



Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum

Steering Committee Meeting

Friday 18th January 2019

2pm. 47 Rosamund Road

Present: John Bleach, Cllr Paul Buckley, Christopher Hardman (Chairman), Richard Lawrence-Wilson, Sadie Paige, David Stone.

1. Minutes of the 12th November Steering Committee meeting were approved.

2. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

- Oxford Brookes student project. Several weeks after not initially selecting the WNF's proposed biodiversity project, a student has expressed an interest in taking our project forward. SC agreed that given other demands on our time at present we would not now be able to take up this offer. **CH** to email **AS**.
- Following discussion of further funding sources in last meeting and then need to clarify how money would be used, CH/AS have estimated that £4000 will be required for referendum comms (leaflets, adverts). Susanne McIvor has offered to help with form-filling for Doris Field Charitable Trust application (due 14/2/19).
- Our new ward Councillor, Liz Wade has indicated that she will allocate some funds to support the Forum
- The SC thanked CH for all his hard work pulling together the WNF's response to the Oxford Local Plan 2036. We were able to meet the revised deadline of 28/12/18.
- CH has contacted the Friends of Cutteslowe Park to find out if they would like to be involved in the Tree Planting project (highlighted as a high priority Community Policy); they will get back to us.
- AS and Tom Morris were asked how changes to the Neighbourhood Plan should be managed. We were advised that this will now need to be done via the Examiner, and could be added to our response to the Clarification Note.

3. Steering Committee membership

CH will invite Councillor Liz Wade (elected to replace Angie Goff) to join the Steering Committee. Her experience as a City Councillor and her involvement in neighbourhood planning will be particularly welcome.

4. Progress of Neighbourhood Plan

A brief re-cap on activity since last meeting:

- 4/12/18 Examiner was appointed
- 3/1/19 Forum responded to Examiner's Initial Note
- 9/1/19 Examiner issued Clarification Note (response due 23/1/19)

A major part of the meeting was devoted to the Clarification Note and our response to it. The SC feedback received prior to the meeting was reviewed, and agreement on the response to the Examiner's questions was documented. The final response will be circulated with these minutes.

5. Future of the Neighbourhood Forum

CH reported that he had discussed with MB the possibility of a closer working relationship with the Wolvercote Commoners Committee. There is a concern that the WCC would get sidelined, but perhaps this can be balanced by the potential access to future WNF funds. In the meanwhile It is recognised that there needs to be an authorised body to manage the CIL money and to that end **CH and RLW** will prepare changes to the Constitution that will allow the Steering Committee to continue. Changes to the Constitution will be proposed at the 2019 AGM (9/10/19). This does not preclude looking at other forms of governance for the longer term.

6. Updates on Major Developments

Wolvercote Paper Mill

We are disappointed that there has been no response to CH's questions and comments related to the Community Centre. **CH** to follow up with Vikki Roe.

Mud on the road through Lower Wolvercote continues to be an issue.

Elsfield Hall 18/03384/FUL

We were surprised to learn that public consultation had taken place in August 2018, and that the Forum has not been invited to take part. **JB/CH** will compare our most recent response to the new proposals.

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Planning application has been submitted for three three-bed houses on site of First Turn Store and Post Office.

7. AOB

Jean Fooks' memorial service will take place on Saturday 2nd February. Anyone who wishes to attend should contact lhawkins@oxford.gov.uk.

8. Date of next meeting: Friday 1st March, 2pm Venue TBC

Meeting closed at 5.15 pm.

Thanks to John for hosting.

Sadie Paige 23/1/19

