

## **Minutes of the Tilehurst Parish NDP Steering Group Meeting held on 18th May 2022**

1. **Present :** Kevin Page, Peter Cross, Julia Gentle, Liz Alexander, Sandra Vickers, Clive Taylor, District Cllr Tony Linden plus one member of the public
2. **Representations from Members of the public :** None
3. **Apologies:** Fred Williams, Alan Wade, District Cllr Jo Stewart
4. **Declarations of Interest:** None
5. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Agreed with minor corrections received from Alan
6. **Matters Arising:** Cllr Tony Linden made some comments relating to the recent East of Pincents Hill application refusal by the District Planning committee leading to some discussion around WBC planning policy relating to this application and the merits or otherwise of the still outstanding Pincents Manor application.
7. **Budget and Finance -** Peter advised nothing to report other than that the Good Exchange had advised that any applications for funding from April 1st 2022 would be fee free.
8. **The NDP - Local Green Space :** There was considerable discussion around defining the proposed LGS extension area for Calcot Golf Course agreed at the previous meeting. There was also discussion around tree preservation orders and biodiversity opportunity areas that applied to Calcot Golf Course and it was agreed that we needed to check the extent of the protection that this already provided. It was concluded however that LGS should provide greater protection. It was further agreed not to define the extended area of LGS designation other than that we had decided to extend it to a wider area and that we would propose discussion with CGC before finally determining the boundaries of the proposed extended area. This was agreed and Kevin would write to CGC to advise of this decision.
9. **The NDP - Site Allocations :** Further to discussion at the previous meeting Liz confirmed that WBC were within their rights to only recognise site allocations that were outside the settlement boundary. With that in mind Clive suggested that the only site outside the settlement boundary that we could consider allocating was the brownfield development at Pincents Manor, though a decision on that development might happen soon. It was also noted that one of the New Lane Hill sites, though inside the settlement boundary, had been sold and was therefore no longer expected to be developable . Liz offered to write some notes for possible inclusion in the NDP that covered both anticipated windfall developments within the settlement boundary and a possible allocation of the Pincents Manor site and that would explain and justify our NDP argument for only limited, if any, site allocations.
10. **The NDP - Next steps and progress to formal consultation :** After discussion it was agreed that Kevin would chase WBC Planning for any further feedback on the NDP, then to target for completion of consultation with the Parish Council by its July

meeting on July 12th and then commence public consultation for an 8 week period through August and September 2022. Clive would request a quote from Abracadabra for distribution of a flyer in 2nd half of July.

11. **Next Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday 15th June but likely to be changed to 22nd June (check for email confirmation)