

Wolvercote Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

37 Harefields, Oxford, Tuesday, 11th December 2012 at 7.30pm.

Present

John Bleach (chair), Allie Noel (secretary) Pat White, Christopher Hardman, Mike Gotch, Graham Jones, Bridget Eley, Jane Wilkinson, Jean Fooks, David Stone

Agenda Item 1-Apologies.

Neil Clennell, Jonathan Gittos, Angie Goff, Richard Lawrence-Wilson

Agenda Item 2-Agreeing Previous Minutes.

Previous minutes agreed.

Agenda Item 3-Funding.

Money allocated from Oxford City Council is for officer time, to pay for referendum & advertising, so will not come to us directly.

But £500.00 will come to us directly from Wolvercote Commoners Committee.

Agenda Item 4-Taking Neighbourhood Plan forward.

4.1 Update on Specific Sites.

On 12th December, a planning consultant from Oxford University will give briefing to a few representatives of residents and members of our steering group; this will be hosted at John Bleach's house- Mike Gotch, Jane Wilkinson, Graham Jones will be there.

Exhibition scheduled for January, to which all welcome, mailshot to advise all & electronic copies to be circulated via email.

Re the Mill Site.

Matthew Cheetham from Summertown Health Centre is keen that it should include new medical centre, and the PCC are still deciding whether this is viable.

Jonathan Gittos has mentioned possibility of placing restrictive covenant so that residents' views are accorded with; John Bleach has asked him to do some research on this to which he has agreed.

Mike Gotch- mentioned residential flats with workshops under.

Re Cuttleslowe Park, Five Mile Drive, Jordan Hill.

Allie suggested these areas form residents' associations, which could then feed building development ideas into the Steering Group.

4.2 Feedback from Brookes MA Students' projects on Northern Gateway.

The final seminar is on Thursday.

4.3 Update on progress drafting NP.

Christopher will summarise & address question of the Mill Site.

Christopher & John Bleach to meet after Xmas and will work on this together.

Christopher has all residents' comments & will link/map with Core Strategy.

Formulation of a Vision from suggestions from recent public event.

Pat might do this with Jonathan; aim to make overarching statement about Neighbourhood Plan plus vision per section.

4.4 Update and commenting on National Government review of relaxing planning.

Re-cap on proposals from Mike Gotch; 4 metre extension on semi-detached house; 6 metres on detached and up to 8 metres high.

Consultation ends 23rd December 2012; can object online c/o Dept Communities & local government.

5 Gaining approval for Forum status.

Re bank- this is fine and forms are filled in. Bank to have draft constitution and signatories will need to go to bank with passport etc..

We agreed that we could include code of conduct as a separate document Stop Press: application has now been submitted to the bank.

5.3 Progress making application to OCC for Forum Status.

(John Bleach) There's a lot to do! Initial form from Michael Crofton Briggs is quite involved.

Richard was going to do this. If Richard is unable for health reasons Graham Jones will further this. We need to go & get signatures from all over the ward.

It will then take 6 weeks plus to get approval from the Council.

Forming Area Goups.

Discussion of logo c/o Phil Dove; group discuss whether we want the colours grouped as per draft logo, and we decide that we will accept for now, but may adapt later to align more accurately with cohesive community areas.

7 Publicity/communications strategy.

Graham Jones is waiting for Parks Dept to come back to him about new notice boards.

Mike Gotch says WCC will provide 3 new notice boards.

We can send posters to NOA, & Friends of Cutteslowe Park.

7.3 Creating Website.

David agreed to work with Allie on this.

8 Accounts.

We have approximately £250 in hand, WCC have allocated £500, Mike Gotch has allocated £500 from OCC local fund for ward.

9 Balance of Dwellings.

Allie has been discussing this with Tony Joyce. Specifically an analysis of planning permissions granted which would indicate the type of dwelling/ number of beds per house, desired on a ward by ward basis.

10 Social Event.

Celebration of our forum status....maybe schedule for Spring, but as John Bleach is away in April, it is most likely to be in May. Re-visit when we see progress of Forum status.

11. Other Matters Arising from Minutes.

Defra-Jane Wilkinson's friend to talk to John Bleach,
Ideas for Questionnaire- David to do

12. AOB.

Christopher has a large task; John Bleach still chair; Graham Jones to share some of John's administrative duties with Allie, so that John can focus more time on his write up of the neighbourhood plan.

The nomination of "Heritage Assets"- we can give special status to certain things in our area, which afford protection/consideration in planning matters, eg, park benches, doors, kerbs, play areas. In order to do this we could organise community "walk-about" or involve children/youths/ the elderly from clubs/schools societies. **Graham to investigate this further.**

Headington (potential) Neighbourhood Plan would like someone from our group to give talk to them. It may be good for two from the group to go. **To be decided exactly who depending on dates offered.**

13. Date of Next Meeting.

7.30pm Tuesday 22nd January 2013 at Pat's house 516 Banbury Road
(parking for 3 in the drive and 1/2 outside on the grass verge)

Venues for the following to be confirmed:

7.30pm Tuesday 26th February 2013

7.30pm Wednesday 27th March 2013