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ONF SC Meeting 11th Jan 2024 – Ottershaw VH 7.00pm

MINUTES

Apologies: Hannah Lane,

Those present: Bob Oliver, Julie Last, Nigel Eastment, Gemma Pickett, Jane Tilley, Brian Williams, Thomas Gundacker.

Minutes of last meeting- Chair/Sec: 7th December 23. Approved without amendment.

Action Review:

Publicity item still to be uploaded. GP was awaiting the full/final version of the NP. This could then be embedded into the website. BO/JT were working on this.

GP reported that the Comms Plans are ready to be posted. BO to send to TG. Afternote: Sent 12 Jan.

UK Site Hoardings. BO enforcement officers have visited twice – time keeping issue, noise and toxic fumes. Parking issues. Nothing has come up on planning. Possible breaches of legislation. BO had been in contact with councillor Mann regarding issues and planning application. BO suggested the site could be a candidate for our second plan. He suggested we all keep an eye on the situation and report any indiscretions to SC.

Councillor Update (when in attendance) : Cllr Mann n/a

Neighbourhood Plan: – BO

BO has sent a long email to John Devonshire and had a response with potential impacts on our schedule. Statutory Consultation window required early in the process, legal compliance check, May 2025 elections suggested for referendum. Overall, an approx. additional 3 months on the timetable. BO had written to RBC also regarding the ONF 2 Plan Strategy detailing the issues and risks. This needed to be retested to validate the current approach against the latest government and local council policies and approach. A response was awaited. The Plan should not progress further until this had been received and any issues addressed.

GP, is there any point getting on with our plan if the LP is not progressing?
BO distributed copies of his correspondence for information and consideration.
NP will be published to the community when completed.
BO thinks the delay is not a problem and allows us to 'lean' more heavily on RBC.
JT, are we ok with the supporting documentation and appendices.
The plan is finished unless the strategy needs to be revised.

BW – on Plan 2 we will need to review all the original data. Agreed. BO stated that this could start immediately to ease the process.

Consultation statement, outstanding action. BO stated this and the Basic Conditions statement were not essential for the initial RBC review. Action: JL/GP

Communications/Publicity/Social Media – JL/GP

Exhibition day report with pictures to be uploaded to website and soc media, outstanding action. Action: JL/GP

GP explained the Blog on the exhibition day will link to the plan of the website.

Planning Apps – JL

RU.23/1432 – Willow Farm - NE stated there was danger of further escalation. A complex case. Pressure being brought to ensure enforcement issues are cleared ahead of any planning application considerations.

NE to forward correspondence to all SC in future.

Andrew's Hairdressers will be closing, Mollies Coffee Shop also to be closed due to lease renewal issues. The Londis owner was in discussions with Mollies regarding provision of sandwiches etc and possible placing tables outside.

Web/IT: - TG/BO

Suggested upgrades – Additional parts for website Expand evidence base Add dropdown for A320 **TG** working on Website adjustments/additional material required as above

Finance: – Bob

TG has secured an additional £500 from BP volunteer fund. BO expressed thanks on behalf of SC.

AOB: -

<u>CASTLE AOCV.</u> BO had now submitted 3 times with no response from RBC. GP and JL to chase RBC. BO to forward the last application. **Actions: BO,GP/JL**

A320 Roundabout : Update – BO

Raven 2 tree assessment received from ARCADIS. Sus and BO have built a strong case against the Arcadis use of this methodology.

The original Arboricultural Impact Assessment had also been reviewed in detail and a case also built for this.

BO reported that the whole of the HIF scheme has not got a single veteran tree identified.

BO presented the following for discussion as possible candidates for our second plan. Brownfield/GB sites in relation to our NA.

Ottershaw Green Belt review. BO distributed examples of Ottershaw green belt assessment.

RBC Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was discussed. To be reviewed and submitted by 31st Jan due date. **Action all by 18th Jan.**

AGM 24 Meeting date. Last one was end April 2023. Financial year goes to end March. It was agreed Friday 26th April should be first choice.

Action: JL to check availability of the hall.

Publicity and voting to be determined.

Newsletter draft distributed. Amendments were discussed. GP will revise and recirculate. Action GP.

The 25th Feb SC was to be cancelled, in lieu of A320 meeting with Jonathan Hulley.

Date of next meeting. 1st February 24.

Meeting closed 9:15