



Steering Committee
Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday 11 February 2015 at 47
Rosamund Road

Present: Christopher Hardman (Chair), Angie Goff, John Bleach,
Mary Brown, Graham Jones, David Stone, Arjun Sinsinwar,
Bridget Eley, Jean Fooks, Steve Goddard.

1. **Apologies:** Richard Lawrence-Wilson.
2. **Previous minutes – 17 December 2014**
The minutes were agreed with one correction: G.J's report on the proposal to improve the site of Godstow Nunnery in co-operation with the University and with HEFC funding had been missed.
3. **Matters arising not on the agenda**
AG suggested collaboration with Summertown NF and Cherwell School. Workshops were proposed to engage young people from Wolvercote.
4. **March Flying Goose.**
Local awareness of the plan should be maintained by regular reports in the Flying Goose . CH had explored putting letter in the Cutteslowe newsletter. It was agreed that Summertown & Wolvercote forums should co-ordinate their plans as far as possible. DS highlighted that email contact list should be used for updated communication. Kate and Alex should be kept involved.
5. **Community Involvement: Parish Vision and the Neighbourhood Forum**
The major issue discussed at the Parish Vision meetings was how new developments will be integrated into the community. The Diocese development officer anticipates more demands for community provision. A parish group will consider these issues and report to the PCC which will decide how to take them forward. There will be Co-operation with the Forum
Contact with existing groups should be made, for example with Davenant Road and Blenheim Drive Residents Association and,

where they still exist groups at Webbs Close, Home Close, Linkside, Harefield. These have often been issue based associations and after an issue is resolved they have no need to meet.

J.B will attend Davenant Road Association & Neighbourhood Watch Meeting 26th February Thursday 7:30pm.

6. Timetable for the plan: Reports on progress to produce drafts by mid-February. A meeting with Bob Keith.

First drafts had been planned for completion by mid February. CH is in touch with Bob Keith . His assistance ends by the end of March and other help has to be found after that. Headington NF has employed a project manager with GBP 12000 from action group and GBP 6000 from Planning Aid. We will need a lot more substantial information to complete planning aid forms.

There is also a need to test the main elements of the plan with community and invite a response to the key issues. Headington has done this on a website. A questionnaire or survey was proposed with both leafletting & the opportunity for response via the website.

JB added that in Headington, transport, traffic calming measures and a car club were resulting ideas. We should develop ideas within working groups. We can copy policy from other areas. A Prize draw was proposed for returned comments

7. Meetings with Patrick McDonald on POD housing.

JF reported on the meeting: It is difficult to build POD housing on a University site, like the Mill site, since this kind of development would only need part of the site and the University almost certainly would wish to sell the whole of the site. The Unit sale price if 55 units were built would be between £160,000 and 175,000. The housing would be ideal for first time key worker buyers. Everything should be done to press the City Council to consider using planning policy to support efforts to provide housing they can afford for key workers in the city.

8. Consultation on Roundabouts

Discussed. The work will potentially make congestion worse for a time and there is no certainty that it will make a significant difference to current traffic levels. It will certainly be insufficient if the Northern Gateway development goes ahead.

9. Reports on Developments:

(i) Elsfield Way Appeal
No update

(ii) Mill Site
There will be a further consultation in the new year. Traffic Consultants will present alternative proposals for the junction between Mill Road and Godstow Road.

(iii) JF highlighted parking issues with the closure of first turn bridge
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10. Northern Gateway: Strategy for Neighbourhood Forum's involvement

CH: for the Consultation 20th/ 21st, we should try to make sure that we do not repeat what we have already submitted in writing. We should reinforce points and prepare the best answers to the inspector's questions. We should support others, e.g. the Commoners, by addressing different aspects of the same issues.

11. Offers of Help

CH: raised issue of what to do with people who offer help. JB: We need people to join and assist policy groups and we need to identify which people are willing to help in which area . We have a list of names.

CH: Parish Vision and the Consequences of development is something to work on. We should consider an insert in the Flying Goose.
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12. Treasurer's Report (if any)

Approximatley GBP 1000.00 in the bank.

13. Meetings for next year.

CH: we need to choose dates in advance for meetings throughout next year.

14. AOB

22nd April 2015 Wolvercote Commoners AGM where 9 people are to stand down.

Explore community outreach possibilities using social media.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday March 4th 2015