

HENLEY ON THAMES TOWN COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
STEERING GROUP HELD ON
MONDAY 6 MARCH 2017 AT 7pm
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
TOWN HALL, HENLEY ON
THAMES.

Present: The Vice Chairman, Mrs R Chandler-Wilde
Councillor Jane Smewing - Henley Town Council (HTC)
Councillor K George - Harpsden Parish Council
Mrs J Clarke
Mr D Whitehead
Mr P Fleming
Mr J Munro
Mr P Reader
Councillor Sara Abey (HTC)
Councillor Simon Smith (HTC)
The Mayor, Councillor Julian Brookes (HTC)

In Attendance: Mrs J Wheeler – Town Clerk

Also Present: 5 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Press

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Mrs R Chandler-Wilde, chaired the meeting.

78. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman, Mr D Hinke and M Plews (Harpsden).

79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor, Councillor Julian Brookes, declared a personal interest in agenda item 6, Parkside site.

80. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr K Arlett, Elizabeth Road – Mr Arlett raised three questions regarding the replacement of Mrs Bland with Councillor Simon Smith, the co-option of members on to the NPSG and whether the Chairman of the NPSG had resigned.

The Town Clerk had not received any notification that the Chairman of the NPSG has resigned. Concern was expressed that too much attention was being paid to Standing Orders and Terms of Reference for what was simply a steering group.

The priority was to have people willing to give up their time to work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Mr I Clarke, Cromwell Road – Mr Clarke queried whether Thames Farm and the Wyevale site were in the Neighbourhood Plan. It was confirmed that the Wyevale Site was. The Town Clerk said that she would send a hard copy of the NP to Mr Clarke. Mr Clarke had a lot of basic questions which were answered including the utilities at Thames Farm; parking at Wilkins Yard; monies for the Jet Garage site and he wanted a public meeting for people to have their say on future planning decisions.

81. NOTES

The Notes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on 30 January 2017 were received and approved by the Vice Chairman, Mrs R Chandler-Wilde, as a true record.

82. MEMBERSHIP OF STEERING GROUP

It was noted that Joan Bland had resigned from the Group. Thanks were due to Mrs Bland for all her work. Councillor Simon Smith, the Chair of Planning at HTC was welcomed to the Group.

83. UPDATES FROM MEMBERS ON REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SITES

83.1 Thames Farm – Two outstanding appeals on this site. There has also been an application for 4 houses in a barn on the site. The access for this site is very dangerous and there was concern that it was a forerunner to a further application for more housing on the field. Henley Town Council has robustly refused the planning application on the grounds that the barn should not be there anyway.

83.2 Youth Club – an application has now been lodged for a care home and will be on the next Planning agenda at HTC. It was noted that the C2 policy contravenes the NP. The public need to get behind the Council's with this application to get their message across to SODC.

83.3 Highlands Farm – The concerns over the management of the community hub remain. It would be better to think of the facility as being for the community rather than sports clubs. Cath has written to community organisations but only six responded and did not want a regular commitment. The Air Cadets have been put in touch with Crest Nicholson.

83.4 Gillotts Field – a valuation of the access for this site has now been commissioned.

83.5 Wilkins Yard – No further news.

83.6 Land West of Fairmile – Thames Properties are ready to present to the Group on Monday 13 March in the Council Chamber at 4pm.

83.7 Wyevale – Alex Hershaw is also ready to present to the Town Council and the Group in April.

83.8 Makower, 116-118 Greys Road – Planning permission has been granted for 17 units on this site, 5 of which will be affordable. No further news.

83.9 Jet Garage, 345 Reading Road – The development of 309 Reading Road as starter homes will provide 23 affordable units. No further news.

83.10 Chilterns End – no update from Dieter.

83.11 Parkside – The Town Clerk had received a letter from the developer offering 60 trees for Makins Recreation Group. It was also suggested that 60 trees was rather too much for Makins but may be used to replace trees on the Fairmile.

84. SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

The briefing on the emerging Local Plan was due to be held on Tuesday 28 March 2017 which was the same night as the Henley Full Council meeting. It was agreed that the Vice Chairman, Rebecca Chandler-Wilde would represent Henley.

85. PROGRESS REPORT

Members noted the Progress Report.

86. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 April 2017** at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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Chairman