

SCNPSG Meeting on 1 December 2016, Minutes:

Present: Geoff Armstong, Rita Atkinson, Catriona Brodribb, David Hignell, Peter Morris, dJo O'Callaghan

1. Apologies: Fred Cubbage, Martin Howell, Mike Jenkins, Anne Morgan-Smith
2. Minutes of meeting on 8 November 2016: agreed
3. Matters arising from minutes: none as such
4. Update on SCNP designated area: We have had no official confirmation to date from the Vale Planning Dept. Our locality is perceived as 'unique' due to the range and complexity of planning applications in the pipeline ie projected Didcot Garden City, / Didcot Acceleration, Science Vale, and other residential ones. Many pockets of land located in and around the southern boundary of SC parish have interested 'stakeholders'.
NB The proposed Didcot Garden City area comes up to the garden fences along Bradstocks way and incorporates the field behind the school which is a SSI, and which could be a cause for concern.

Until our designated area (and its agreed boundaries) is approved or validated, we cannot move forward with developing the neighbourhood plan and this is very frustrating for all concerned. The steering group resolved to request SC parish council to ask the Vale to look into this matter and give us an answer/advice. It has been nearly six months since we sent off the application for the designated boundary / area approval, and we are still awaiting confirmation of our designated area application.

5. NP's vision- confirmation: oh hold until we have Designated Area confirmation from Vale
6. NP's objectives: on hold until we have Designated Area confirmation from Vale
7. Budget/Project plan – Rita: Will Sparling had asked if we could share our **project plan** with Shrivenham as he felt that our project plan template was a good one, and that they might want to consider something in the same style. He also said that Shrivenham had used consultants to support their neighbourhood plan and that there were some quite clear overlaps. He felt we may find it useful to hear what they learnt from the process and had offered to facilitate a meeting. The group agreed to put off any meeting until we had heard back from the Vale.
8. Didcot Garden Town: see no 4 above, David Hignell had attended a recent meeting concerning Didcot Garden Town development, one issue raised there was the A34, and its ongoing problems, and that the A34 problems should be resolved before Didcot Garden Town project gets developed further. The Didcot Garden Town Boundaries do come into Sutton Courtenay Parish, and include the school.
9. Christmas Tree Festival: we are hoping to have a 'contribution' with a 'blank' tree for people to add their comments on, at the festival, deadline weekend 10th December.
10. Any other business:
 - a) The Vale's Local Plan Part one is being approved
 - b) Jo O'C is meeting Matthew Barker, Leader of the Vale on 2nd December, with several other SC residents, as part of the Fair Deal Campaign; the idea is to get dialogue happening, so as to include SC residents in discussions at all levels, which is not happening at present.
 - c) Jo to ask if she can see Will Sparling whilst at the Vale HQ.
 - d) Jo to ask if we can see the comments concerning our designated area application.

- e) The SSI field is a concern that needs further discussion. The steering group may need to ask the PC to address this matter, as the field contains a scheduled monument, and is a recreational area enjoyed by many SC residents.
11. Date of next meeting: Thursday 26th January 2017.