

Minutes from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting, 7th. December, 2017, held at OTC

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

Absent: David Salkeld.

1. Apologies: Paul Dadford.

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of 13th. November were signed after the insertion of Maureen Burns Jones' name because she had also received a letter thanking her for her work on the group.

4. Matters Arising: None that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5. Rutland County Council Responses: The council's response to the Group's submission about the proposed one-way system in Oakham High Street, which was the subject of the next agenda item.

6. One-Way System

Michael Haley said that the proposed widening of the footpaths and consequent narrowing of the roadway meant that there would not be room for traffic to go in both directions along the section of the High Street that was affected by the proposal. Opinions differed about which should be the direction of flow along High Street, but it was hoped that more traffic would use the bypass instead. A larger minority of respondents to the relevant questions in the Group's survey had wanted to see a one-way system established than that which was against the idea. Since the group had already considered the matter and received Rutland County Council's response, it was agreed that no more needed to be said.

7. Final Choice of Consultants

The Group had received initial and updated submissions from both Open Plan and the Sustainable Land Trust and each firm had given a presentation. The firms' final proposals presupposed very similar deployment of time and expenditure of money. The fees required were well within the ceiling which it was anticipated that RCC would be willing to make available. Members of the Group would still have to commit to putting in a good deal of time to the project, whichever firm was chosen. Those present voted 5-2 in favour of Open Plan. Paul Dadford had e-mailed that, upon consideration, he preferred Open Plan as well. Michael Hinman was instructed to e-mail Michael Haley, attaching Open Plan's submissions so that Councillor Haley might present them to RCC when he requested money to cover employment of that firm. It was agreed that James Green's work with Open Plan on the Group's behalf should be formalised now that he was only working for the firm part time.

7. Any Other Business

(a) Developers

Paul Dowse was awaiting details of two firms' proposals, upon receipt of which the Group could

decide whether or not it needed to meet them. In a similar manner, Christopher Clark would write to the Merchant Adventurers because they wanted to tell the Group about their plans for a second plot which they owned, this time on the Uppingham Road.

(b) Membership

Janet Hughes and Jenny Hughes had expressed interest in joining the Group. C. Clark would contact Janet Hughes.

8. Date and Place of Next Meeting: 17.00, 4th. January, 2018 at OTC.