

Minutes of the Village NP Steering Committee – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
Held at Stanford in the Vale Village School at 7.00pm

1. <b>Welcome:</b> Colin Mitchell in the Chair <b>In attendance:</b> JG, HW, SM, RR, SB, JW, PG, AT, RP, Mark Isaacs (PC), later in meeting Nona Lewis (PC)	Action
2. <b>Apologies:</b> SK, AF, RG, CM, DP	
3. <b>Declarations of Interest:</b> none	
4. <b>Minutes of Meeting</b> – 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2014 were approved after the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 6. Web Site – web site for £100 including £15 for hosting</li> <li>➤ 9. Site Assessment and Criteria – a site application form can be downloaded from the NP web site and a notice included in the monthly newsletter</li> </ul>	
5. <b>Matters arising not on the agenda:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SC meetings are not open meetings due to the many confidentiality items but new members are welcome if the chairmen have had prior notice. Parish Council members are always welcomed.</li> </ul>	
6. <b>Survey Consultation Document</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This was discussed at the July Parish Council meeting and the free text comments had been sent round. PL has looked at these and suggested some amendments. These to be sent round to all SC so that the document could be amended.</li> <li>• RG to look at updated list of SC members' e mail addresses to check everyone on and to see why some people are getting two copies of everything.</li> </ul>	PG RG
7. <b>Web Site</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new draft web site with drop down tags was looked at and discussed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ It was suggested that FAQ have a box to ask if the answer was useful.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• RR &amp; HW working with web designer to make site easily accessible.</li> <li>• Many external links to information sites to be added.</li> <li>• Contacts form – auto response to everyone but communications group to sort out someone to answer</li> <li>• Two people to be nominated to upload information onto the site.</li> <li>• HW proposed we go ahead with sorting out the web site, SB seconded and all agreed. HW &amp; RR to coordinate things</li> <li>• Payment and standing order to be arranged with the Parish Council.</li> </ul>	HW & RR  PG
8. <b>Land Agent</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numerous local land agents have a conflict of interest. One helping with Faringdon NP would help us with policies.</li> <li>• George Paten keen to be involved and had answered site assessment questions sent to him. He has worked with VWHDC in various places and it was agreed to invite him to a future meeting.</li> <li>• Land Agents terms of reference need to be drawn up so that the person concerned, Parish Council and Steering Committee all understand what he is being employed to do and how he would be paid. Faringdon Town Council to be asked for help.</li> <li>• Commission or Fee basis for payment to be further discussed, especially by Parish Council, who will be employing him.</li> </ul>	HW RP
9. <b>Housing Needs Survey</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hook Norton and Cropredy examples had been sent round. Hook Norton looked more complicated than the Cropredy one.</li> <li>• Do need to make sure there is a clear definition about affordable housing.</li> <li>• ORCC to be contacted to see if they could present a draft survey possibly based on the Cropredy one but with Stanford information and to include Stanford photos, plus possibly still add some of our own questions.</li> </ul>	RP
10. <b>Site Assessment and Criteria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Site Assessment forms were discussed and accepted with a few amendments, mainly in section 9 on 'biodiversity' as no sites of international, national or local importance in the Vale.</li> <li>• There was concern about the Site Submission Form being sent out to all landowners. OCC have said that this should be done so that all have the opportunity to be considered and would form part of our evidence collection. However, there was concern that this would open up the floodgate doors.</li> <li>• It was agreed to look at assessing the Blue Cedar Homes proposed development in Horsecroft as this would be useful for the forthcoming appeal and review the question of the submission form after this.</li> </ul>	HW & SB
11. <b>Sites for Development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HW gave a presentation about possible sites for development and a few options for development in West Stanford, New Recreation Field and Old Mill Nursery Site.</li> <li>• There is a need to have numerous options to present to the community who would then vote on them.</li> <li>• All policies in our NP would also have to be referenced to the VWHDC Local Plan, the National Plan and the European plan.</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>12. Set date for next Public Consultation ‘options’</b> Deferred to a later meeting</p>	
<p><b>13. Stanford School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was discussion about the need for the school to expand and the options about a new school. There are differences of opinion among SC members about this.</li> <li>• The Governors are still awaiting the result of the feasibility study to be done by OCC but they would be happy to meet with the SC but this could not be arranged before the end of the Summer Term.</li> <li>• It was agreed to arrange a meeting between the school governors and the SC at a mutually suitable date and time.</li> </ul>	JW
<p><b>14. Any other business</b> Items for the next agenda were agreed</p>	
<p><b>15. Next Meetings</b> It was agreed that weekly meetings were proving difficult. Next meeting – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7.00 pm in the school. Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00 pm, possibly at Rectory House as this had been offered to the SC for meetings. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.00 pm in the school.</p>	SM or RP