

Minutes from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting, 4th. January. 2018, held at OTC

Present: Christopher Clark (chair), Michael Haley, Paul Dowse, Peter Goodwin, John Nowell, Nick Taylor, David Salkeld and Michael Hinman (minutes).

1. **Apologies:** Paul Dadford.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting of 7th. December, 2017** were agreed (proposed: J. Nowell; seconded: M. Haley) and signed.

4. **Matters Arising:**

(a) Town Council Meeting

C. Clark reported back on a meeting which he had attended on 13th. December at which the council had deferred until 9th. January a decision upon agreeing to the Group's recommendation that Open Plan be chosen as consultants. He had subsequently e-mailed councillors about the Group and Open Plan, inviting them to send any questions to M. Haley, but the latter had received none by noon on 4th. January. M. Haley was hopeful that OTC would vote on the 9th. to make money available to make use of the consultants.

(b) Developers

(i) *Savills/Merchant Venturers* – although Savills were keen to speak to the group again, the general principle had been established at the meeting held on 14th. September, 2017.

(ii) *Pegasus Group/ Wells Macfarlane* – this group had sent Paul Dowse details of its proposal to build on the Uppingham Road beyond Spinney Hill.

(iii) *RossConn Group* – this group wanted to speak to the Steering Group about its proposal to build on land south of Braunston Road.

(iv) Burley Road land – this remained with the landowner.

After some discussion, it was decided that there was no need to arrange for any more presentations at the moment.

(c) Steering Group Membership

(i) C. Clark had sent Janet Hughes a copy of the application form which he had circulated to Group members and which he invited them to fill in for themselves so that we could assess the nature of members' interests and networks.

(ii) It was agreed that C. Clark should invite Colin Dunigan to join the Group.

5. **Rutland County Council responses:** none.

6. **Oakham Town Centre One-Way System.**

Whilst the proposal continued to excite much public debate, it was decided that the Group should not become involved on its own account because that would be going beyond its remit.

7. **Recruitment to the Group.**

We needed to broaden our skills-base and networks. J. Nowell would mention it to Oakham Town Partnership. It would be useful to have more representatives from Barleythorpe Parish Council. C.

Clark would ask two members of the Heritage and Open Spaces Working Group if they would be willing to join. When OTC had agreed to fund use of Open Plan, we would have a better idea of what the consultants wanted the Group to undertake and therefore what were the skill-sets needed.

8. Any Other Business.

M. Haley said a group intended to convert the Baptist church into a cinema with café similar to the *Regal* at Melton Mowbray.

9. Dates of Future Meetings

(a) 17.00, 16th. January for a first meeting with an Open Plan representative, contingent upon OTC's having agreed to employing them.

(b) 17.00, 8th. February for the next regular Steering Group meeting.

Both meetings would be held at OTC chamber.