

Minutes of the Tilehurst Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Committee Meeting held on 15th December 2022

Present : Kevin Page, Peter Cross, Alan Wade, Julia Gentle, Joan Lawrie, Liz Alexander, Momina Ahmed , Sandra Vickers

1. Apologies: Clive Taylor, Fred Williams
2. Committee Co-option : Sandra Vickers was confirmed as a member of the committee
3. Declarations of interest : None
4. The minutes of the meeting were agreed with the addition that Liz was to review section 8 and Clive to review section 9 (both had happened) and Kevin was to talk to Fred.
5. Actions arising from the minutes - None that wouldn't arise later in the meeting
6. Budget, Finance and Fundraising: Peter reported he had met with Jacky and that the accounts were all up to date. Peter had submitted a report on the £5000 grant and as no feedback had been received within the stipulated timescale it could be assumed to have been accepted.
7. Plan Review :
 - Chapter 7 : Liz's comments (see draft plan comments for details) were presented and discussed with some further amendments agreed. In light of comments Liz would further review the wording.
 - Chapter 9 : The Parish Recreation Grounds were now included as proposed LGS sites along with 3 West Berks recreation sites. Liz would review the wording of this section to make it a policy.
 - Justification and protection of the AONB and close by green area to be better defined. Liz to review and propose new wording.
 - Further Actions:
 - Action: Joan's AOL email address to be used in future due to problems in accessing her NDP email address.
 - Action: Incorporate winning photos or a gallery of photos from the photo competition into the plan.
 - Action : A letter needs to go to WBC regarding the proposed LGS designations of WBC owned recreation areas/playing fields

There was discussion around having a policy or project that better defined Tilehurst Parish. Maybe running fairs or events to promote Tilehurst Parish as Holybrook Parish had done. Also leaflets and/or an emblem to better define the Parish. Improved engagement with schools could help and possibly documenting and publicising parish history.

There was further discussion around some of the West Berks comments on the plan and how best to respond, if at all.

Kevin outlined the project plan going forward through the various consultations and that we should be ready for referendum towards the end of 2023

Action to aim to have a finalised draft plan by our January meeting that could then be endorsed by the Parish Council and forwarded to WBC Planning for further Review.

Noted that we had completed distribution of a NDP progress update leaflet to every household in the parish in November/December 2021.

8. Next Meeting: Wednesday 19th January 2022, 7.30pm at the Calcot Centre