

Minutes of the Meeting of the Hurst Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Held at The Castle Inn, on Thursday 9th June 2022

PRESENT: John Edwards (Chairman), Lou Robinson (LR), Wayne Smith (WS), Brian Thomas (BT)
Penny Curry (PC, Secretary)

APOLOGIES: Gemma Moore (GM), Mac Stephenson (MS) and Duncan Kendall (DK)

210 There were no prejudicial interests to declare.

211 The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2022 were approved and signed.

212 **Actions arising not covered by Agenda**

JE sent Communications Report to DK for review and approval.

- As part of the Communications Report, it was agreed that ideally there should be public WiFi in the Village Hall and the proposed new Community Hub.

213 **Correspondence**

No correspondence has been received.

214 **Update and feedback on WBC LPU and the impact of political realignment.**

WS stated that the officers were still working through the responses of the public consultation and that the new executive had written to central government (Mr Gove) to reiterate WBC's case for reducing housing target numbers. WS hoped that completion of the LPU would be by 2024.

215 **RTA Data**

BT has now undertaken to populate a map with sites of Road Traffic Accidents over a 20-year period (2000 -2020). It was agreed that the data would be colour coded to distinguish between 'Slight', 'Serious' and 'Fatal' accidents.

ACTION: BT

216 **Traffic Surveys**

The traffic surveys dated between 2012 and 2020 for sites: Lodge Road, Wards Cross (A321), Hinton Road, Wokingham Road (A321), Broadwater Lane (A321) and Forest Road concluded that traffic volumes were reasonably consistent until the pandemic lockdown (2020), however the average speeds show a very high proportion exceed speeding limits a point that has already been expressed repeatedly by residents.

Three new surveys are to be commissioned by Traffic Survey Partners (UK) Ltd in September 2022 at Forest Road, Broadwater Lane and Lodge Road as these are the roads with the most traffic volume and RTA incidents. BT to identify where the ATCs are to be positioned.

ACTION: BT

217 **Progress on outsourcing the Landscape Character Assessment**

Land Use have confirmed that they are too busy but Terra Firma Consultancy Ltd can assist in August 2022. HNPWG are to prepare and supply a working list of

potential information we have already gathered for the evidence base, including images/views.

ACTION: JE, LR, DK

218 **Business Evidence Base**

PC has agreed to update the current draft list of businesses within the Parish, using the same methodology as before.

ACTION: PC

219 **Final Community Presentation:**

General discussion took place as to who should provide a final presentation Power Point for the public consultation. LR said she would discuss with GM as to whether this is something the HNPWG could provide.

ACTION: LR, GM

220 **Updated Evidence Base**

LR has completed an update of Flood and Drainage Report and will look at updating the Community and Leisure Report for next meeting.

ACTION: LR

Prior to the meeting DK confirmed he had been taking pictures of views and will continue to do so.

We need to put together a new tranche of maps for Cosmographics.

ACTION: LR to pull together Biodiversity crossover map

221 **AOB**

JE and LR attended a webinar on Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) by the Cheshire Wildlife Trust, which included examples of the BNG metric etc. This was very informative but the BNG is a complicated process and ill-defined in many areas. LR is in touch with BBOWT regarding the current status of the Berkshire Nature Recovery Network.

The meeting closed at 21.05

Next meeting Thursday, 27th July 2022 at the Castle Inn

Signed:

Dated: