

## MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2017

**Present:** Julia Ambler (Chairman)(JA), Simon Ambler (SA), Peter Kenaghan (PK), Brian Whyatt (BW), Sarah Callaghan (SC), Tony Gower-Jones (TG-J), Richard Hellier (RH), Kerry ten Kate (KtK), Carol Leversha (CL)

**Apologies:** Tina Collins, Andy Hillyer, Indra Sinka

### 1. Apologies

Tina Collins, Andy Hillyer and Cllr. Dr. Indra Sinka.

### 2. Minutes of last meeting

The notes were accepted.

### 3. Declarations of interest

Standing declaration from Mr. Tony Gower- Jones in relation to possible changes to realignment of the settlement boundary.

### 4. Matters arising &

### 5. Ecology progress

RH was invited to speak. He said there were some errors in the HWT document. He has something called Magic. It is clear that they have not visited the site. He was advised that HWT had said this was a desktop exercise. KtK said the document was a first draft and they wanted to get together with RH to put in the data layers. After some discussion it was agreed that RH would write something that it is a key characteristic of this parish.

JA said the actual plan needs a few key bases of information and these are backed up with the appendices. TGJ said RH is to do the evidence which supports the brief statements in the Plan. It might be worth picking a few key species (skylarks) how they use habitats – JA said we have to show that sightings are a population of indigenous species that live there and the dates of sightings are critical. RH said data has to be used very carefully – he thinks it would be better to have two categories of important birds - farmland and woodland. The landscape units he has identified are good to describe the biodiversity. As he was writing the text for this area he thought it would be useful to include the Watery Lane as a character area. TGJ said he would take the table and make it into a graph. RH said NPs do not seem to focus on ecology.

**ACTION: TGJ will produce several types of graph for review about the birds.**

KtK said we could then put on the flora. KtK said we can get over the concern about identifying sites of orchids but we can give people evidence as to the sighting. JA said she had a graphic designer who would take whatever had been done by RH and would overlay the drawings and type in the handwritten note.

**ACTION: RH to give JA an updated drawing for producing in electronic format.**

RH said we have an intimate small-scale landscape and JA said her contact can put the rough drawing on the correct landscape outline. Much debate and explanation in relation to what would be produced.

JA pointed out that the Plan Inspectors are not ecologists and to the layman it is “here I see this and here and that there and these are red listed birds”. She would like to see pictures of the birds themselves – blue for occasional sightings and red for regular siting’s. JA said she wanted 3 overlapping plans with small pictures identifying the birds. **ACTION RH will produce 3 drawings of rough assemblages and send them to JA for her contact to produce electronically.**

We need photos beside the site and a date. TGI identified that he had seen two lesser spotted woodpeckers in his garden last week. He will endeavour to photograph them if they return. RH said our most threatened landscape is valuable flora.

KtK then said this is our vision for the future with a map showing where we demarcate – conservation areas, amenity areas (fenced footpaths) and to satisfy NPPF requirements identify sites. KtK said if we want to protect our plot we can use the net gain argument of the NPPF.

KtK said if a developer comes along and we have to have something which has a negative impact, we should get them to quantify the impact and state that we want to be a net gain parish. What kind of uplift – it has to be the same metric – like for like or for better. If we want net gain we need dense hawthorn hedgerows. Wetlands would guarantee a lot of wetland birds.

**ACTION: RH to do a map of our Crown Jewels – hands off.**

**ACTION: RH said what would be ideal is for him to produce these drawings in a week for people to comment – agreed Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>.**

JA said we will now revert to Working Groups. We meet in a week’s time to review RH drawings then we can move them forward. We have Cross Farm Ridge, the Tump and Hillyburrow. JA said if you look at the Conservation area they are all listed as views into and out of the parish.

Amenity would have the views; another layer would be birds – biological and Crown Jewels. We need the data captured and then we can decide how many layers we want.

KtK said ultimately we need a kind of vision map to show our uplift. JA said we need to evidence it from the consultation. RH said he is talking to Natural England about reviewing SANGs.

JA raised one other area – we have a small amount of our grant left and need to spend it by the end of this month and she wants to send off the plan to John Slater and she asked if we can tidy it up so we have something to send to him.

**ACTION:** Divide up the Plan amongst people to check over sections. KtK said she suspects the policies need to be looked at again.

Green – housing – social ones – JA had done the census data and used data shine to show the age population of the three main settlements.

KtK and RH will look at the Green Policies

JA built environment policy

TGJ will look at the Transport Policies

JA wondered whether the V&A need another working group to thrash these out. KtK suggested that JA, she and PK meet at 7pm on Thursday and make a start on it.

JA wants to send the document out by a week Friday to John Slater to ask if we are still working in the right direction. JA said she was owed holiday and would take time out to action this.

**ACTION:** PK JA KtK one hour this Thursday evening 7pm at KtK's and again Friday morning at PK's 9.30 am for V&O working group.

Next Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March a working group at 8pm here at ZCC

**6. Review of CVPC NP Progress and strategy for completion**

Covered in above dialogue.

**7. Next meeting dates**

Tuesday 11 April 2017. Apologies from TGJ.

**8. AOB**

John Slater is happy to skype into a meeting. PK said he was happy to host.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed: ..... Date: .....