

Wolston Neighbourhood Plan
Minutes of Co-ordination Group meeting 13th Oct 2020, 6.30pm
Held via Zoom online platform

Present: Cllr Tracie Ball (Finance & Communications), Cllr Bob Grainger (Housing), Clare Malyon (Built Environment & Natural Environment), Gillian Waddilove (secretary), Tim Willis (Project Manager & CG Chair).

Apologies

Debbie Pritchard (Community Sports Leisure & Well-being)

Under the Corona virus pandemic restrictions, this meeting was held via the Zoom video conferencing platform, using the Parish Council's account, facilitated by the PC Clerk.

1. **Minutes of Meeting 8th September 2020** having been circulated were agreed as a true record. TB proposed and CM seconded.

2. **Next Steps:**

TW proposed we move to the item listed as 3 on the agenda, 'Next Steps', to hear from members of the CG what their position is following last weeks rather emotive meeting of the SG. At that meeting, some members wanted to make a proposal to consider the future of the Plan, but TW felt that the CG needed to consider their position first. Tomorrow evening's RBC Planning Committee meeting, at which application R19/1411 for outline planning permission for 48 dwellings is to be considered, may provide answers to the dilemma of the NDP team.

The professional view (from Neil Pearce of APS) is that while there is a planning application that has the support of the PC, the NDP cannot designate the allotments as Local Green Space.

TW asked for views from CG members. GW expressed distaste for the NDP being used as the PC's insurance policy, to be submitted if the planning application is refused. She also feels that enough time has gone into the NDP, and that her involvement with the work will end at the end of 2020.

No other members expressed a view.

TW as project manager felt that we should not abort the Plan at this stage. He is not aligned with the PC's view, rather with that of the district councillors representing Wolston that not to designate the allotments as LGS goes against the feeling of the village community.

TW suggested we adjourn until the planning committee has met. A suggestion was made that we hold a CG meeting on Tuesday 20th October; TB proposed, CM seconded, all present agreed.

No further business was taken, and the meeting closed at 7.05pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 20th Oct, 6.30pm.