

**Minutes of the Drayton 2020 Steering Group Meeting held at 7pm on Friday 25th July 2014 in the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane, Drayton, OX14 4HY**

**Present Tom Shebbeare (Vice Chairman, in the Chair); Pat Athawes; Janet Manning; Pervin Shahin; John Scott; Richard Webber; Richard Williams**

**Not Present: Andrew Bax (Chairman); Diane Dunsdon; David Mercer**

**In Attendance: David Perrow (Parish Clerk)**

## **Minutes**

**2014/132 Public Participation** 5 members of the public were present, including Tony Croucher, Paul Mayhew-Archer, Daniel Scharf, and two residents of Halls Close.

Daniel Scharf reported on three matters:

- A challenge to a neighbourhood plan in Rutland
- South Oxfordshire District Council were setting up a Register for those interested in self-building. Daniel asked if VWHDC intended to do the same [The Clerk subsequently emailed VWHDC on this issue and they confirmed that they would be doing so]
- The Government is now encouraging 'custom built' housing to be provided on serviced plots by developers. Daniel suggested that any Drayton NDP policy on self-build should therefore be a Planning, not a Community, policy.

**2014/133 Apologies** –Andrew Bax and David Mercer

**2014/134 Declarations of Interest.** No declarations of interest.

**2014/135 The Minutes of Previous Meeting** held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014 were approved without need of any amendment.

The following email was subsequently received from Daniel Scharf commenting on the 11<sup>th</sup> July Minutes:

(Excerpt from longer email circulated to Drayton SG by Clerk) "I had a glimpse of the Minutes of the previous meeting and whatever I might have said to create an impression that I would support Long Furlong? that is not the case. I think that phasing of Manor Farm and South of High Street is essential and then pointed out how out on a limb Barrow Road is by comparing it to Long Furlong. The length and straggle of the village is so obviously more divisive than the Abingdon/Steventon Road.

I was not putting a personal preference for a less manicured treatment of the land at Manor Farm but trying to explain the legal tests of "preservation or enhancement of character or appearance" and the need to look at the land through

this lens, and the two statements relating to the designation of the conservation area and the planning appeal allowing the 16 houses. The NDP inspector is more likely to rely on this planning history and more objective assessment than the personal preferences of those currently involved in Drayton 2020.

My views about roundabouts are said to be a minority, but there do not seem to be many other comments on the latest plan - and apparently there might be issues with the staggered junctions as proposed”

### **2014/136 Matters Arising/Report Back on Actions**

Action points other than those detailed below were dealt with in a report which was taken as read.

- **Traffic study.** Phil Jones Associates are undertaking a traffic study for Drayton on behalf of the three developers.
- **School/OCC Meeting.** A meeting with OCC/School Governors/Drayton2020 will be held in Sept/Oct. OCC have commented that the Pre-School is probably able to remain onsite at the school
- **A34 Noise.** This was now commissioned and would report in August
- **Feedback from 1<sup>st</sup> DRAFT NDP Consultation.** This is not yet available, but will be placed on the website as soon as it is.
- **A34 Planting.** Clerk to seek OCC permission for planting on their land.

### **2014/137 Feasibility Group Report Back**

- (a) **Manor Farm site.** The main issue remains the access. Though E of Plymouth produced a design incorporating a staggered junction rather than a roundabout, this is not optimally placed and should be moved south of Hilliat Fields, At present the design involves crossing two roads to reach Hilliat Fields from the new Green.
- (b) **South of High Street Site.** A meeting was held with Savills/Bloor Homes on this morning to look at their layout – revised after comments made at the June exhibition. Neighbours’ representatives seem to be content with the current version.
- (c) **Barrow Road Site** – Richard Webber reported on recent layout changes, with the open area moved nearer to the rear of the existing houses on Abingdon Road. VWHDC have agreed this change. There are some issues with the latest iteration of the design layout – housing numbers have increased again (to 67), and some roads previously curved have been straightened, producing a less pleasing layout. A meeting with the developers and residents’ representatives was being arranged soon, to be chaired by Richard Webber. A discussion ensued on how many residents’ representatives there should be, and who they would be. Tony Croucher expressed a preference not to be included as a representative of the neighbourhood. Daniel Scharf expressed the view that Drayton2020 should not be holding discussions with developers at all, and that this was a matter for the Parish Council. The Clerk reminded the meeting that the Drayton2020 Steering Group was formally a sub-committee of the PC’s Planning Committee, and was mandated by the parish Council to undertake feasibility work on the NDP.
- (d) **S106 Meeting.** A meeting involving VWHDC (in the Chair), OCC, Drayton2020 Steering Group reps and the three developers is likely to take place in the Autumn to discuss s106 contributions.
- (e) **Traffic Calming.** A public meeting will be held in Drayton in October to provide information on this topic and to stimulate public debate.
- (f) **Halls Close.** The approach from Blue Cedar homes asking for a meeting to discuss development of circa 12 units on land owned by Mr & Mrs Manners behind Halls Close had been considered by the PC’s Planning Committee and a response sent declining a meeting at this late stage in the NDP process.
- (g) **South of Abingdon site.** A slightly revised planning application had now been lodged by Taylor-Wimpey. The Parish Council will be responding to VWHDC to lodge an objection to this development.

### **2014/138 Finances and Fundraising**

The Clerk reported that there had been no changes in the Drayton2020 finances since the report at the last meeting.

### **2014/139 Any Other Business**

(a) Pat Athawes gave her apologies for the next meeting

### **2014/140 The dates and time of Future Meetings were noted:**

- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014 (Note: Venue may change if Caudwell Day Centre not available)**

**The meeting concluded at 8.15 pm.**

**Signed:**

**Andrew Bax (Vice Chairman), 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

## ACTION CHECKLIST- DRAYTON2020 MEETING – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Who	Action Point	Report back on Action
?	Traffic calming article needed for Chronicle and arrange an Autumn session to show video/explain advantages to the Drayton public	tba
?	Q & A article to be written for the Drayton Chronicle	
<b>Pat Athawes/ Richard Webber</b>	Pat Athawes/Richard Webber to follow up OC Education contacts to arrange a meeting with them and the School Governors	<b>Done. Meeting in Autumn?</b>
<b>Clerk</b>	Clerk to obtain previous NDP Consultation copy comments and responses from David Mercer and mount these on the website.	<b>Done</b>