

Minutes of the Meeting of the Pirton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on 3 May 2016 at the Pirton Village Hall.

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

Public Participation; Mr and Mrs Ransom and Mrs Cosgrove attended and asked questions about the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Diane Bailey Chair PPC, and Rodney Marshall PPC Member attended.

Jonty Wild took

1. Apologies for Absence

Michael Goddard, Nick Parkin,

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no new declarations

3. Confidential Item

There is a separate confidential minute.

4. Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 4 April 2016

These were approved subject to an amendment at paras 8 and 9 to amend "2" to "3". On a proposal by JW, seconded by LS, the minutes were agreed.

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

(6) DB thanked everyone on the SG and PPC for their help at the very successful open consultation evening in the village hall, and for help in publicising the event. Special thanks were due to TG for organising the event. The Parish Clerk had taken note of all the questions asked in the general question and answer session; DB will replicate the replies given, and these can be posted on the website and Facebook pages.

6. To note immediate issues with the NP, and

7. Update on responses.

The above items were taken together. Having exchanged information, it appeared that at this early stage that the policies were generally accepted, though more work might be needed on clarifying the village character areas and views; and there still a couple of errors regarding open and green spaces. Generally the clarity of the maps needed attention. DB reported that a small number of the "statutory consultees" had replied, one with extensive exemplar policies, the others either acknowledging or saying they would come back to us. The meeting shared information on response returns. There were few to date. TG recommended regular reminders on websites and Facebook, and more leafleting of the community. This was agreed.

8. Forward Planning

TG asked if there needed to be some preparation for the meeting with Urban Vision on the 4 June. There was some discussion about the form of any preparation. It was agreed to “pencil in “the 24 May for a possible meeting.

9. Finance Report

TG confirmed that the next grant from Locality had been approved.

10 Reports on External Meetings

TG reported on meeting a local landowner who lives in Hitchin. He was aware of the NP work and the consultation, but did not require a response form. There were no other reports.

11 Date and Time of next meeting

13 June at 8pm at the Village Hall. The meeting also agreed the following dates: 4 July, 1 August, and 7 September, all at 8pm. TG will book the village hall.

12. AOB

There was no AOB