

## Eye & Dunsden NDP Steering Group Meeting Minutes 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Attendees:** David Woodward (Chair), Deborah Simmons, Howard Crews.  
By Zoom: David Breeze, Richard Berkeley, Ian Dick (for part).

**Apologies:** Suzanne Abrahams, John Plummer, Nick Marks, Mandy Sermon .

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

	MINUTES / ACTION POINTS	Who	Complete by
1.	<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b> – The minutes of the 27 <sup>th</sup> June were agreed and adopted.	SG/S-G Members	
2.	<b>ACTION POINTS</b> <b>Funding</b> ID joined the meeting and had previously circulated the Parish Councils NDP expenditure schedule that showed a cash balance of £7,878.84 including £2,644.30 of recovered VAT. ID confirmed that Bluestone's Invoice 0657 dated 31st March 2022 had been settled. After some discussion it was agreed ID and DW would meet with Bluestone to review payments made to date against their updated fee quote dated 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2021, to establish the total 'cost to go' to finalise and adopt the draft NDP. DW asked ID to prepare a budget for 2023/24 for the next SG meeting and asked all Sub-Group leads to consider their funding requirements for this period.	Ian Dd David W  Ian D / SG Leads	5 <sup>th</sup> December  5 <sup>th</sup> December
3.	<b>S106 RESTORATION AGREEMENTS REVIEW</b> NM had previously circulated a draft report on the 6 <sup>th</sup> June reviewing the S106 Agreements for the 3 areas of gravel extraction at Sonning Eye. SA confirmed that she will contact NM to review the report in the light of new information recently received to get an informal legal opinion since one of the S106 Agreements was not time limited.	Nick M Suzanne A	5 <sup>th</sup> December
4.	<b>NDP REVIEW GROUP</b> HC reported that following the NDP review meeting on the 18 <sup>th</sup> July version 3.7 of the NDP had been received from Bluestone on the 12 of September having received initial comments from SG Members. At the review meeting held on the 10 <sup>th</sup> October it was agreed an NDP Review Sub-Group would be created to take editorial responsibility of the draft plan that would comprise of DW, DB, JP and HC. HC went on that the Review Group had met on the 24 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> October and was making good progress in reviewing each section of the draft NDP in terms of structure and content. The Review Group were due to meet again on the 28 <sup>th</sup> November and it was hoped the Draft NDP would be sent to Bluestone for comment by the 14 <sup>th</sup> December.	SG Members Note	14 <sup>th</sup> December
5..	<b>HERITAGE ASSET REGISTER (HAR)</b> DW confirmed he was waiting for comments from Bluestone on the HAR	David W	ASAP
6..	<b>LOCAL GREEN SPACES REPORT (LGS)</b> DS confirmed that she had sent comments on the LGS document to Bluestone on the 1 <sup>st</sup> August which she had followed up on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November and was still awaiting a response from them. DS proposed that DW speak to Bluestone regarding outstanding issues to encourage a response	David W Deborah S	ASAP
7.	<b>NDP WORKING SUB-GROUPS</b> <b>a) Flooding, Ecology &amp; Sustainability</b> 1) An amended large scale copy of the green corridor plan is to be circulated by NM for interested parties to comment. 2) DW reiterated that NM had submitted a draft summary to Bluestone demonstrating how "development" might be considered to encompass a fully green agenda, supporting Climate Change and Biodiversity following the Dasgupta review which is now fully accepted by central government. It was agreed to include this summary within the evidence base for the NDP. 3) DW confirmed that he has been in contact with Lorna Meaden at Savills for Tarmac on the 11 <sup>th</sup> October requesting a copy of their biodiversity surveys for Area A but nothing had been received from Dan Walker to date (chased 10/11/22) <b>b) Settlement</b> 1) DW and HC had nothing further to report now that the draft NDP had been issued. <b>c) Landscape</b> 1) HC explained that no further work had been undertaken on V12 of the draft LCA whilst comments on the LGS report and AONB review were awaited. <b>d) Infrastructure</b> 1) It was agreed RB will prepare further justification for the proposals he outlined at the 27 <sup>th</sup> July SG Meeting and add Quiet Lanes as an additional Community Aspiration.	David W         Richard B  Deborah S	5 <sup>th</sup> December         5 <sup>th</sup> December

	<p><b>e) Community Engagement, Press &amp; PR</b></p> <p>1) DS reported that a November Newsletter had been drafted and was due to be published shortly and that the NDP social media channels would be more regularly reviewed and updated.</p> <p>2) DS explained that HC had attended the Parishes Firework display on the 29<sup>th</sup> October with some NDP presentation boards. HC explained that quite some interest was taken by visitors who were supportive of the ongoing work.</p> <p>There was a general discussion regarding 'community engagement' for 2023. Whilst there was no obligation to hold another event it was agreed that it is important that the SG engage with members of the Parish to keep them up to date with the progress being made with the emerging plan ahead of and as part of the Article 14 Consultation. DS will look to create an updated plan for discussion at the next meeting.</p>		
8..	<p><b>PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE</b></p> <p>1) DW reported from the third meeting of the Joint Parishes AONB Group (JPAG) took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and explained Sonning Common, Kidmore End, Shiplake, Mapledurham, Binfield Heath and Harpsden Parish Councils had agreed to joint fund an application to extend the boundary of the AONB following Natural England's announcement to review the Chiltern AONB boundary. A Brief had been prepared and sent out to landscape consultants to quote to review existing Landscape Character Assessments and valued landscape assessments for each of the Parishes where appropriate with a view to submitting the case for the AONB to be extended in South Oxfordshire in Spring 2023.</p> <p>2) RB confirmed that the ongoing speed test between the Playhatch roundabout and the boundary with Caversham Park Village was in the wrong location and was to be relocated further along the A4155. RB will be co-ordinating the test.</p> <p>3) DW confirmed he would raise the removal of the A4155 street lighting at the next PC meeting as this relates to both the infrastructure and valued landscape evidence for the NDP. SG Members concerns about the streetlights remaining on throughout the night was noted.</p> <p>4) For SG members' information DW reported that the planning application to redevelop Lydden at Sonning Eye had been refused because of its impact on the Conservation Area. DB pointed out the relevance of the emerging NDP to current applications, and the need for the PC to respond in an informed way to planning applications. The proposed barn at Pauline's Field at Sonning Eye had been refused and a revised application had been submitted. The second application for the use of the North Lake for recreation and sports purposes had been refused. An application to extend The Granary on Foxhill Lane in Playhatch has been submitted.</p> <p>5) DW also reported that the PC were investigating the reduction of the speed limits for Playhatch and Sonning Eye from 30mph to 20 mph. RB and HC raised their concerns regarding 'speeding cyclists' travelling down the hill from Dunsden through Playhatch</p>	<p>SG Members Note</p> <p>Richard B</p> <p>David W</p> <p>SG Members Note</p> <p>SG Members Note</p>	<p>5<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> December</p>
9.	<p><b>Next Steps / AOB</b></p> <p>It was agreed DW would contact Sharon Brentnall at Bluestone for updates on the LGS report, Heritage Asset Register and NM's summary on Development and Biodiversity following the Dasgupta review.</p>	<p>David W</p>	<p>5<sup>th</sup> December</p>
10.	<p><b>Next Meetings:</b></p> <p><b>NDP Review Sub-Group Meeting : 28<sup>th</sup> November at 5:30pm Village Hall</b></p> <p><b>Steering Group: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 6pm Village Hall.</b></p>	<p>DW,DB,JP,HC</p> <p>SG/S-G Members</p>	<p>28<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> December</p>