

White Hart Garden Room

Attendance

Paul Buckley, Mary Brown, Tony Dale, John Bleach, Richard Lawrence-Wilson, Jo Sandelson, Suzy Donald, Tamsin Smith, Steve Goddard, Andrew Siantonas. David Stone arrived at 9 pm having sent apologies.

(1) Apologies

David Stone

(2) Minutes of Last Meeting

Christopher Hardman has resigned from the Steering Committee of the Neighbourhood Forum, not from the Forum itself

With this correction minutes were approved.

(3) WNF roles as laid out in attached paper circulated at meeting:

Chair: Paul Buckley volunteered to take on role of Acting Chair and this was agreed with thanks. The roles were agreed with the correction that in part 2 the Chair will manage comments on planning applications, not write all the comments.

Planner: Mary Brown agreed to take on this position. The role of the Planner was agreed

Vice-chair: John Bleach agreed to continue in the position. Roles agreed

Treasurer: Richard Lawrence-Wilson to continue in role. The WNF account and the people required to sign was discussed. New Chair and Suzy Donald agreed to act as signatories Treasurer to investigate moving account online.

Secretary and Membership Secretary: Roles were agreed but no member felt able to take on the positions

Minutes Secretary: roles agreed with Andrew Siantonas taking the position

CIL sub-committee: Roles agreed. Tony Dale, John Bleach and Suzy Donald.

Website Manager: Roles agreed: Steve Roberts to continue in this position although he is no longer on the Steering Committee.

Specialist Areas: members in these positions to take lead role in commenting on Planning Applications in their specialist area:

Transport: Andrew Siantonas. Tony Dale to help especially on walking/cycling issues

Biodiversity: Mary Brown with support from Richard Lawrence-Wilson

Water, Air and Noise Pollution: Katherine Kaye, Jo Sandelson and Paul Buckley. As this overlaps with Biodiversity Mary Brown will also help in the area.

Energy: Suzy Donald and John Bleach

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Public Engagement: ?

Commerce: David Stone accepted this role after the meeting.

It was agreed to co-opt AS onto the committee.

The role of KK is provisional as she was not present when her role were identified.

4) Developments

Water Eaton:

Paul Buckley led a discussion on this development. This was broadly supportive of the plans as laid out by the developers. A proposed cycle path through Cutteslowe Park was identified as an area of possible concern. Agreed: No WNF comment should be submitted at this stage although members were encouraged to send in individual comments

Oxford North:

Comments to reserve application ref: 22/03042/RES relating to the Red Hall building need to be in by 27 January 2023. Action: Members to send comments to Paul Buckley by 17 January so that he can collate the WNF response.

Stratfield Brake

It was noted that the current proposal was to build a new Oxford United stadium in the Triangle across the road from the Stratfield Brake site.

West Botley Solar Farm

It was noted that the closing date for consultation had passed.

34 Davenant Road

Agreed: the WNF to not comment on the proposal to demolish the property but individual members to do so if they wish.

(5) CIL Projects

Five Mile Drive Noticeboard

Action: Mary Brown and Treasurer to contact Julian Cooper the relevant ODS officer so that this item can be progressed

Round 2 Applications

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JB reported that he was ready to submit full information to the Council's CIL officer for five of the seven projects on the list. The Lower Wolvercote Playground application has already been approved and will be proceeded as soon as final costs are sent in. MB reported that this was imminent.

Stop Press: The CIL sub-committee has now met to progress these actions and plan ahead for the next round of applications. The information for the playground project was received and discussed. Six project applications have now been submitted to the Council.

Action: John Bleach to obtain remaining costings for Fire Doors for Wolvercote Young People's Club so that this application can proceed quickly.

Future Rounds of Applications:

Agreed: Applications will be considered in April and October each year. Applications can be submitted at any time.

(6) Community Building at Wolvercote Mill

JB reported that the WNF were waiting for responses from CALA on questions relating to equipment in the Community Building before accepting possession of the building. In addition, advice was to be sought relating to the legal position of ownership once CALA has handed over responsibility of the building particularly in terms of making decisions about how the building will be used.

It was announced that the WVH AGM was to be on 21 February 2023

(7) Other Issues

Joe White's Lane:

MB to talk with the River and Canal Trust about the condition of the lane especially the hedgerows.

Transport and CPZ meeting: item not discussed as County Councillor Andrew Gant was not present

(8) AOB and Matters Arising

JB reported he was still working on the AGM minutes

(9) Next Meeting

Agreed: Next two WNF SC meetings would be on

Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 7.30pm, and

Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 7.30pm.