

Present: Councillor I Reissmann – Chairman
Dr P Ashby – Vice Chairman
Councillor M Akehurst – Mayor (ex-officio)
Councillor S Gawrysiak
Councillor Miss K Hinton
Councillor D Nimmo-Smith
Councillor Mrs J Nimmo-Smith
Mr R Aitken
Dr T Dudeney
Mr G Probert
Dr B G Wood
Councillor Mrs P Phillips
Councillor M Winton
Mrs V Alasia
Councillor Mrs L Longley
Mr P Bradbury
Councillor Mrs S Webb
Councillor Mrs C Walters
Councillor Mrs S Biggs
Mr R Atkin
Councillor Mrs G Austin

In attendance: Mr M Kennedy Town Clerk
Administrator: Louise Hastings
Councillor W Hamilton
2 members of the Public
1 member of the Press

372. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Mayor called for nominations for Chairman. It was proposed by Councillor S Gawrysiak seconded by Dr P Ashby and
RESOLVED

That Councillor I Reissmann be elected chairman

373. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman, Councillor I Reissmann called for nominations for Vice Chairman. It was proposed by Councillor Dr B G Wood and seconded by Councillor R Aitken and
RESOLVED

That Dr P Ashby be elected Vice Chairman for the remainder of the local government year.

374. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs J Wood; District. Councillor Mrs C Hale: Stoke Row Parish Councillor, Mrs P Buckett: Chairman TAG.

375. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chairman, Councillor Ian Reissmann explained the 'Code of Conduct' to the TSG and asked everyone to sign a copy and hand back to Mr Mike Kennedy, Town Clerk before leaving the meeting.

376. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

For the benefit of new Members, the Town Clerk explained about the declaration of interests (Localism Act 2011). Pecuniary interest meaning anyone who has a financial interest in the project. If that was the case, they would be asked to leave the meeting.

None received.

377. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Townlands Steering Group held on 26th November 2014 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Mrs V Alasia asked why the TSG were electing a Chairman again. Councillor Reissmann explained that it was because TSG were a 'new group' and the Terms of Reference had changed.

378. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The TSG adopted a twin track strategy. This involved campaigning, protesting and public debate. The second strategy was to engage with the PCT and other health bodies and work with them to convince them of our case and work with them to develop plans for a new hospital. We have also played an important role in ensuring good lines of communication between the community and key stakeholders such as PCTs.

This strategy has proved to be very successful. Planning permission was granted in 2012, and the contract signed in May 2014. Redevelopment started soon after.

At that point, some thought the work of the TSG was done. However recent months have shown that the situation is not as settled as we thought. Sue Ryder have indicated they do not wish to be part of the project. Their status remains unresolved. There is an issue over the GP cover. This is being resolved and we hope to hear soon that there is an agreed plan which will go

live in April 2015 to provide a service with the help and support of local GPs that is even better than before.

Councillor W Hamilton – said that the project was immensely important and at a critical point. It was great to see the whole community coming together for Henley and the surrounding villages. The TSG’s influence on the project is immense.

Councillor I Reissmann thanked Councillor Hamilton for his words.

379. **APPOINTMENT OF A SUB GROUP**

Councillor I Reissmann reiterated the twin track approach and advised that the Sub Group would meet with the NHS/PCT. It was proposed by Mrs V Alasia and seconded by Dr P Ashby and

RESOLVED

That the following Terms of Reference be approved and adopted.

1. The TSG sub group to be appointed by the TSG to carry out any activities required under the TSG terms of reference. This to include
 - any public or private engagement with health care stakeholders in Townlands
 - any public or private engagement with other stakeholders in Townlands such as planning authorities
 - community engagement including holding public information meetings and opinion gathering activities, and reporting back the views of the community to the TSG and other parties
2. The sub group's responsibility is to report back to the TSG and has no delegated powers to make decisions or spend money.

It was proposed by Councillor I Reissmann and seconded by Councillor Miss K Hinton and

RESOLVED

That the Sub Group consist of Councillor I Reissmann, Dr P Ashby, Councillor Dr BG Wood, Councillor D Nimmo-Smith and Councillor S Gawrysiak.

Councillor S Gawrysiak advised that quite often the CCG or NHS Property Services want to meet with a smaller group in confidence. The Sub Group carries out this role.

380. **PRESENTATION BY LIBBY FURNESS (CCG)**

The Chairman explained that the original purpose of the meeting was to re-establish the TSG under the new Terms of Reference and receive a presentation from the CCG on the way in which services will be provided. The CCG was not ready to give the presentation to the public as the plans were

incomplete. It is hoped that the presentation will be ready for the 26th March 2015. The Chairman invited questions and comment from the meeting.

Mr R Atkin – asked who the leader of the CCG was.

