

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HURST NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
WORKING GROUP
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA "MICROSOFT TEAMS" ON
WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2021 at 7pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Wayne Smith (Chairman, St Nicholas
Hurst PC), Lou Robinson, John Edwards, Duncan
Kendall, Brian Thomas, Penny Curry.

APOLOGIES: Gemma Moore, Mac Stephenson.

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk).

0127 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Gemma Moore and Mac Stephenson.

0128 **Prejudicial Interests**

There were no prejudicial interests to declare.

0129 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th December 2020 were approved.

0130 **Update on the Local Plan**

There were no significant updates relating to the Local Plan.

0131 **Update from Group**

The following points were noted:

- the Chairman confirmed that the Executive Member for Environment and Leisure welcomed a representative from the Parish Council to sit on the Dinton Pastures Liaison Group. This would enable local involvement;

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- three areas of recreational space have been identified within the boundaries of the Parish – Keep Hatch Meadows (managed by Wokingham Borough Council, WBC), Piglittle Field which is part of an ancient woodland site (managed by Bracknell Forest Borough Council) and Whistley Mill Country Park (used by Anglers but not clear as to ownership). However, little is known about them and it was recognised that they fall within other “communities”;
- photographs of the Parish were discussed and JE noted that for £250 he had identified an offer where unlimited photos could be uplifted. This may be a facility which could be put on the website encouraging uplift up at any time. DK offered to take any necessary photographs if that would help;
- two additional areas of special character have been identified at Broadcommon Road and Dunt Lane and the Conservation Officer, WBC is being asked to visit;
- LR and LE are working on updating all comments made at public consultations with a view to their master spreadsheet being updated;
- LR is approximately halfway through the biodiversity report which is particularly lengthy;
- the Chairman informed the Group that a Freedom of Information request had been received by WBC regarding the character assessment reports submitted by the Parish Council. He had no further information other than to say the Parish Council/Working Group had no powers of designation and that this would be a WBC decision, an area which they are experienced in; and
- LR asked the Chairman if WBC has a Local Access Forum. The Chairman believed so but would confirm;

0132 Timeline going forward & keys tasks to be achieved before next meeting

Ahead of the next meeting, planned for the 17th February 2021, the following tasks to be completed:

Resolved:

- the Chairman to confirm if WBC has a Local Access Forum;
- the Parish Council to consider a representative to sit on the Dinton Pastures Liaison Group;
- the Conservation Officer, WBC, to visit the two additional heritage sites identified; and
- LR to provide BT with Rights of Way map.

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The meeting ended at 8.10 pm.

Signed.....

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