

**Minutes of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Ewelme Neighbourhood Plan Working Party 4 December 2017 at 8pm at the White House**

**Chair:** Geoff Watts

**Secretary:** Sarah Maine

**Present:** Andy Evans , Chris Jenkins, David Solomon, Mary Taylor-Lane, Sue Cooper, David Cooper, Roger Moore, Ellie Clements, Neil Blake,

**Apologies:** Gemma Benoliel, Andy Green, Shirley Meyer

**NB. For the sake of brevity, participants will be referred to by their initials in these minutes.**

**Further abbreviations:**

- NP (SG) Neighbourhood Plan (Steering Group)
- EPC Ewelme Parish Council
- SODC South Oxfordshire District Council
- SC Steering Committee
- SOHA South Oxfordshire Housing Association

**1. GW welcomed those present .**No new introductions were necessary.

**2. Conflicts of interest:** No new conflicts declared

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting:** were agreed and signed off subject to the clarification provided in Zoe Dewar's additional notes on funding of pre-school and school

Matters arising from Minutes:

- budget – PC reported that EPC could not put a provisional sum for the NP into next year's budget

- a precis of Questionnaire results has been posted on website

- GW presented a colour A1 map showing the OS Greenspaces data which was accepted in principle as showing the 'Village Envelope'

- MTL to send relevant Digimap copies of all built up areas in parish of Ewelme for inclusion in the map– to include Grundons

- Key + grid reference to be added to map. Consideration to be given on how to mark AONB and Conservation area.

**4: Presentations on elements for Pre-submission plan;**

- Burial Grounds (NB). NB proposed to draft a paragraph explaining why we might need a new burial ground, where it might be and a policy on what would be supported

- **Community Facilities and Register of Community Assets.**

It was agreed that these are two distinct areas. NB to produce list for each of these. It was agreed that issues concerning the pavilion could be addressed under one of these headings

NB to draft a suitable policy regarding land use for development in these areas.

- **What makes Ewelme, Ewelme?** It was agreed that NB would draft a paragraph about the Ewelme Trust, SM to write para on shop, church and pub
- **Biodiversity** – it was agreed that DS would expand his text on biodiversity to include a separate section in the report. This should include local wildlife on the Nature reserve, the common, chalk streams and the Watercress beds and may include some of EC's work on water
- **Green spaces** – MTL to look at Green spaces ( may be Burial ground to be included here?), roadside reserves
- **Broadband** – CJ had produced a very comprehensive report. Consideration to be given to policy arising from it e.g. land for phone mast? Must provide evidence of lack of coverage
- **Waterways** – EC reported that she had additional information to research regarding sewerage and fresh water
- **Transport/Traffic flow** – SM suggested that Transport issues should include increased traffic flows resulting additional 3,000 houses in Chalgrove and 450 houses in Benson. It was agreed that NP should include measures to control increased traffic flow eg chicanes on Eyres Lane and Firebrass Hill. It was agreed that the two through routes in the village (Firebrass Hill, High St, Days Lane and Eyres Lane/Green Lane) may need different solutions (ie slowing traffic down) to the High St which could be a good contender for Quiet Lane status (20mph speed limit). DC to investigate whether we could have any influence over sat nav routes

**5. Affordable Housing:** There was a long discussion on the merits of Affordable Housing. It was agreed that any proposal should not impede the delivery timescales of April for submission of the plan. Agreed that need for affordable housing should be pursued further for clarification. SC to contact SOHA for guidance on whether Ewelme would be considered as a potential site.

**6. Homework:**

- **All to submit drafts of their subject areas to GW by 11 December**
- **Next meeting 8 January 8pm, Watercress Centre**

