

Pirton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30 March 2015 in Pirton Village Hall

Members in attendance:

Diane Burleigh (Chair); Jonty Wild (Vice-Chair) Gil Burleigh; Michael Goddard ; Nick Parkin; Jill Stuart; Lorna Sexton; Clive Miller

Public participation: no members of the public were present. Rodney Marshall, Pirton Parish Councillor, attended as an Observer.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Tom Gammell, Ann Webb and Carol-Anne McConnalogue

2. Declarations of interest

No declarations were made

3. Minutes of the meeting held on the 9 March 2015

These were approved unanimously after a proposal by NP seconded by MG.

4. Matters arising and Actions Taken

LS confirmed that she had contacted Peter Harding re the position of secretary. He was considering the request.

DB confirmed that Becky Lewis had been contacted to progress the analysis of the Youth Questionnaire. Steve Smith and Pam Waters had confirmed the amount of PPC grant left, and that it was a matter for the PNPSG as to how this is spent.

DB had contributed an update to the next Parish Magazine.

DB had also written to Cllrs Levett, Strong, Frost and Barnard requesting a meeting; no acknowledgement has been received. Pam Waters was also invited, and replied immediately.

Following responses from English Heritage, Natural England, the CPRE and Chilterns Conservation Board, DB was now exploring the links and materials referred to by those authorities. The Draft Neighbourhood Plan Working Group will need to meet and share out the work on reading and advising on relevant policies.

DB had also attended the Pollards Way "Open Day"

5. Forward Planning

DB confirmed that all of the arrangements' were in order for the training session with Rachel Hoggar the following day at the Upper Room at St Mary's Church.

6. Liaison with PPC/NHDC/other bodies

There was nothing to report

7. Working Group Reports

- a. *Communication and Website*: all working well. JW would like some updates/new material to keep the site fresh, and needs to have all agendas and finalised minutes. DB said she would try to draft something, and forward relevant documents to JW.
- b. *Monitoring Report on Facebook etc*: MG reported no problems. There are about 120 registered users. NP will try to get more registered.
- c. *Evidence Base*: JW reported that he was trying to keep the collection of documents up to date. He needed copies of the correspondence generated by DB and any responses not yet circulated. DB will forward to JW.
- d. *Public consultation*: nothing to report
- e. *Community Assets*: JW will try to catch up with this over Easter.
- f. *Land Ownership etc*: GB addressed the meeting in relation to the email he had circulated earlier in the day. Information from the CPRE suggested that it was open to communities developing Neighbourhood Plan to decide on their own village boundaries. If Pirton could also get the housing allocation reduced – or put forward its own numbers as indicated by the community, it would be possible to accommodate 50 or so houses within a much more limited space than the NHDC draft local plan envisaged. There was a discussion about the existing legal position and whether the position of the quoted villages was similar to Pirton. However it was agreed that the PNPSG should develop proposals for consultation unless and until it became clear that the cases referred to by the CPRE were very different from our own position.
JW confirmed that he had liaised with Clare Strong re the application regarding Priors Hill going to a full committee; she had confirmed that it would. RM confirmed that the Pirton Parish Council had not received notification of a full planning application.
- g. *Environment and Heritage*: GB confirmed that he was keeping an eye on the archaeological work on the Priors Hill site.
- h. *Village Design and Parish Plan*: Nothing to report
- i. *Production of Neighbourhood Plan*: Nothing to report.

8. Finance Report

DB reported that TG was ready to put in an application for a new grant as soon as "bidding" opens in April.

9. Latest updates on Local Plan etc.

There were no updates.

10. Date and time of Next Meeting

Monday 11 May 2015 at 8pm at the village hall. .

11. AOB:

Nothing was raised.