

Wootton Rivers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 13th December 2016

Present:	David Wardlaw	Parish Council Chairman
	Clare Bamforth	Parish Council Vice-Chair
	David Butler	Councillor
	Paul Neale	Councillor
	Steve Rawlings	Councillor
	Neil Worthington	Clerk
	Tony McGarry	NDP Steering Group Leader
	Dean Cowley	NDP Steering Group
	Jo Cowley	NDP Steering Group
	Cindy Creasy	NDP Steering Group
	Richard Wojtowicz	NDP Steering Group

Apologies:	Michael Farr	Councillor
	Glenn Leech	Councillor

1. Declarations of Interest and the granting of dispensations.

Councillors were reminded of the Code for Conduct and the need to declare any interest relating to the items on the Agenda. None were declared and no dispensations were requested or granted.

2. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Tony McGarry reported that the two and a half year process to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan ready for submission to Wiltshire Council was complete.

The Steering Group had previously provided Councillors with copies of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), Consultation Statement (CS) and Basic Condition Statement (BCS) for their detailed examination.

A copy was available in the Royal Oak and notices had been posted on the village boards giving contact details for parishioner's queries.

After approval by the Parish Council the documents would then be submitted to Wiltshire Council for a six week statutory consultation period. Following this the NDP would then be given to an independent examiner for review. The Parish Council will be consulted on the choice of examiner.

After resolving any issues raised by the examiner the NDP would then be the subject of a Parish referendum.

Councillors requested clarification on various aspects of the NDP and raised a number of issues. In response, the Steering Group gave details of the advice given by the Council's link officer and the reasoning behind the omission or inclusion of various items. There were two issues however, for which amendment of the draft NDP was agreed to be made.

1. Under Clause 5.4 Policy D1 - the word 'encouraged' should be substituted by 'ask and require'.
2. The note received from Sarah Hughes on how Wiltshire Council define settlement boundaries is to be attached as a reference to the NDP.

The proposal to endorse and approve the NDP in its current form, subject to the above two amendments, was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.

David Wardlaw expressed the Parish Council's view that the NDP was an excellent document which has real value and is already of use in assessing planning decisions. The Steering Group was thanked for their dedication and hard work in achieving this milestone.

3. Other urgent issues

Planning application for work at 22 Wootton Rivers – reference 16/11296/FUL & 16/11632/LBC

Councillors are to inspect the application online in readiness for a decision at the next meeting.

The latest date for the PC response is 5th January 2017.

Date of the next meeting – to be agreed.

Parish Council Documents are available on the Parish Council Website - woottonriverspc.co.uk