

# Tilehurst Parish Council - Neighbourhood Plan

## Zoom Meeting Minutes

16/09/2020, 19:30

### **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:

Kevin Page (Chairperson)  
Peter Cross (Vice-Chairperson)  
Julia Gentle  
Clive Taylor  
Alan Wade

Liz Alexander, Bell Cornwell (Invited participant)

### **3. Representation from members of the public**

None.

### **4. Apologies for absence**

Lynda Chater  
Fred Williams

### **5. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **6. Agree minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting were not available.

**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 stated that there was nothing to report.

Alan brought up the purchase of a copy of an old Ordnance Survey map of Tilehurst. Purchase was agreed subject to permission having been granted by OS. The estimated cost/donation will be less than £20.

**11. Communications**

No update.

**12. Any other items**

Government Consultation on the Planning White Paper on Planning

Alan and Clive have both emailed our local MP, Alok Sharma, and have both received letters in response that repeated the Government previous statements and provided no feedback on local planning issues, for example Pincent Lane.

A discussion took place about who should formally respond to the Government Consultation, the Steering Group of the Neighbourhood Plan or the Parish Council with no decision taken.

Kevin has had sight of a West Berkshire Council document on the subject and could only inform those present that it was balanced and described some of the “challenges” that the new White Paper would bring about.

Alan and Clive have both been advised by Alok Sharma, MP, to make their opinions known as part of the consultation process.

It was agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group response will be prepared.

### Survey Communications

A video providing feedback of the Residents Survey has been created by Kevin and circulated to the members of The Steering Group. All members have been asked to provide feedback on the video before it is uploaded to the Neighbourhood Plan website.

### Review of the latest draft plan document.

Liz Armstrong joined the meeting for an hour long discussion about the latest draft plan and voiced the opinion that the document was progressing on the right track.

Liz had, due to time constraints, only been able to review half of the document, but was able to provide much detailed feedback and advice which was discussed, at length, by all present.

The need for an “Evidence Base” was raised by Alan and it was agreed that it is important and that the Residents Survey was an important component. Liz will review the current status of available documentation and provide feedback.

In general, at the end of the discussion it was felt that a “Consolidation Approach” was a reasonable stance to adopt in the document as it was shown by the results of the Residents Survey that there was little appetite for new homes, and that there is no requirement to include further development sites under the current West Berkshire Council housing plan.

As Liz had been unable to review the second half of the document it was agreed that a further Zoom meeting would take place in two weeks to receive further feedback.

Liz recommended that the document should be shared with West Berkshire Council after her further feedback has been received and any suggested changes made to the document.

Kevin will inform West Berkshire Council that they will be getting a copy of the document.

### Next Meeting

Next “informal” zoom meeting in two weeks.

### **Steering Group Members:**

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### **Meeting Schedule**

- The schedule of meetings is now available on the website