

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 14th DECEMBER 2020 at 5.00PM VIA ZOOM CALL

Present: Councillors Carol Gibson (Chairman), Ann Mayling, Wendy Matthews, Chris Jordan, Graham Young, Janet Rayner, Jim Skinner and Jane Griffin.

In attendance: 1 Member of the Public, Neil Homer, Leani Haim and Stephanie Bennett (Clerk).

Ciarán Beary joined at 5.11pm, Alan Wilson joined at 5.31pm and Kevin Brown joined at 5.54pm

NP.051/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Chris Woolley and Geoff Bennett

The Chair reported that Paula (Youth Representative) had resigned and that a further representative would be sought via the youth club

NP.052/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

NP.053/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no representation made.

NP.054/20 MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th November, 2020 be agreed and signed by the Chairman

NP.055/20 PROCESS AND RESOURCES

The Chair reported that consideration has been given to the tight timelines and the constraints imposed by Covid regulations and that ONeill Homer had agreed to undertake additional work to assist the sub committee. This work would safeguard the proposed project plan.

NP.056/20 THE WORKING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Considerable discussion took place regarding the version 3 that members had been provided; Neil also presented on the additiions in the latest version 4:

Policy 2 Design in Iver Heath

- The existing townscape study provides valuable information on what buildings are important to the communities in the Ivers;
- Also of importance is the mature landscape along the roads in Iver Heath which looks very different to Iver;
- We have **suggested amendment** to areas of special character.

Cllr Beary joined the meeting

- The plan must focus on what is important in order to be credible

Policy 3 Design in Iver Village

- This policy is doing a number of different jobs
- It is adding flesh to the bones in the conservation area **which is unusually small**
- **Co-op and motor works site potential for redevelopment**
- Footpath and cycle links were of keen interest to the sub committee and potential new links were identified

Puzzled, as R Pk has only a small area of special townscape at The Ridings. Not too much threatened.

Policy 4 Design in Richings Park

- Sub committee to audit the remaining estate houses at Richings Park and ~~other special areas~~ considered **important to include as heritage assets. Also some in Thorney.**

Alan Wilson joined meeting

- Considerable discussion took place on the challenges of adding residential properties as of special character **I think the discussion was on the huge changes to and demolition of, the original styles in RPK and few of them left.**

Policy 8 Relief Road

- Neil explained that this policy was included as it is clear that a relief road is very important to the community
- The sub committee stressed that this was a relief road for all of the Parish not just the centre of Iver Village

Policy 11 Village Centres

- 2 clearly defined centres have been included Bathurst Walk and Iver Village
- **May need Bucks to introduce Article 4 directions to protect retail use from latest PDR.**

Policy 12 Thorney Business Park

- The policy has been written to establish the principle of improving the separation between the business park and Richings Park.
- **The existing developed area should be regarded as Brownfield.**
- There is the potential to encourage a land swap to place residential development within a 400m walk of Iver Station

Cllr Brown joined the meeting

- It must be noted that a relief road at this location will sever the community
- This area is very complicated

Policy 13 Link Park Heathrow

- This policy provides principles and sets what needs to happen to remove HGVs from the site
- The policy looks at future use that doesn't require use of the railhead however it is recognised that there are two sets of sidings to be taken into consideration

Policy 14 Local Green Spaces

- These spaces are in village settings
- New development green spaces are covered in Policy 16

Policy 16 Green Infrastructure Network

- This policy has been written to complement the Colne Valley Park strategy
- It requires developers to improve the functionality of the network

Policy 17 Climate Change Mitigation – Carbon Sinks

- It must be remembered that this is not just about planting trees. Heathland restoration also delivers carbon sinks

Policy 18 Climate Change Mitigation – new buildings

- The sub committee members are keen to include input to commercial buildings

Neil Homer left the meeting

Policy 1 Local Gaps

- It was felt that local gap D could pick up it's western boundary from the heritage asset boundary of the Horton Brook
- There is a very keen interest in this policy

Policy 6 Active Travel

- The sub committee thanked Cllr Chris Jordan for his work on this policy that provides opportunities
- The sub committee wishes to look to connectivity to areas outside the Parish however this is not possible with a Neighbourhood Plan
- The station is to be included in the map

Policy 7 Air quality

- The content of this policy has been drawn from the withdrawn Local Plan

Policy 9 Reducing HGVs

- This policy has been taken from the withdrawn local plan and the work by Cllr Chris Jordan
- It is important to link development to entry and exit points and those that use suitable points will be supported
- It will be important to include development that reduces HGV use as well as removes HGVs

Policy 10 Community Facilities

- The second part of this policy recognizes that some facilities might have spare

- space
- It was noted that Iver Community Library needs to be removed

NP.057/20 COMMUNICATIONS TASK TEAM

Leigh Tugwood and Ciaran Beary presented on the opportunities offered by a software system called 'Murals'. Itw as agreed to use the software for targeted consultation work in regard to the statutory consultation periods.

The Comms team were preparing for the Regulation 14 consultation and all discussion groups were completed. There were no plans to hold any further groups. All comms is focused on making people aware that the Plan is coming

NP.058/20 DENHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There were no comments made re the Plan

NP.059/20 SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

- Clerk to circulate v4 and everyone to consider the Plan and feedback questions and thoughts to the Clerk by Christmas. Clerk to collte responses and send to Neil who will provide a revised draft plan in time for the next meeting
- Clerk to load version of draft and evidence base documents to the website
- Sub committee to audit the buildings of special character to check if others should have been included
- Leani to consider moving the boundary of Local Gap D
- Clerk/Leani to commence discussion with Bucks re screening opinion

NP.060/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18th January 2020 at 6.00pm

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Signed Chairman

Date