

Minutes of the Meeting of the Pirton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (SG) held on 5 December 2016 at the Pirton Village Hall.

Members in attendance: Diane Burleigh (Chair,) Jonty Wild (Deputy Chair,) Tom Gammell, Ann Webb, Gil Burleigh, Lorna Sexton, Nick Parkin.

Public Participation; No members of the public attended

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

JW registered the fact of his complaint to the Pirton Parish Council concerning the behaviour of a PPC member towards him.

3. Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 31 October 2016

On a proposal from the Chair, the minutes were approved.

4. Matters Arising and Actions Taken (if not on the agenda)

Due to work for the Parish Council on the Elm Tree Farm planning application and the Local Plan Consultation some of the actions from the last meeting had not been completed. The Reg.14 consultation results have still to be uploaded to the website. DB has still to write formally to the NHDC to request that the Character Assessment be considered as Supplementary Planning Guidance. AW confirmed that she had identified a number of potential Examiners; she will discuss this list with DB.

5. Consideration of Reg. 16 Consultation

The meeting discussed a number of issues that the PNPSG might want to address with the Examiner, all relating to process and the Basic Conditions. The meeting thought it important to emphasise the variety of consultations and wide ranging communications with the community, statutory bodies and other interested organisations and individuals. An explanation should be included about the approach of the NHDC to housing allocation and the issues therefore arising for the PNPSG from not only the lack of an up to date Local Plan but also from the fact of the NHDC working on its own new Local Plan as we worked on the NP. AW explained that the context for the development of a NP was often touched on in Examiners reports.

It was recognised that this would be possibly the only opportunity for the PNPSG to comment on areas where third parties are likely to make negative comments. These were discussed, and include the accusation of the PNPSG being “anti –

development”, and of the NP itself being restrictive of new development. DB will draft a letter for the PNPSG to comment on and add to.

6. Forward Planning

DB reported to the meeting that she had received an email from Clare Skeels noting that the Officers decision under Reg. 15 to move the NP on to the Reg. 16 consultation would be contained in the NHDC Members Weekly Bulletin. Members had 5 days in which to call the decision in for scrutiny. Some dismay was expressed at this, as the PNPSG had not been advised earlier of this possibility. CS also wanted to know if the PNPSG would prefer to move immediately to consultation which would be longer than 6 weeks given the Christmas period; or to wait until the New Year for a normal 6 week consultation. After some debate it was agreed to go for an immediate start. DB will inform CS.

7. Finance Report (including general matters and grants)

TG produced for discussion the final accounts of transactions for 2016 which Locality required at the end of the grant period. After an explanation of the figures from TG, it was agreed that the accounts were clear, and a correct statement of items on which the Locality Grant had been spent. The meeting thanked TG for all then hard work on the accounts, as well as for securing the grants; and to Steve Smith for acting on TG’s advices on expenditure. TG confirmed that the PPC had continued to plan for NP expenditure in 2016/2017.

8. Date and time of next meeting

8pm, Monday 9 January and February 2017. TG will book the venue.

9. AOB

This was a confidential item.