

Minutes of the Tilehurst Parish NDP Steering Group Meeting held on 17th May 2023 at the Cornwell Centre

1. **Present** : Kevin Page, Clive Taylor, Julia Gentle, Peter Cross, Alan Wade
2. **Representations from Members of the public** : None
3. **Apologies**: Sandra Vickers, Joan Lawrie, Liz Alexander (received after meeting)
4. **Declarations of Interest**: Though not a DOI relating to this meeting Clive advised the group that he had been elected to West Berkshire Council as a councillor for Tilehurst Birch Copse Ward and that he had also been elected as Chairman of Tilehurst Parish Council. He was also likely to be appointed to the West Berks Eastern Area Planning Committee (subsequently confirmed). Clive added that he intended to remain a member of the NDP Steering Group.
5. **Minutes of Last Meeting**: Agreed as a true record
6. **Matters Arising**: None
7. **Budget and Finance** - Peter had nothing to report, ie no new expenditure or income. It was confirmed that the Parish Council had set a budget of £4000 for 2023/24 to cover any NDP related costs. All previous grant monies had been spent.

8. Meetings with West Berkshire Council Planning

Kevin advised the committee of a zoom meeting with Bryan Lyttle on 24th April which was intended to cover three key areas :

- Areas of the NDP that might require amendment to meet basic conditions
- The need, if at all, to re-run the Reg 14 consultation
- Clarification of WBC views of our proposed LGS designation particularly those covering areas of Pincents Hills and Calcot Park Golf Course

On the call it emerged that Bryan had been reading a much earlier version of the NDP and it had been agreed to rearrange the call once Bryan had reviewed the correct version. Although an early follow up meeting had been expected we still awaited a response from Bryan. Clive offered to chase Bryan as he was regularly attending the Newbury offices.

In the meantime progress could be made with preparing the consultation statement (Kevin), preparing the basic conditions statement (Liz), and improving the various maps in the NDP (Kevin).

In relation to maps changes it was agreed to:

- Introduce a maps appendix containing all the maps though some maps to remain in the main body of the plan as well and where relevant
- Maintain a consistent aspect ratio across all maps
- Improve maps to clearly show the geographical position of Tilehurst in relation to Reading and the surrounding area

- Clive to provide Kevin with a map showing the position of the claimed but now detoured footpath across Pincents Hill (Farm Drive to the Calcot Centre)

8. Any other Business

There was some discussion around the change of administration at WBC and the possible impact on our NDP if changes were made to the local plan.

9. Next meeting :

The next monthly meeting would be at **7.30pm Wednesday 21st June 2023** at the Cornwell Centre (unless otherwise advised)

10. The meeting closed