

WNF Steering Committee

Minutes of a meeting on 25 April 2023 at 7.30pm

In attendance: Paul Buckley, Mary Brown, Tony Dale, John Bleach, Richard Lawrence-Wilson, Andrew Siantonas, David Stone, Suzy Donald, Katherine Kaye, Tamsin Smith, Cllr Steve Goddard, Cllr Andrew Gant

1. Apologies

Cllr Jo Sandelson

2. Declarations of interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of last meeting on 8 March 2023

Item 7.4: line 1 was corrected to 'Suzy reported that Tamsin had reactivated...'. Subject to this correction, the Minutes were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

Item 7.4: Paul Buckley reported he had tried to assemble street contacts but did not pursue advertising as he currently had only a few and it would not be fair if a few streets had the publicity but not others. Members were asked to let PB know of other community contacts. Tony Dale reported he had contacted community groups.

Item 9.6: JB had sent information about a children's cycling facility in London to JS.

5. WNF Public General Meeting on 7 June at Cutteslowe Community Centre

PB reported that he had booked the Cutteslowe Community Centre for the public meeting as the Pavilion in Cutteslowe Park does not have sufficient capacity. After discussion it was agreed to: start meeting at 7.45pm with refreshments and formal meeting beginning at 8.00pm; after an Introduction, the meeting would highlight items on different issues including CIL, Oxford North and St Frideswide developments, and possible cycling in Cutteslowe Park. A possibility was asking Cutteslowe Community Centre rep to address meeting and County Councillor Andrew Gant to report on County especially Highways issues. Aim for 1hr 30 minute meeting including Q and A. TS agreed to circulate the recent Community Building survey leaflet and poster, as possible templates for this meeting.

6. Developments and Planning Applications

6.1 Oxford North update

Planning applications for Plots A and B had been submitted. Members were asked to submit any comments to PB by 9 May. **[Since extended to 16 May]**

6.2 OCC Consultation with WNF on the OUFC Stadium proposal for 'The Triangle'

This item was taken first to allow AG to report on this item before having to leave meeting. PB reported that WNF has been accepted as a stakeholder by OCC in relation to the Triangle application and will be invited to relevant consultations. Suzanne MacIvor had offered to brief WNF about the Triangle issue. AG reported that OUFC were also consulting and were planning meetings for local groups and people.

6.3 Oxford Planning applications since last meeting

The circulated list was noted. It was agreed that PB and MB would continue to monitor applications to Oxford City Council. If they, or any other member of the Steering Committee, judged that the SC might have concerns about an application, they will alert all members of the SC, and agreement would be sought on how/whether to respond. Otherwise WNF would make no comment.

6.4 21 Meadow Prospect (Application 23/00416/OUT)

An objection from WNF had been submitted, with approval of the SC. There was no decision yet from the Planning Authority.

7. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

7.1 CIL Round 2 update

Five Mile Drive Noticeboard. A company had been located which can make the board. A location to site the board needs to be discussed with the County Council. All Round 2 payments have been made.

7.2 CIL Round 3 update

The CIL sub-committee circulated the list of applications with the sub-committee's recommendations. The applications approved by the subcommittee would be circulated to the full committee for comments by 9 May. **[Since extended to 16 May. Applications proposed for approval are available on the website. Only applications NOT proposed for approval will be circulated to SC members.]**

The possible need to check the viability of organisations requesting CIL funds was discussed.

7.3 CIL Round 4 planning

It was agreed: key dates for Round 4, and any revisions to Guidance Notes and Application Form would be decided at the next meeting.

8. Mill Site Community Building update

TS reported that she has been negotiating details of building plan and contract including access points to the building. There was no date fixed yet, for transfer of ownership.

9. Any other business

9.1 Joint meeting with Summertown St Margaret's NF.

It was agreed to accept the invitation received from SStMNF of having a joint meeting with them. PB would try to arrange a date with SStMNF.

9.2 ONPA workshop on revising Neighbourhood Plans

PB and MB had attended and found it useful. They recommended ONPA as a source of helpful advice, for when the WNP needed revising.

9.3 Flying Goose

PB and JB would liaise over writing a piece for the next issue of Flying Goose: the deadline was 1 May.

9.4 Website

SC members were encouraged to have a good look at the WNF website, with a view to discussing ideas for change at a future meeting.

9.5 Fun on the Green

The Wolvercote 'Fun on the Green' event would be on 17 June. It was agreed there should be a WNF presence. Details of the WNF presence remained to be decided.

9.6 'Art Weeks' Oxford

It was noted that the event was to be held 20-29 May.

10. Date of next meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 16 May 2023, in The White Hart Garden Room

Meeting ended at 10.10pm

AS/PB