigel Eastment, Brian Williams.

Minutes of last meeting: Chair/Sec. Approved.

Councillor Update and Issues:

Brockhurst

BO summarised the letter of representation regarding Brockhurst for the councillors particularly referencing the proposed solution being too large for the footprint of the site and having an addition 7 units compared to the previous offering. JH commented that the planners were already aware of the size constraint as the revised application had been adjusted. JH to find out if the consultation will accept public letters of representation and if so when the cut off date for comments is.

Action: JH

Anti-social behaviour

CM reported on the high number of incidents in the village centre. The police are supporting increased surveillance. He is trying to contact parade owners. CM has contacted RH MP Dr Ben Spencer to arrange a stakeholders meeting to discuss options which would include the police and SCC Parking enforcement. Ian Nash the new Chief Inspector is onside and has encouraged the public to report all incidents.

ONF to raise awareness via social media, CM to organise meeting.

Action: CM/GP, JL

Field Nursery

BO, CM, JN, Prakash Patel held a meeting to discuss concerns. Understood by residents and planning officer that the developer would use Hawthorn Road (Oaklands) for access during building works, however, it transpires they are aiming to use Brox Lane for construction traffic. The question was whether this is acceptable as this lane is unregistered and is legally owned by the residents. A change of use to enable access by housing development contractors is thought not to be a right of the developers or the LPA (similar to the position of A2Dominion in developing Oaklands). JN and other Brox Lane residents are to seek a legal opinion to see if they can challenge this access issue should the need arise.

CM and BO mentioned that the CTMP had not made clear to planning department or councillors in the application set or at the planning meeting that this was their intention as it had been assumed that access would be via Hawthorn Road. CM suggested that he could look into the possibility of asking the Cllr. Peter Snow Chair of the Planning Committee to "call in" the application on the basis that this information was not available at the time of the decision.

Action: JN/CM

Parking around school at pick-up/drop-off times

Noted recent incidents and safety concerns. JH had spoken with Jason Gosden (SCC Highways) with regard to the option of erecting pavement bollards to discourage vehicle pavement mounting but this had been dismissed as likely to cause total gridlock so unfortunately this was currently being tolerated pending other workable solutions. It was noted that parking enforcement was not consistently implemented. JH and CM to meet with the Police and Head of the school to consider options.

Action: JH/CM

A320/Highways

BO informed the meeting that the formal letter of complaint regarding procedural flaws with regard to the A320 roundabout application particularly pertaining to veteran trees, had reached the final stage (2). Report was due in early May. The petition was also covered by this. The councillors will keep a note of progress and assist where possible.

Action: JH/CM

BO Reported that 3 Condition discharge proposals were now published for Junction 10 covering Badger Survey, Archaeology and Lighting. There were issues with the latter whose plans depicted a version of the J10 design not seen in any other document. BO to draft a response to SCC. ONF had also not received these documents directly which, as statutory consultee he felt we should have. BO to chase.

Action: BO

In addition the ONF had yet to receive any response regarding the reported traffic analysis issues, originally submitted in Nov and promised for Jan. JH agreed to chase with SCC Dir Highways.

Action: JH

BO/JN reported that the proposed highways meeting and walk round for Ottershaw had still not been arranged. JH agreed to chase SCC highways.

Action: JH

Cricket Club

CM informed the meeting that the council proposal to increase pitch fees by 50% had been rescinded and that a much more reasonable increase had been substituted. The CC will not be asking to take over ownership of the pitches at the current time (this suggestion had been put forward due to the council's poor maintenance of the pitches). He also informed the meeting that Mollies Tea room might set up in the pavilion on match days. The councils maintenance services would remain under close scrutiny.

Car Park.

MH raised the issue of rubbish around the car park perimeter. JH stated some limited clean up had occurred. JH agreed to chase SCC for action.

Action: JH

Planning Applications.

Ottershaw East.

BO will ask Tony Graham (Vistry) about the hedge that was felled. It was noted that although it was in their right to do this, communication with residents could have been much better.

Action: BO

Afternote: email sent 30 March

Willow Farm.

The refusal of this application has now been subjected to an appeal now under the control of the Planning Inspectorate. It was mentioned that only a few residents had received notice of this. BO stated ONF had not been included. ONF will raise a letter of representation and residents will be informed via social media.

Action: BO, GP, JL

Website, IT

Discussion around whether to renew existing WiX ONF email service or increase our allowance as the mail out was now near the limit. SC agreed to keep it as it is for now and monitor usage with the option of increasing should and of the need arises. There is a google mail option which TG agreed to look into.

Action: TG

BO stated that there were some aspects of the website requiring revision. BO to investigate and revise. He proposed that the vision should be added as a separate drop down to the website, TB would action. The A320 document links were still to be done.

Action: BO/TG

Finance

ONF accounts were closed out for this year, RBC were processing. The proposed grant expenditure for 24/25 is estimated to be £1264,00. BO invited SC to propose any additions or amendments to the summary provided.

Action: SC

TG suggested that consideration was given to charity status for the forum as it would provide discounted or free access to Gmail and other services. BO agreed to look into it.

Action: BO

The constitution was passed around for signature by SC post holders. This was required for the GF funding.

NP

BO reported that comments were due to come back from Intelligent Planning by early April. RBC review was under way. There is a likely emerging requirement for a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) and a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) which ONF will have to instruct consultants to do at some point.

Afternote: SEA and HRA are Technical packages of support which can be obtained via Locality at no cost, although this cannot be progressed until the 24-25 government funding for NPs is confirmed. BO would monitor.

AOB

JT to send out google drive links for NP Appendices to TG.

Action: JT

Afternote: Actioned 29 March.

AGM. It was agreed that a similar approach to last year for materials would be used. A questions section should be added to the agenda.

Action: JL

Upcoming Meeting dates: 11th April, 25th April. AGM 26th April.

Meeting Closed 9:45