

SCNPSG Minutes for meeting on Wednesday 12 August at 2.30pm

Present:

Geoff Armstrong (GA), Rita Atkinson (RA), Catriona Brodribb (CB), Sarah Eccles (SE), David Hignell (DH), Mike Jenkins (MJ), Simon Lazare (SL), Anne Morgan Smith (AM) Jo O'Callaghan (JO'C), Kathy Whittaker (KW)

Agenda

- 1 Welcome to Steering Group (SG) members and any non – members (*no non members were present*)
2. Apologies: NB Fred Cabbage is resigning from group as is moving away.
- 3 Minutes of meeting on 8 July 2020 and any matters arising: *minutes agreed, no matters arising.*
- 4 Consultant: Bluestone update: *RA & SL met Sharon Brentnall (SB) with regard to footpaths and rights of way. These will be included on the extra map.*

*The Bluestone quote has increased: SB has grouped the tasks and structured the quotes under two headings, matching the two pots of money that we have applied for
There are two pots of money:*

One is basic funding, and we have had 8/10k of it, 2k is left.

The other is additional funding: 8k, there are various criteria.

The Design Code is one main one where we are concerned.

This should be SB's final quote: the figures were represented.

Bluestone has outstanding comments but these are part of the quote.

We will need some additional funds to pay for Novell Tullet's (NT) work.

RA to check with Parish Council (PC) as regards allocations of funds.

We need 4k extra, plus c.£500 for NT

Hopefully most of the funds can come from the locality grant.

NT's work needs to be completed & paid for, to go with Bluestone's work.

- 5 Grant application update: see above
- 6 Footpaths: *SL has produced very thorough information and put twenty nine Public Rights of Ways (PROWS) on a map. Others are paths on boundaries and leading to other parishes, but they are as important. The paths have been numbered for ease of identification. SL has information on unofficial but widely used paths and permissive paths and has raised some concerns.
It was noted that there are new 'Permissive Paths' being created alongside existing PROWS.
SL has found examples of new 'Permissive Paths' parallel and only circa 10 to 15m from the PROW!
This should be investigated to try to find the reason as to why the landowners are intentionally doing this.*

Old Wallingford Way is designated as a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT - 373/10) and is in poor condition.

Hobbyhorse Lane (BOAT - 373/9) some parts of both are in a very poor state and require remedial works just to make them safe. Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) should either make the necessary repairs and or take the necessary action to make the landowner (FCC) maintain the BOATs properly. These are important community assets and FCC are currently allowing them to fall into disrepair and disuse.

A comprehensive database has been created, with every aspect of every path.

Once proof-read it can be sent to Bluestone. It may be more than Bluestone asked for, but is useful working tool for both NP and PC ie village interest, as goes wider and deeper.

Some will be PC work, some will be county council work.

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It can be used as an appendix in the NP.

KW may look at the uniform formatting of it. Bluestone can select what is relevant or we can signpost what is relevant.

SL to send JO'C the draft, any identified (key) views to be highlighted.

SL can add key views to database.

SL will circulate the draft to the steering group.

Wallingford Way needs to be returned to good condition.

- 7 Key views: see no 6
- 8 Flood risk report: *KW working on appendices & editing. SE anticipates that Bluestone may add comments. CB had emailed extra photographic material with dates. The flood report is lengthy, so core material may be used and the rest as supporting appendix material. Year dates need adding with previous supplied photographs, possibly submit queries via SC news, copy date is 19th August.*
- 9 Green Space designation and way forward: *awaiting Bluestone comments. The next step is contacting land owners, via Bluestone (pending). We need to ensure that protected land and green spaces remain fully protected. SB is looking at the eastern side & land which has not been returned to agricultural use. Kellarts Field is an important site, part of it falls within the NP area.*
- 10 AOB: *The UK government's recently published white paper (Aug 6th 2020) on reform of the planning system 'Planning for the Future' was mentioned; the content was discussed but no firm conclusions. RA to email the Vale about their views on it. NPs which are work in progress/close to completion would be valid, we need to proceed asap.*

RA & MJ to respond to Vale on behalf of the NP as regards the eastern side of the area. (NB The Steering group is not identifying areas for development). The Design Code should cover aspects of the eastern boundary. We can ask the Vale about their selection criteria for sites ie the PC & NP would like more information. Have any land owners submitted (potential) sites? DH needs more information for his report, DH & RA to go through dates and what is required referring back to original timeline produced by RA.

Radcot Green & new planned Science Bridge:
The West Waddy 'Vision Document for Radcot Green' (RG), shows housing on and between Churchmere Rd and Old Wallingford Way, starting from the east side of the fishing lake on Churchmere Rd! Churchmere Pool (fishing lake) would be the only gap between SC and RG built environments. This is a discussion document showing a clear intent and indicates a lot of communication and lobbying with action already being taken to implement some of the proposals. While we are working on the NP, FCC are already working to develop the land to the east of SC. We need to keep up to speed on this.
- 10 Date of next meeting (to put in next SC news) *WEDS Sept 9th, 2.30 pm*

TASKS: Ra to check with PC about additional (allocated funds)
RA to email the Vale planning officer about the recent white paper.
RA to check with NT about their costs
SL to send JO'C the footpath document draft
Invite Chair of Milton PC to next meeting.
Invite Richard Webber to next meeting
KW & RA to look at retail outlets in SC for the NP