



Joint St Helen Without and Wootton Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes of the Steering Group (SG) Meeting

Held on Wednesday 17 April 2019 at 7pm

Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre, Wootton.

Present: Carole Page (CP), Chair, Jan Banfield (JB) Vice Chair, Dennis Walton (DW),
Cllr Philip Painting (PP), Cllr Laurence Brockliss (LB), Andrew Lane (AL), John Ashton (JA)

Members of Public in Attendance:

Cllr Caroline Parkin (CPa), Cllr Michael Page (MP), Ian Bristow (IB)
Gina Black, Local Councillor Electorate arrived as an observer part way through the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Richard Bahu (RB), Kate Zarnecki (KZ), Rose Osbourne (RO)

2. Declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests (PorPI)

PP declared an interest as he lives on the boundary of the strategic site in Shippon. For the other attendees - No declarations were made other than those previously declared.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

These were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair following corrections made to 2/3 typos on pages 3 and 4 – these were made in written form to the minutes prior to being signed.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

c/f P2 Action: IB confirmed he was now in receipt/had stored appropriately the documents as discussed at the last meeting.

5. Matters Raised by Members of the Public

None were raised as members of the public present were involved in the discussion.

6. Neighbourhood Plan Update

A number of documents had been circulated prior to the meeting, which included correspondence from Andrew Ashcroft, NP Examiner, notes of the clarification meeting between the NP Examiner, members of the Steering Group and both Parish Councils and representatives of the VWHDC, and a follow up meeting between SG/PC and the Vale.



The Steering Group were asked to consider a change of wording to 2 policies in the NP, and agree a response to this proposal.

It was noted that the VWHDC will be going into Purdah from 26 April to the second week of May, the agreed response should be submitted prior to 26 April.

(AL and LB Arrived)

Discussion took place with regard to the buffer zone on p 90 of the NP and the strategic development site.

Following the meeting with the Examiner, the VWHDC had agreed to look at producing a form of words to replace the buffer policy in the NP.

The Meeting discussed the three maps provided;

- a) VWHDC indicative map of their proposed buffer zone,
- b) a map of the strategic site with the 3 NP proposed local green spaces highlighted and
- c) a composite map of a) above with the NP's original buffer zone superimposed.

It was noted the VWHDC had not defined how much of the green space their map signifies.

The Meeting discussed the proposal from VWHDC and aired their views.

It is the aim for the SG to have the green space designated in order to protect it for the future. It was noted that the VWHDC would not wish to designate the space as this could inhibit any future use of the space.

It was noted that green infrastructure could also be a road with trees on it.

At the clarification meeting with the Examiner those from the SG who attended were informed that the NP were unlikely to get the local green spaces designated that are on the strategic site as that conflicted with LPP2. The examiner encouraged the SG members to meet with VWHDC in order to agree a compromise hence the wording and plan referred to above.

If an agreement cannot be reached between the SG and VWHDC the decision will be taken by the examiner.

JB referred to all of the documentation put together and presented to the Examiner regarding the 'extra steps' taken re seeking green space designation/green belt and how closely linked the NP and LPP2 are in this respect.

CP sought the views of the SG members and asked how they would like to have this matter progressed.

IB stated that it was widely acknowledged that an exceptionally good job has been carried out by all over the last 2 years and it may be that we now need to reach a compromise with VWHDC so that the NP can go into the next stage and referendum. It is also important that the decision reached by the SG is considered by both PCs so that a joint decision is submitted to VWHDC/ NP Examiner.



It is accepted that there are risks attached to any decision made.

It was noted that the NP has a finite lifespan – up to 2031 and that in the interim it will need to be revisited and update in light of development of the area, future local authority plans.

The SG voted that a response be drafted by JB for the agreed emendation for consideration. In essence the SG would accept the VWHDC proposal with additional request with regard to the aspirational buffer and future green space designation to provide the VWHDC with their desired flexibility, in the short term, while providing the community with their desired protection in the long term.

JB confirmed that the draft would be completed on 18 April for consideration by the PCs. Once agreed the final version would be submitted to Deborah Bryson at VWHDC prior to 26 April.

7. LPP2 Update

From the meeting with the VWHDC last week, it was reported that 100 responses had been received from members of the public to LPP2. An overview of the comments and the comments in full have been placed on the VWHDC website and sent to the Inspector. It is hoped that the Inspector will respond in 4-6 weeks time.

OCC specific comments related to the poor air quality management report and inadequate transport infrastructure.

It was also noted that the VWHDC had logged (incorrectly) the SG's and JB's responses as both being personal to her. The VWHDC had confirmed they were putting this right.

8. Next Steps/ Timeline

Next steps and timeline discussed above.

9. Communications and Media

It was confirmed there would not be any update put into the next edition of the WADS Newsletter.

10. Any Other Business

There was none.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8 May 2019.

Future meeting dates –

29 May, 19 June, 10 July, 31 July, 21 August, 11 September 2019