

# Oving Neighbourhood Plan

Note of a virtual meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on February 12, 2021

Present

Katie Akerman  
Colin Buchanan  
Dominic Akers-Douglas  
Rod Hague  
Paul Kopecek  
John Pitts  
Stephen Quigley (chairman)  
Clive Sayer

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr Simon Oakley

**2. Declarations of interest:** None

**3. Matters arising from previous meeting**

3.1. Vision and Objectives. No changes from SG members or OH

3.2. Designation of geographic/ neighbourhood area.

Letter was sent to CDC seeking designation on January 21. It will need to be supplemented by: confirmation of endorsement by OPC, confirmation of OPC as a qualifying body and justification of choice of parish boundary for neighbourhood area.

3.3 Conflict of interest

CDC solicitor, Nick Bennett, had advised on the issue. He had noted that we were sensitive to the issue and remarked that tenancy of property entailed a lower level of financial interest than ownership.

3.4. Kives Farm

Letter sent to WSCC enquiring about its ambitions for the site (part of which falls

within Oving parish) and length of existing tenancy.

### 3.5. OH.

Had signed up the consultancy for two workshops to be held on zoom by end of March.

### 3.6. Locality funding

Had applied for funding to cover consultancy costs to March 31. On day of meeting received confirmation of approval.

### 3.7. Parish website

Thanks to Cllr McPhail there was now a new module on the NP, with logo and landing page. Do we know what hits the site is getting and the NP pages in particular?

## **4. Community engagement**

Consulting residents on V&O

- Leaflet to be inserted in March ODN containing pointer to website for making response
- Post on website with directions on how to respond
- Mailchimp including pointer to website
- Promote via social media

CB undertook to write an 'idiot's guide' to the planning process including clarification of distinction between parish and neighbourhood plans. It was requested that the parish plan be restored to new website from archived former site.

## **5. Oneill Homer**

OH's agendas for workshops were tabled. First to be held on March 12, the second on March 19, both for one hour and a half, beginning at 09:30.

## **6. Local Plan Review**

There was discussion on OPC's response to CDC's letter of November 26, 2020. This letter set out a redistribution across the district of allocations to be included in the Local Plan. The impact on Oving parish would be an addition of 1240 dwellings.

At the parish council meeting of February 11 it had been agreed to survey residents on three options: resist further development, increase the density of sites allocated so as to reduce the amount of land needed, consider alternative sites.

Note was taken at the same meeting of concerns raised by residents of Shopwhyke about increasing the densities of sites in their area thereby relieving the pressure on sites closer to Oving village.

A task group was set up to be led by DAD with KA, CB, RH and CS to re-examine the options for allocating the additional dwellings. It was agreed the group could engage an independent planning consultant with knowledge of the area to provide a holistic view. The aim would be to report to the SG on March 12. That would provide time for input to the OPC meeting on March 18.

In reviewing the options the group would have regard to:

- Protecting agricultural land and protecting woodland
- Density levels
- Design considerations, eg garden size
- Sustainability including access to public transport
- Balancing the interests of today's residents and those of tomorrow's
- Critical mass factors as leverage for new community facilities
- The need for sound arguments to counter or amend CDC's proposed allocations for AL3 and HOV17

## **7. Budget control**

A draft control statement was tabled. Westbourne House was suggested as an alternative or additional venue to the Jubilee Hall for open event(s) to engage residents on the pre-submission draft. A provisional sum of £1000 was suggested for communications including venue hire, advertising (print and social media), printing and postage.

## **8. Timeline to April 30, 2021**

The timeline with evidence base to date was tabled. To be added was the work of the task group and its targeted report in the March/April/May period.

It was requested that the Oving Housing Need Survey Report 2020 that had been

completed by CDC at Oving parish's request be circulated.

#### **10. Next action**

- Review of options for site allocations for the LPR: DAD and group
- Distribution of Housing Need Survey: SQ
- Letter to CDC to seek approval to neighbourhood area for NP: RH
- Article for ODN on planning, Parish Plan and Neighbourhood Plan: CB
- Request to ODN editor and webmaster to publish V&O: SQ
- Contact with webmaster re hits and to restore parish plan: SQ

**11. Date of next meetings:** Friday March 12 and March 19 at 09:30