Councillor I Reissmann – advised the CCG was a consortium (Oxfordshire) they hold the NHS budgets across the county. They are responsible for the purchase of services from the providers for the site. The Chief Executive of the CCG is Mr David Smith (he is a manager). Dr Andrew Burnett, Sonning Common Health Centre is the Lead for South East Oxfordshire.

Mr R Atkin – is the presentation fait accompli or part of a consultation process?

Councillor Reissmann – if the plan is similar enough to the Business Case as approved they will not need a formal consultation as they have already consulted on it.

Mr R Atkin – was GP coverage part of the plan?

Councillor Reissmann – it is a different way in which the services are being planned. Oxfordshire Health is responsible for staffing and providing services. OH wanted to commission GP support on a county wide plan. The procurement process awarded the contract to Oxford University Hospitals – they are now in consultation with local GPs.

Mr R Atkin – will the CCG be speaking on the state of progress on this issue?

Councillor I Reissmann – they will be speaking to all providers of services at Townlands. A key part of the CCG presentation will be services on site.

Mr R Atkin – are we expecting any information on more or less services?

Councillor Reissmann – The CCG is reviewing options on services. The top floor will be built and services will be provided there. The Business Case as approved will be getting a re-provision of existing services.

Mr G Probert - if services will be provided by Oxfordshire Health what is the difference? Why aren't local GPs able to see me rather than someone from Oxford?

Dr P Ashby – when the news broke it caused alarm. Understanding a nominated Team for managing the more difficult cases with more local input needed to be covered locally.

Councillor I Reissmann – Oxfordshire Health won the County wide contract. Services are commissioned for each community. Only half the story got out.

Dr T Dudeney – sub contract day to day care to local surgeries.

Councillor I Reissmann - at the moment private negotiations are being pursued.

Mr P Bradbury – is there going to be any involvement from Sue Ryder?

Councillor I Reissmann – Sue Ryder is not ruled in or out, they are still in discussion.

Mr G Probert – Regardless of the Sue Ryder situation there are many organisations that can provide palliative care.

Councillor I Reissmann – this service is highly valued. The TSG has the ability for example to discuss concerns expressed by the residents of York Road with the CCG. The residents are prepared to put up with the buildings' height for Sue Ryder but not for admin.

Councillor Mrs C Walters- how do you get access to the third floor?

Dr P Ashby – you can gain access through the main door or a staircase around the north side of the building. There will also be lifts.

Councillor R Aitken – where are we with the “go to body” for continuing services?

Councillor I Reissmann – the TSG has a successful record. We listen to the community and feed back to the community. A lot of organisations have contacted us to discuss Townlands issues.

Councillor S Gawrysiak – we had concerns a few months ago but we have been immensely reassured by Amber. We attended a meeting with Libby and Andrew last week which was very positive. We are the only body to communicate with. Oxfordshire Health with the GP's want a slightly higher service level.

Dr P Ashby – there were 4 years of discussions with Sue Ryder. We were disappointed when the news broke. If Sue Ryder are not part of the site in the end, more services will be provided so people won't have to go to the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

Councillor I Reissmann – the Oxfordshire County Council is a stakeholder and has commissioned a residential care home on site.

Mr R Atkin – the junction at Kings Road/Mount View was originally a straight forward crossroads. The Glanville plan shows a double roundabout. Mr R Atkin handed in a drawing of an alternative road layout and asked the Chairman to pass this on to the site developers.

Councillor D Nimmo-Smith – advised that Oxfordshire County Council had to agree what would be right for the junction. He also advised that he would take the matter up with Highway Officers. Planning permission was granted (Section 278 agreed) a year ago.

Councillor I Reissmann – will email Councillor D Nimmo-Smith the details.
Mr M Kennedy, Town Clerk – advised that this issue should be dealt with by TSG and not Henley Town Council Planning Committee. Both plans to be circulated. **ACTION: Add item onto the next agenda (26th March 2015).**

Since the Waitrose development was put in place, no path goes down into the car park from the crossing side. Mr M Leto, Amber Solutions, has already advised that any amendments to the project must be cost free.

The next public meeting is set for the end of March.

Mrs V Alasia – raised concerns about updated boards being promised around the town.

Mr M Kennedy, Town Clerk – advised that they are at Tesco at the moment and had already been to Waitrose.

Mr M Winton – asked if it would be possible to have a site visit.

Councillor S Gawrysiak – advised that he would try to organize a meeting on site. **ACTION: Councillor S Gawrysiak to pursue.**

The CCG will not present without a clear set of proposals.

Mr G Probert – asked if it would be a public meeting.

Councillor I Reissmann – advised that it would be and that it would be publicised on websites, posters etc.

Dr T Dudeney – advised that by delaying the meeting by one week allowing the CCG to consolidate, will they be ready.

Councillor I Reissmann advised that the Sub Group will meet a week beforehand and confirm the next TSG meeting date.

381. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next TSG meeting will be in March 2015. Date to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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Cllr I Reissmann
Chairman