



## **WNF Steering Committee**

### **Minutes of a meeting on 16 May 2023 at 7.30pm**

In attendance: Paul Buckley, Tony Dale, John Bleach, Richard Lawrence-Wilson, Andrew Siantonas, David Stone (arrived 8.50pm), Suzy Donald, Katherine Kaye, Cllr Jo Sandelson, Cllr Andrew Gant

#### **1. Apologies**

Mary Brown, Tamsin Smith, Cllr Steve Goddard,

#### **2. Declarations of interest**

Jo Sandelson (in relation to 21 Meadow Prospect), Tony Dale (in relation to CIL bid for powered scythe)

#### **3. Minutes of last meeting on 25 April 2023**

The Minutes were agreed.

#### **4. Matters arising from the Minutes**

Item 9.1: PB had suggested dates for a joint meeting to SStMNF SC, but was waiting for a response.

#### **5. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

##### **5.1 CIL Round 3 decisions**

The committee confirmed approval of all Round 3 applications recommended for approval by the CIL Team, i.e.:

1. White Hart community pub coffee machine (£2340)
2. Roof materials for the community farm (£600)
3. Powered scythe for WCC (£3500) (approved subject to assurances being received from the applicant about how the scythe will be housed and insured)
4. Festival bench for Wolvercote and Wytham Festival (£1500)
5. White Hart community pub CCTV (£1903)
6. WYPC building work (fire doors and water heaters) (£9664)
7. Furniture for Wolvercote Community Hub (£4325)

The remainder of Round 3 applications were not approved, but the CIL Team would consult applicants about possible modifications, to help with any re-application to a future CIL Round:

1. Davenant Rd traffic calming: if residents could fund design, then CIL could be applied for to pay for implementation – and the cost of design could possibly then be recouped from CIL (to be checked with City Council). Also clear quotations are needed.
2. Scout hut lighting and solar panels: the applicant has been asked whether there is any alternative source of funds. Also a further quotation is needed.
3. Four applications for support for the NGH project: the committee agreed with the CIL Team that, in present form, they did not meet fully the WNF CIL requirements. But the CIL Team has invited the applicant to meet to discuss how best to re-cast the applications for a future CIL Round, to improve the chance of approval.

## 5.2 CIL Round 4 planning

The CIL Team had circulated a proposed timeline:

Early August: launch publicity (website, social media, email using Mailchimp, posters etc)

18<sup>th</sup> September: applications close

2<sup>nd</sup> October: CIL Team produces a filtered list (i.e. longlist) of applications meeting minimum requirements.

4<sup>th</sup> October: Longlisted applications are published on website for public comment.

16<sup>th</sup> October: Steering Committee considers applications and public comments, and makes decisions, including any conditions attached.

30<sup>th</sup> October: Decisions are communicated to applicants, and successful bids are published on the website.

This timeline was approved.

PB would circulate a suggested schedule of Steering Committee meetings for August-December 2023, to fit with this CIL timeline.

## 6. WNF public General Meeting 7 June at Cutteslowe Community Centre

### 6.1 Publicity

The committee considered draft designs for posters and leaflets, based on first drafts prepared by TS. These were approved subject to the lettering being more eye-catching, and the logo being more prominent. PB would arrange for printing by Mark Dean.

Posters would be put in the usual locations. JB would email the Mailchimp list.

In addition it was agreed, on this occasion, to focus further publicity on the portion of the WNP Area east of the Woodstock Rd. PB proposed asking for email notices to be sent out by the six local residents' groups in this area with whom he is in touch, and for the rest of this area to be leafleted. This was agreed. Volunteers would be needed for leaflet delivery: PB would circulate a request for help.

### 6.2 Programme

The planned start time was 7.45pm. Setting up should be possible from 7.15pm [**since changed to 7.30pm**]. A draft programme had been circulated by PB. It was agreed to make some changes:

The 'CIL' segment would precede the 'Developments' segment.

Within the 'Developments' segment: the Stadium item would be removed, but the SC would be ready to discuss it if raised by residents present; Oxford North would precede St Frideswide and Water Eaton.

There would, if possible, be a flip chart to record points made in discussions.

### 6.3 Refreshments

It was agreed to provide light refreshments from 7.45, before the start of the main meeting at 8.0. Help with this had been offered by Sue Buckley (a trustee of CCA), but offers of help from the SC would be welcome.

## 7. Developments and Planning Applications

### 7.1 Oxford North Plot A, and 7.2 Oxford North Plot B

The committee expressed concerns about several features of these application, but most were already approved under the Outline Planning Permission previously granted. However, a particular concern noted by KK was the potential danger to pedestrians after dark in the canyon-like gaps between the tall buildings. It was agreed that KK would circulate a draft objection to this feature, for the SC to consider submitting.

### 7.3 34 Davenant Rd

It was noted that demolition of the present building already had planning approval. Therefore 'No comment' was agreed.

### 7.4 39 Linkside Ave

There were several local objections to this HMO application. But HMOs are allowed by City Council policy and there were no apparent special features of this case to provide a case for refusal. 'No comment' was agreed.

### 7.5 OUFC Stadium proposal for the 'The Triangle'

SC members present at meetings with OUFC on 2 May and OCC on 9 May reported on what had been learned about OUFC's and OCC's intentions. It was agreed the WNF concerns with this proposal were primarily its implications for: parking, traffic, and diminution of Oxford-Kidlington gap green space. The SC would review OUFC's response to OCC's requirements during the Phase 2 consultation, and then decide on whether/how to respond by the OCC deadline 23 July.

### 7.6 WNF objections (99 Harefields and 21 Meadow Prospect) updates

99 Harefields had been approved by the City Council (citing the WNP Policy BES4 in support).

21 Meadow Prospect: there was still no decision.

## 8. WNF presence at 'Fun on the Green' on 17 June

It was agreed the WNF would have a stall, within the Wolvercote Village Hall. JB would ask the organisers for space in the Hall. Volunteers would be needed. PB would circulate a request when the availability of space in the Hall had been confirmed.

#### **9. Mill Site Community Building update**

There was no more information to report on the handover to the community by Cala Homes.

#### **10. Any other business**

It was noted that an Outline Planning Permission application for the Water Eaton (PR6a) housing development had been submitted to Cherwell District Council. It was agreed SC members would consider the application, and a decision would be made by correspondence on the WNF's response.

#### **11. Date of next meeting**

It was agreed to move the date of the next meeting (provisional, depending on need) from Tuesday 11 to **Wednesday 12 July**, consistent with the aim of alternating between Tuesdays and Wednesdays. PB would confirm the meeting with SC members nearer the date.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm.

AS/PB