

Minutes of Tilehurst Parish Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group held 16th June 2021, at 7.30pm via Zoom

1. **Present:** Kevin Page, Peter Cross, Julia Gentle, Joan Lawrie, Clive Taylor
2. **Apologies:** Alan Wade
3. **Representations from members of the public :** None
4. **Declarations of Interest:** None
5. **Minutes of the last (May 2021) meeting :** yet to be issued.

6. Matters Arising from the last meeting:

6.1 Clive asked if there had been any progress in obtaining the ecological report on Pincents Hill, as Jo Stewart had emailed Kevin and Clive concerning the decision to make a Freedom of Information request, that had caused the FOI request to be paused pending further developments. Kevin advised he had received no further update but would chase up the matter again. **Action: Kevin**

6.2 Peter asked if the response to the WBC footpaths consultation had been completed and submitted. Clive confirmed that it had been and that comments received from Steering Committee members had been incorporated. The meeting further agreed that the response should be posted on the TPC website. Clive would contact Jacky to arrange. **Action: Clive**

7. Budget, finance & fundraising update

Nothing to report other than the expenses cheque for Fred had been processed. There had been no other income or expenditure since the last meeting.

8. Draft Plan Status and next steps

- Thanks were expressed to Peter and Alan for their continued work in updating the plan to its current draft.
- Peter stressed the need for a face to face meeting to discuss the latest draft as had been previously agreed. This would also avoid the continuous individual amendments submitted via Teams and enable faster review and agreement on any further changes. Discussion then centred around whether to consult with Liz and WBC before the face to face meeting took place. It was agreed to invite Liz to the face to face meeting, though her feedback was not expected in advance, but to delay sending the draft plan to West Berks. Kevin would check on room availability and covid rules with Jacky and if web availability was possible to enable remote access to the meeting as well. Kevin would also check on Liz's availability before proposing dates to committee members. **Action: Kevin**
- Julia suggested two glossary of terms inclusions: PROW (Public Right of Way) and

PAWS (Plantations of Ancient Woodlands Sites which were noted for inclusion though Peter stressed that the glossary was still far from complete. **Action: Peter**

- Kevin notified the meeting that the Compton Parish Neighbourhood Plan was now available for public consultation having passed through the WBC review process. All were advised to study the document as it might contain useful guidance for our own Plan. **Action: All**
- Peter sought advice regarding plan policies on cycle sheds and restricting hard surfacing of front gardens and how such policies would be enforced. Kevin referred to the Compton as a possible source of how best to express this and suggestions were made as to how good communication of policies to residents could help. Peter agreed to further the consider these aspects of the plan. **Action: Peter**

9. **Request for consideration of additional Green Space**

Kevin reported that he had been contacted by a parishioner in New Lane Hill who was asking if an area of land on Calcot Golf Course could be considered for designation as local green space in the Neighbourhood Plan. After discussion it was agreed that Clive would contact the resident to arrange to meet with him so as to view the land in question and discuss the proposal. Clive would report back by the next monthly meeting. **Action: Clive**

10. The meeting closed.