

Minutes of the Tilehurst Parish NDP Steering Group Meeting held on 26th July 2023 at the Cornwell Centre

1. **Present** : Kevin Page, Clive Taylor, Julia Gentle, Peter Cross, Alan Wade, Joan Lawrie, Sandra Vickers
2. **Representations from Members of the public** : None
3. **Apologies**: Liz Alexander
4. **Declarations of Interest**: None
5. **Minutes of Last Meeting**: Had been corrected by Kevin and were agreed as a true record
6. **Matters Arising**: Clive advised that the Parish Council had objected to the Calcot Golf Course planning application on various grounds including the fact that our NDP was seeking to have the land designated as Local Green Space. Holybrook Parish Council had also objected.
7. **Budget and Finance** - Peter had nothing to report.

8. NDP Draft Plan status update

Kevin referred to the Teams meeting that had taken place following the feedback from Bryan Lyttle which had resulted in further updates to the plan. It was agreed that we should now target to have updated draft of the NDP ready for approval by the Parish Council's September 2023 meeting prior to further submission back to WBDC.

Action: Clive to ensure review of the NDP is pencilled in for the Sept Parish Council Meeting agenda.

Various Draft Plan changes were raised by Alan and discussed :

- Page 25 street lighting - NDPPF to be changed to NPPF (and throughout the document), otherwise wording agreed
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- Flooding changes proposed by Alan were agreed
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- WBC to be changed to WBDC throughout the plan - agreed
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- Identification derelict garages site. Various locations discussed but agreed not to specify specific sites.
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- Agreed that planning applications in progress should not say processed "by the Parish Council".
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- Clive would ask Jacky to recalculate the numbers of new house builds currently approved but not completed. Note: Action was completed by Peter
- Agreed to ask Jacky to review the new version of the plan when it is ready and to cease reviewing the Reg 14 version. Action Clive to advise Jacky.
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- Clarendon Rise and Goldcrest recreation areas - agreed to leave in for LGS designation for consistency. (Note: Clarendon Rise subsequently found to be outside Tilehurst Parish, so to be removed)
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- Page 54 , 9.52 - some out of place text needs to be corrected - Kevin will correct as just cosmetic, the wording is ok but should be at the bottom of the page.
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- Confusion over need for developers to produce a "design statement document " even if just building a small number of houses. wording needs to be tidied up to make clear our NDP's requirement vs WBDC or NPPF requirements. Agreed to seek advice from Liz on best description to use for the TPC NDP document.
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- Clive drew attention to the prospect of 4 storey buildings being built at Calcot Golf Course though Tilehurst Parish has very few if any 4 storey buildings. It was agreed to adjust the NDP to make clearer that we opposed building above 3 stories.
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- For information Clive also drew attention to the Calcot Golf Course planning application having reduced affordable/social housing from 40% to 20% as the application to build houses was to enable the build of the new club house. TPC had objected to this.
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- **In conclusion it was re-confirmed to aim to complete all plan amendments (Peter and Alan), the Reg 14 Consultation statement (Kevin) and the Basic Conditions statement (Liz) by the next NDP meeting on August 16th so the whole package of documents could be presented to the Parish Council at it's September meeting.**

9. Any Other Business / Next Meeting

Kevin advised that he would be inviting all 7 district councillors representing parts of Tilehurst Parish Council to the next meeting which would be held on August 16th, 7.30pm at the Cornwell Centre

The meeting closed