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## ONF SC Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 MINUTES

### Ottershaw Village Hall at 7.00pm.

#### 1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies: Hannah Lane, Brian Williams, Gemma Pickett, Julie Last. Gemma Pickett.  
Those Present: Bob Oliver, Nigel Eastment, Jane Tilley, Thomas Gundacker.

#### 2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting 29<sup>th</sup> September. were read and agreed.

Matters Arising/Actions From Previous Meeting:

JL had written letter of thanks to Julian Turpin, RBC's tree officer.

The HNA was discussed and the circulated version agreed. BO said AECOM might yet want a final meeting before signoff.

**ACTION: BO to Forward HNA & Comments to AECOM.**

It was agreed that the document in part reflected the failure of our political system to provide an equitable housing policy. The report showed that even so-called Affordable Housing was beyond the means of a huge proportion of the population. Current and new housing stock is inherently 'unaffordable'

It was agreed that a standing agenda with the same topic headings should be adopted. It was agreed this would be discussed at the next meeting when the Chair had returned.

**ACTION: ALL-Next Meeting.**

#### 3. Communications/Publicity & Social Media:

In Julie's absence this item was carried over to be dealt with in more detail in the next meeting.

#### 4. Neighbourhood Plan:

BO has started to produce draft wording to additional sections of the plan:

- Preface. (BO)
- Introduction. (BO)

- Our NA. (BO)
- Vision & Objectives. (BO)
- Key Issues. (BO)
- Leisure & Community (JL)

JT had not started to do her section on Character Areas/Design Codes.

**ACTION: BO undertook to initiate the process for her.**

He discussed the delay in RBC's Local Plan. Following his enquiry, Stephanie Broadley, our new liaison at RBC, had forwarded the minutes of the last RBC Planning Committee Meeting. RBC, along with numerous other LA's had stopped work on their Plans while they awaited the determination of National Planning Policy from government.

It is additional delay and it is unlikely that the LP will be determined before 2026. That is probably to our benefit but we must still maintain our timetable. The new LP was also likely to run beyond 2040.

**ACTION: BO to circulate planning committee minutes for info.**

Much discussion on local development options, the desirability of SC making our own assessment of sites in Ottershaw and doing a SLAA style assessment on each, so as to be better prepared for any possible future development proposals which may be forthcoming. It was agreed this was preferable to waiting for RBC's proposals if/should they come forward. BO did not think consultants would be better able to complete our site assessment. A communications strategy/plan for the work would be required.

It was agreed the first stage should be for the SC to do a 'desk-top' exercise to review the existing SLAA survey sites and look at other sites in the NP area that may be candidates.

A NF assessment of sites could introduce NF influence on the planning conditions on sites at an earlier stage.

**ACTION: BO to put a mapping and guidance pack together for the desktop Exercise.**

## 5. Planning Applications:

A320. Still with Sec of State for consideration. Nothing additional since Jonathan Hulley's email.

Ottershaw East. JT had found nothing substantial in the new application.

BRAG had finalised 3 standard letters and a brochure, 1,000 copies of which had been delivered across the village, for the cost of £50. Objections can still be lodged and are being uploaded to the RBC application site. It was likely the PA would not be considered until early next year.

Travis Perkins – No additional news.

Brox End Nursery – BO's letter re the proposed wall was agreed.

**ACTION: BO to despatch.**

## 6. Finance:

BO and TG have actioned new payment instructions for the next £1,000 and future GivingForce contributions to funds by BP.

**7. Website/IT:**

TG has not been able to attend to the work to update the website for our evidence base, but expects to do so after the next fortnight. BO reported our other resource for this would also be available soon.

**ACTION: TG/AB to update website menus and content.**

**8. AOB:**

JT – Discussion on the trip with the representatives from Berkley's. Fixed for 12<sup>th</sup> November, meeting at 2:30 in the Castle. It was agreed that building a relationship would be useful. JT suggested the situation with OE was more difficult because of no longer term relationship with Vistry and the lack of influence over the planning stage of the project.

**ACTION: JT to contact Berkley to arrange.**

Meeting Closed at 20:15