<u>Tilehurst Parish Council - Neighbourhood Plan</u>

Meeting Minutes

21/08/2019, 19:30, Calcot Center

1. Agenda

- Representation from members of the public
- Apologies for absence
- Declarations of Interest
- · Agree minutes of previous meeting
- Matters arising from previous meeting minutes
- Review status of action items from previous meetings
- Project Plan update
- Budget update
- Communications
- Other Items

2. Present

Steering Group:

Lynda Chater
Peter Cross (Vice-Chairperson)
Julia Gentle
Kevin Page (Chairperson)
Clive Taylor
Fred Williams

3. Representation from members of the public

There were no representations from the public.

4. Apologies for absence

Alan Wade

5. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

6. Agree minutes of previous meeting

• The minutes of the previous meeting in July 2019 were reviewed and accepted.

7. Matters arising from previous meeting minutes

None

8. Review status of action items from previous meetings

None

9. Project Plan Update

No update.

10. Budget Update

Peter Cross and Jacky Major are to meet regarding the transfer of the Neighbourhood Plan bank account to the Tilehurst Parish Council bank account.

Payment of internet costs was discussed and it was noted that Tilehurst Parish Council will cover the costs already paid by Fred Williams and take over the future management and payment of the website. Fred Williams to provide Peter Cross with a spreadsheet detailing the costs.

11. Communication

The "Tilehurst Boundary Flyover" appears to have been well received on Facebook and the website.

The flyer has been printed and is ready for delivery with the Tilehurst Directory.

12. Any other items

A discussion took place regarding the need to inform West Berkshire Council about the status and contents of the Survey. It was assumed that West Berkshire Council should be sufficiently informed of the status of the Survey through the minutes of the Steering Group meetings that are available on the website.

It was agreed that the contents of the Survey would be made available to West Berkshire Council and presented to them at a planned meeting in September with West Berkshire Council. The aim of this meeting being to discuss their progress on the publication of the "Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) Report".

Kevin Page is to try and set up this meeting.

A discussion took place above the Stoneham's Farm development. The members of the Steering Group were very concerned that the original planning permission, detailed and documented in the official DPD has been overturned.

There will now not be 15 dwellings on the site but a 85-bed Care Home.

The ease with which West Berkshire Council were able to overturn the original planning permission, reportedly using correct procedures, raises the question of whether any agreements between the Neighbourhood Plan team and West Berkshire Council, with regard to future development sites, could be relied upon or whether they could also be modified with ease at the request of the land owner and the developer.

It would appear that any objections to the change by the public and the Policy Department of West Berkshire Council were overcome by the argument that the change to the planning permission would provide "47 units" as opposed to only "15 units", provide "Full-Time Employment (FTE)" and provide more income for West Berkshire Council through Council Tax and S106 / CIL payments.

A detailed discussion then took place about the content of the proposed Survey with various small changes made to the wording and options for the questions.

It was decided that the sections relating to "Housing Needs" and "Housing Development" needed to be reworked and Fred Williams agreed to merge the two sessions for the next meeting.

13. Steering Group Members:

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- Alan Wade (<u>alan.wade@tilehurstpcnp.org.uk</u>)
- Fred Williams (<u>fred.williams@tilehurstpcnp.org.uk</u>)

Meeting Schedule

• The schedule of meetings is now available on the website