

Oving Neighbourhood Plan

Note of a meeting of the Oving Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on July 9, 2021 at Jubilee Hall, Oving

Present

Dominic Akers-Douglas	(Shopwhyke)
Vic Davey	(Silver Lakes, Drayton)
Rod Hague	(Oving village)
Cllr Simon Oakley	(District and County Councillor)
John Pitts	(Woodhorn)
Stephen Quigley (chairman)	(Merston)
Clive Sayer	(Oving village)

Also attended

Joe Crossley	Obsidian
Paul Kopecek	Member of SG task group on Environment and Heritage

1. Apologies for absence

Katie Akerman	(Shopwhyke)
Colin Buchanan	(Oving village)

2. Welcome

The chairman welcomed Paul Kopecek who had accepted an invitation to work with the task group on policy ideas for Environment and Heritage.

The chairman also welcomed representatives of Hanbury Properties to present proposals for a development of about 100 dwellings on a site south of Silver Lakes, west of Drayton Lane, bordering the A259.

It was the first step in their consultation of residents prior to submitting a planning application sometime before the end of the year. The representatives took questions from the SG.

3. Declarations of interest

RH and JP registered an interest as tenants of land that could be affected by the NP.

SO registered an interest as a member of WSCC and CDC.

4. Follow up action on previous meeting

- A report on the progress of the ONP along with an update of feedback from the Vision and Objectives consultation were published in the June edition of ODN and on the parish website
- More work had been done on policy ideas for Leisure and Community, and Environment and Heritage
- Sustrans had been contacted for maps showing cycle and pedestrian routes in the parish. CDC had also offered large scale maps.
- OH had been commissioned to do further work on the basis of their quote of June 2, 2021 and a provisional timetable had been agreed. An application had been made to Locality to cover the price.
- An on line meeting had taken place with AECOM on June 18 and a visit by an AECOM representative was expected shortly.
- CS's paper on the Fittleworth shop had been received for which the Chairman expressed his thanks.
- The vision statement had been updated to reflect feedback from residents

5. Draft policy ideas

Papers on Leisure and Community and Environment and Heritage were tabled.

On the proposal to support a community hub it was noted that the Jubilee Hall already had under utilised space that could perhaps be made available for use as meeting rooms. Also a community hub might be considered for inclusion in the AL3 master plan.

An extensive paper on Environment and Heritage had been tabled. On the Environment further work was proposed for a number of areas:

- Terra Firma's landscape survey could help to identify local green space to be protected or designated.
- Maps would help to identify lanes with hedges and trees to be protected.

- Evidence, eg wildlife under threat, might be needed to support wildlife corridors.
- The NPPF provided the rationale for much environmental protection and many areas would be also covered by the local plan.
- And as for all policies it needed an introduction with a statement of purpose.

No paper on Getting About was tabled but work was proceeding and a draft was expected before the meeting on September 10.

6. Locality Technical Support

AECOM, Locality's agent for this support, had held a meeting with SG members to outline the scope of its work and had designated one of its urban designers, Niltay Satchell as the project leader. Niltay was expected to visit the parish in the next few weeks.

7. Engagement of Oneill Homer for further consultancy

OH's quotation of June 2, 2021 had been accepted and the terms of its work, including timetable and way of working with the SG had been agreed. An application to Locality for funding had been submitted. A start date of early August was envisaged.

8. Timeline

A programme of activities up to Regulation 14 pre submission and start of the six week consultation of residents and other interested parties and consultees had been tabled.

9. CDC update

As part of the process of developing a neighbourhood plan there may be a need to conduct a Strategic Environmental Assessment and/ or a Habitats Regulations Assessment. This might be necessary if:

We allocate sites for development;

The plan contains policies that may affect the South Downs National Park, and/or SPA/SAC/SSSI, and heritage assets in or in close proximity to the Neighbourhood Area;

The plan has other significant environmental effects not considered and dealt with in

a Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan.

At the appropriate time we need to do our own assessment of these conditions and submit a request to CDC for a screening opinion. CDC has sent us a form to complete. The screening can take up to four weeks.

CDC will conduct a members briefing, available to members of the public via a webcast on Thursday July 29 at 09:30, on the status of the LPR.

10. Budget Control

The tabled statement includes under Projected Expenses the sum of £7800 for OH's further consultancy. If for whatever reason we don't receive sufficient funding from Locality, we will be able to cover the shortfall from the budget.

11. Priorities

It was agreed that parish connectivity including electronic connectivity should be top priority.

There was support for preparing a master plan for AL3.

There was little we could do in traffic management in relation to trunk/ arterial roads. But we could pursue traffic calming measures on the parish road network such as chicanes.

As far as challenging strategic development allocations was concerned the focus should be on resisting development east of Drayton Lane. One approach might be to seek the right to allocate sites for ourselves to accommodate the 300 dwellings.

12. Next action

- Approach Locality for Technical Support to produce a master plan for AL3: SQ
- Ask the RSPB to do a survey of the parish to identify any bird species under threat: SQ.
- Draft first part of community engagement report in light of V&O consultation: SQ
- Continue work on policy ideas especially the Environment part of the Environment and Heritage topic and Getting About: SG members

- At the start of August instruct OH to start the next phase of their consultancy: SQ
- Work with AECOM on housing designs: D A-K, KA, CS

13 Date of next meeting

Friday September 10, 2021 at 09:30. Venue, Jubilee Hall