

Oving Neighbourhood Plan

Note of a meeting of the Oving Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on September 10, 2021 at Jubilee Hall, Oving

Present

Dominic Akers-Douglas	(Shopwhyke)
Colin Buchanan	(Oving village)
Vic Davey	(Silver Lakes, Drayton)
Rod Hague	(Oving village)
Stephen Quigley (chairman)	(Merston)
Clive Sayer	(Oving village)

Also attended

Joe Crossley	Obsidian
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1. Apologies for absence

Katie Akerman	(Shopwhyke)
Cllr Simon Oakley	(District and County Councillor)
John Pitts	(Woodhorn)
Paul Kopecek	Member of SG task group on Environment and Heritage

2. Welcome

The chairman welcomed Joe Crossley.

3. Declarations of interest

RH registered an interest as tenant of land that could be affected by the NP.

4. Follow up action on previous meeting

- We applied for Technical Support to prepare a master plan for AL3 and had preliminary meeting on September 7 with AECOM representative Angus Macneillpeel. As a result we were writing to CDC to ask for any update to its own master plan as set out in the Preferred Options statement.

- Efforts to contact local RSPB branch to do a survey of the parish had failed. A better

and more accessible source of data would have been Sussex Ornithological Society and Sussex Wildlife Trust.

- Draft of a community engagement report for the work of the SG to date had been done and circulated. This was accepted. SQ reported on attendance at a webinar arranged by the Mulberry & Co accountancy firm that provided some pointers on two way communication with residents. He also reported that to keep residents informed of progress we are now posting monthly timelines on the website.

- Work on Heritage and Environment policy ideas had been completed.

- The grant from Locality for further consultancy work by OH had been received and the firm had been instructed to go ahead in accordance with their quotation. It was agreed that OH should be advised of the Parish Online mapping system and given access to it to enable them to develop policy maps.

- AECOM's Technical Support for design and design codes. Representatives of the agency had visited the parish in August to familiarise themselves with the character of buildings and new developments. We have received and approved the chapter headings of the report expected by the end of the month and to be tabled at a subsequent workshop with members of the SG.

5. Timeline

It was noted that residents had been informed in the summer edition of ODN that they would be consulted on the draft ONP in the autumn. In fact this will not now happen before 1Q 2022 and it was agreed residents should be so informed along with any update available on the status of the local plan and its implications for the ONP. ODN deadline October 20.

6. Draft policy ideas

On Environment, it was agreed to include a separate section on local green space, drawing on the recommendations of the terra firma Local Green Space survey and including open space in new developments, the length of the canal route through the parish and the pond in Drewitts Mews. CS agreed to draft the section.

On Getting About there was discussion on the feasibility of closing Marsh Lane that was likely to attract unsustainable traffic in the current highways strategy. It would have the technology to allow access by emergency vehicles and Marsh Lane residents.

With these additions, the three updated policy ideas including the additional Heritage

text would be forwarded to OH.

7. CDC update on emerging local plan

A letter to parishes had been promised at the July 29 members briefing to set out the implications of the non deliverability of the local plan. We had written to CDC for a further meeting to review the implications for Oving and the ONP. It was now virtually certain that the LDS timeline would change and the local plan be delayed.

8. Stantec

Whether this consultancy will be able to do a separate assessment of the capacity of the parish for further development, for which we had asked for a quote, will depend on whether that would cause a conflict of interest with the district wide assessment it was conducting for CDC.

9. Consultation on designation of wildlife corridor

It was agreed to recommend to OPC as its response to the consultation in respect of corridors on the west side of the parish:

There should be two corridors: the originally proposed route to the east of Drayton Lane and the current proposed route in green to the west of Drayton Lane, with access across the corridors. The route west of Drayton Lane should be adjusted to be wider to the north and narrower to the south so as to limit restriction of development of ALS. Any such restriction could entail offsetting development elsewhere in the parish.

10. Next action

- Draft insert to Environment policy on local green space: CS
- Draft recommendation to OPC on response to Wildlife Corridor consultation: RH
- Forward revised policy ideas to OH for development: SQ
- Review first work on policies by OH when received: All members of SG

11. Date of next meeting

Friday October 8, 2021 at 09:30. Venue, Jubilee Hall