

Eye & Dunsden NDP Steering Group Meeting Minutes 25th April 2022

Attendees: David Woodward (Chair), Deborah Simmons, John Plumer, Ian Dick, Nick Marks, Howard Crews.

Apologies: Richard Berkley, Mandy Sermon, David Breeze, Suzanne Abrahams

All members are requested to be ready to report back on their actions at the next meeting.

	MINUTES / ACTION POINTS	Who	Complete by		
1.	PREVIOUS MINUTES – The minutes of the 28 th March were agreed and adopted.	SG/S-G Members			
2.	ACTION POINTS Funding ID confirmed that he and MS had reviewed the expenditure on the NDP and completed the Groundwork Locality 'End of Grant Closing Report.' ID went on that the second tranche of the Grant (£8,044.00) had been spent on the Plan preparation including the ongoing gathering of the evidence and the parish-wide Biodiversity Assessment Report. DW thanked ID and MS for their work on the Locality Grant.	SG Members Note			
3.	S106 RESTORATION AGREEMENTS REVIEW HC questioned the need to complete the review of the S106 Agreements. After some discussion it was agreed the S106 Agreements review was required as part of the evidence base of the NDP to get a better understanding of landowners previously agreed minerals planning obligations and whether these had been fulfilled as a benchmark for any mineral extraction planning applications that may be submitted during the life of the NDP. NM agreed to undertake the review and write a summary on the historic S106 Agreement information that DW forwarded him from Davin Flavin at OCC. NM stated he will contact David Flavin or Emma Bolster at OCC to gather any missing information. JP offered to assist NM with the review.	Nick M John P	30 th May		
4	PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE 1) DW raised that he and HC had attended the inaugural Joint Parishes AONB Group (JPAG) on the 20 th April. The meeting was attended by representatives from Binfield Heath, Harpsden, Kidmore End, and Shiplake Parish Councils. DW went on that the Government were supportive of the enlargement of the Chiltern AONB following the 'Glover Report' and that Natural England will appoint consultants to study and report on the case for boundary changes across the entire Chilterns AONB. HC explained that an extension could include an area from Luton to Reading and beyond. JPAG will seek to present Natural England with evidence to support boundary changes in South Oxfordshire and that a landscape consultant will be instructed by JPAG to review all the different parishes Landscape Character Assessments to build the evidence base. It is hoped Mapledurham and Peppard will also join JPAG. DW explained this will be a very lengthy process. 2) DW said the recent speed survey on the A4155 north of Playhatch was inconclusive. A further check was proposed between Playhatch roundabout and the Boundary with Caversham Park Village. RB was co-ordinating. 3) DW will raise the A4155 street lighting concerns raised by HC at the last SG meeting at the next PC meeting as this relates to both the infrastructure and valued landscape evidence for the NDP. 4) For SG members information DW reported that revised plans had been submitted for the redevelopment of Lydden at Sonning Eye Ref P22/S1303/FUL	SG Members Note Richard B David W SG Members Note	ASAP 30 th May		
5.	DRAFT PLANNING POLICIES HC reported that he had been trying to follow up with Bluestone Planning on the action points reported at the last SG meeting and the meeting attended by DW, and DB Sharon Brentnall of Blue Stone planning (BS) on the 3 rd March. HC went on that unfortunately there has been total 'radio silence' from BS that was unsatisfactory. DW messaged SB from the SG meeting who responded apologetically and stated that the E&D NDP work will now be prioritised. DW reported that the Examiner for the Kidmore End NDP did not comment on their proposed Quiet Lane policies and DS confirmed that she has asked Nick Izzard at Future Watch (Biodiversity Consultants) to comment on the principle of how E&D could apply for their own carbon offset sites and what the benefits of this would be. DS will follow up with Future Watch.	SG Members to Note Deborah S	30 th May 30 th May		
6.	HERITAGE ASSET REGISTER (HAR) HC reported he had not received any further proposals for buildings and structures that SG members had considered were important and needed to be highlighted and preserved. DS stated that no members of the public had commented either. HC reminded members that the HAR should exclude listed buildings as they already had statutory protection. HC went on that trees and landscape assets need to be listed in the Character Appraisal also but the building and structures had now become a priority for the HAR. JP raised an example of parts of the flint walling at Dunsden Farmhouse and HC raised Bints Farmhouse that DW confirmed was not listed. DS queried if the whole of Sonning Eye would be excluded from the HAR as it was in a Conservation Area. HC undertook to raise this point with DB. <i>Post meeting note:</i> DW will set up a template on Drop Box for SG members to populate with their proposals for the HAR.	Howard C David B SG Members Note David W	30 th May ASAP		

