



## **CONFIDENTIAL**

### **MINUTES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP HELD VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2022 AT 7.30 PM**

#### **PRESENT**

Cllr Alun White, Stow on the Wold Town Council (Chairman)  
Cllr Jenny Scarsbrook, Stow on the Wold Town Council  
Cllr Tom Blythe, Swell Parish Council  
Cllr Ash Cox, Stow on the Wold Town Council  
Mr Dave Cox, Resident member  
Mr Cathal Murphy, Resident member  
Mrs Heather Siphorp, Clerk & RFO of Stow on the Wold Town Council  
Ms Liz Sajewicz, Deputy Clerk of Stow on the Wold Town Council (Minutes)

#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr Neil Homer, O'Neill Homer (Consultant)

#### **OBSERVING**

Ward District Cllr Dilys Neill

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Alex Clayton, Stow on the Wold Town Council  
Mr Steve Gurmin, Resident member  
Mrs Merlyn Stracey, Resident member

#### **2. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

It was agreed to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.

#### **3. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF ABOVE MEETING**

Cllr Neill and the Clerk had taken up the parking permit charge with CDC and confirmed discounts were no longer being offered. Clerk would make a note on the Access and Parking Policy document so it could be addressed when parking strategy is available from GCC. Cllr Neill said permit prices would increase from £400 to £435.

Cllr Neill said she had been asked to find out about transport particularly to Bourton in the evenings for swimming. She said CDC's Leisure Strategy was not published yet and that she had made a case that Stow residents want to be able to get there. There would need to be a specific case made or look at getting something voluntary set up depending on demand.

#### **4. TO DISCUSS REVISED AMENITIES, LEISURE AND GREEN SPACES POLICY DOCUMENT**

Cllr White's changes and additional minor technical changes were agreed.  
Cllr Cox to make changes to the document send to the Clerk who will prepare the final draft.

#### **5. TO REVIEW UPDATED VERSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS POLICY DOCUMENT (DEFERRED FROM LAST MEETING AS ONLY PRESENTED ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING)**

The document was discussed. Cllr Cox to add numbers to specifications and send to Clerk to prepare final draft.

Council offices will need to be considered.

**6. UPDATE ON HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Cllr White said the second draft had just been received. The assessment had identified a need for 37 affordable homes for families and young people to 2031. It also suggested a need for affordable properties for elderly people and this was being questioned. Of the 37, 22 should be for social rental and the rest mainly affordable housing with some shared ownership. The NP had identified a need for 64. Cllr White said because the Council wishes to ameliorate the population profile it will want the number increased.

There was discussion about whether all the specifics of Stow had been taken into account.

Mr Homer said the assessment was just one piece of evidence and could be used as a starting point, adding the NPSG's data where it thinks there are reasons to deliver more or fewer homes.

Mr Homer said this is where Council needs to speak to CDC in terms of what the effects and trade-offs would be if that was done. Also to see whether they share the concerns about AECOM's methodology and dataset. He said it is not a science, but the examiner will just expect that kind of thinking to have been done.

Cllr Neill said Bourton and Moreton had social housing and CDC Forward Planners were not keen on development in Stow because it is on a hill and they were not looking at the demographic.

Cllr White said Council would go back to AECOM for clarification before discussing with CDC.

Clerk to forward the correspondence to Mr Homer for him to review the methodology. Cllr Cox to reference the additional data obtained by the NPSG.

**7. UPDATE ON TIMESCALES FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND POSSIBLE "INFORMAL" PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON SITE OPTIONS ETC IN EARLY APRIL 2022**

Mr Homer ran through the timescales, saying that the informal consultation scheduled for April 2022 needed to be planned as soon as possible. It was noted that this consultation is not a mandatory part of the process but Council is choosing to do it.

Between now and the end of March the policy ideas need to be firmed up sufficiently to be able to talk to people about them in the consultation period.

Cllr White suggested an informal Private Session of Council, resident NPSG members and Swell Parish Council representative to decide which options to consult on.

Mr Homer recommended a dedicated meeting about how to do the consultation prior to the next NPSG meeting. Also booking venue/s for April 2022.

Clerk said the owners of the former Bovis site and Bloor Homes had been contacted requesting specifics and once those details were received the meeting would be arranged.

Mr Homer was thanked for his helpful advice.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm via Zoom.

**9. MEETING CLOSED AT 8.25 pm.**