

Tilehurst Parish Council - Neighbourhood Plan

Zoom Meeting Minutes

21/10/2020, 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
Fred Williams

3. Representation from members of the public

None.

4. Apologies for absence

Lynda Chater
Alan Wade (technical problems joining the meeting)

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. No expenditure had been incurred.

Kevin noted that there have been discussions with the Tilehurst Parish Council about the budget for next year and it was agreed that the budget requested would remain at £4,000.

11. Communications

No update.

12. Any other items

Residents Survey Results Video

Kevin reported that over 120 people viewed the video about the survey results but noted that only 5 completed the following survey regarding the provision of further information. It is possible that the flyer detailing the results and the video provided sufficient information.

Government Consultation on the White Paper on Planning

A discussion took place about our response and also the response of the Parish Council. There was agreement in all areas but the Parish Council also noted that the move to greater use of “digital technology” would prevent many members of our community from being able to take part in Planning matters.

Kevin and Clive, together with other Parish Council participants, have also attended a West Berkshire Council Parish Conference and were able to see a presentation on this subject. Generally, there was concern about the contents of the White Paper and the possible impact on Neighbourhood Plans.

Bryan Lyttle, Planning Officer, West Berkshire Council, advised those Parish Councils who had Neighbourhood Plans underway to continue and suggested focussing on “building codes”.

Interestingly, no recommendation was offered to those Neighbourhood Plans that have not started yet.

West Berks Housing Strategy Consultation

Tilehurst Parish Council need to respond to this consultation by November 10th and Kevin asked for any feedback on the document. Unfortunately none was forthcoming as no one had seen the document except himself and Clive, who noted that it’s main focus was on issues homelessness.

Planning Policy Email sent by West Berkshire Council to Steering Group, Tilehurst Neighbourhood Plan.

A confidential discussion took place about the contents of the email with regards to the numbers of new dwellings planned for Tilehurst Parish up until 2026 that will find their way into the Local Plan following the completion of the latest HEELA.

It was agreed that the results of this discussion will be fed into the draft document by Alan and Peter.

Next Meeting

Next zoom meeting on Wednesday 18th 2020.

Steering Group Members:

- Lynda Chater (lynda.chater@tilehurstpcnp.org.uk)
- Peter Cross, Vice Chairperson (peter.cross@tilehurstpcnp.org.uk)
- Julia Gentle (julia.gentle@tilehurstpcnp.org.uk)
- Joan Lawrie (joan.lawrie@tilehurstpcnp.org.uk)
- Kevin Page, Chairperson (kevin.page@tilehurstpcnp.org.uk)
- Clive Taylor (clive.taylor@tilehurstpcnp.org.uk)
- Alan Wade (alan.wade@tilehurstpcnp.org.uk)
- Fred Williams (fred.williams@tilehurstpcnp.org.uk)

Meeting Schedule

- The schedule of meetings is now available on the website