7.	<p>NDP WORKING SUB-GROUPS</p> <p><u>a) Flooding, Ecology & Sustainability</u></p> <p>1) NM reported that the Green Corridor Workshop with Henrietta Pringle (TVERC) had taken place on the 7th April that was well attended by residents from Dunsden, Playhatch and Sonning Eye as well as a couple of longstanding agricultural related workers who have worked the land and have great knowledge of the countryside in and around E&D. DS confirmed that TVERC were commissioned to identify and map green corridors in E&D, for inclusion in the NDP. <u>Green corridors are corridors that allow people and wildlife to move through the landscape.</u> They are important both in connecting patches of habitat to allow wildlife to find food, homes and mates, but also in helping people to access the countryside and to experience wildlife first hand. Green corridors and any other wildlife corridors identified can be included in the NDP, so that planning applications will take these into account. At the Workshop TVERC provided a map of proposed and existing corridors (copy attached to these minutes) which was used as a basis for discussion. For the purpose of the workshop, the corridors were mapped on the basis of public rights of way to encourage access to nature and engagement. They're also a good starting point as they're linear features, so it's easy to identify in a mapping exercise and are often bordered by hedgerows or other connecting habitat. DS agreed to confirm with TVERC whether green corridors can exist on private land and also if humans need to use them or can they just exist for wildlife. The aim now is to refine the corridors identified. <u>SG members and /members of the public have been asked if:</u></p> <p><i>a) are there any green corridors that are just not viable because there is neither habitat nor public right of way? Are there any other corridors that already exist or could be created? For example, are there any well-used routes through greenspaces or areas that are valued locally for their wildlife?</i></p> <p><i>b) If there are other key areas that you feel should be marked as an existing wildlife corridor (it's already well used by badgers, deer etc), or patches of habitat that you should be striving to connect up, then do please mark those on the map.</i></p> <p>2) NM reminded DW to compile photographs of flooding at Sonning Eye into his evidence and the biodiversity studies to BS to assist in drafting the environmental section of the NDP.</p> <p>3) DS confirmed that she had not heard from Alice Jenkins regarding Tarmac's biodiversity survey near the sailing club so would chase again.</p> <p><u>b) Settlement</u></p> <p>4) HC had nothing further to report other than that had been previously discussed at the meeting.</p> <p><u>c) Landscape</u></p> <p>5) HC explained he and DW had met with Liz Allen on the 29th March at the Village Hall and it was agreed to include the view from the Village Hall car park southeast towards the river valley as an 'key visual attribute'. Liz will update the Landscape Character Assessment to include this view and to take account of a new Technical Guidance note 02-21 to assess Valued Landscapes. HC will follow up with Liz Allen.</p> <p><u>d) Infrastructure</u></p> <p>6) RB will draw up and circulate a 'wish list' of achievable communication/infrastructure improvements that the Parish would ideally be seeking/benefitting from.</p> <p><u>e) Community Engagement, Press & PR</u></p> <p>7) DS advised that the second community walk around Sonning Eye on the 23rd April went well and attracted new attendees and reminded members that the following walks are scheduled:</p> <p>a) 7th May – Nature Walk to be hosted by DW at 2pm. <u>The Flowing Spring are happy to offer their carpark as a meeting point.</u></p> <p>b) 9th July – Dunsden Green Community Walk.</p>	<p>SG Members Note</p> <p>David W</p> <p>Deborah S</p> <p>Howard C</p> <p>Richard B</p> <p>SG Members Note</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>30th May</p> <p>ASAP</p>	
8.	<u>Next Steps / AOB</u> - None			
9.	<p><u>Next Meetings:</u></p> <p>Steering Group: Monday 30th May at 7pm, Village Hall <i>*PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE*</i></p> <p>Steering Group: Monday 27th June at 7pm, Village Hall</p> <p>Steering Group: Monday 25th July at 7pm Village Hall</p>	All SG/S-G Members	30 th May 2022	