

Little Milton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Minutes of meeting held on 18th May 2017 at 29 Chiltern View

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Attendees

Barry Coward (Parish Councillor) - Chairman

Bertie Bright (Parish Councillor)

Raymond Fergusson (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies

The Chairman informed the meeting that apologies had been received from Elizabeth Swabey-Collison, Kate Daunt and Ian Dennis

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2017 were accepted as true record of the meeting

3. Community First Oxfordshire/Locality

The Chairman reported that £3,927 had been received from Locality in respect of our second grant application.

4. Impact of Chalgrove proposals on NPD

The Chairman gave a brief report on the HBAG meeting held on 5th May in Great Haseley Village Hall. He reported that the meeting had focussed on the Second Preferred Options Consultation Document and highlighted points that should be considered in any email or written responses. This information was made available by way of a handout. It was made clear at the meeting that the final decision on the soundness of the SODC Local Plan will be made by an Independent Inspector appointed by the Government. All of the interested developers will make representations whether or not their site is included in the SODC Draft Local Plan 2033.

5. SODC Draft Local Plan 2033

The Chairman outlined the key elements of the Parish Council's response to the Second Preferred Options Consultation Document. The Executive Summary is detailed below.

Executive Summary

Little Milton Parish Council welcomes this draft of the Local Plan which is easy to read and contains many sound policies. However, the Parish Council has several major concerns regarding the Second Preferred Options draft:

1. A complete lack of re-assessment of all the potential strategic site options in the light of the decision to take some land out of the Green Belt when considering the Berinsfield and Culham sites. If land is to be taken out of the Green Belt, then much of the original argument in favour of the Chalgrove Airfield site fails and needs to be re-addressed.
2. A complete lack of realistic solutions to the increased traffic which would be generated by the Chalgrove Airfield strategic development in particular. This would become a town the size of Wallingford served by one B road and a network of minor roads, with possibly some bypasses round key local villages. Any strategic site demands a strategic solution, which is not what is being proposed at present. Also traffic flow modelling is based on dubious assumptions (e.g. that the majority of the traffic will go direct to Oxford on the B480) and takes no account of the significant commuter traffic already carried by some of the minor roads in the area.
3. The traffic models being used to assess various options and upon which strategic decisions may be based are deficient. In particular:
 - a) Lack of recognition of the importance of the Rofford Lane/Haseley Road route from the B480 at Chalgrove through Little Milton to the A329 and onwards to eastern Oxford and

routes to the north. (Lack of recognition of other such routes on minor roads in other parishes is equally important.)

b) The assumption that the village of Little Milton can absorb the forecast increased traffic flows despite physical constraints in the centre of the village which place limits on the volume of traffic that can be accommodated. (This also applies to other villages e.g. Cuxham.)

c) No consideration of a bypass for Little Milton

4. Potential impact of flooding of watercourses downstream of Chalgrove Airfield, which could impact on Stadhampton as well as Little Milton.

6. Appendices and Evidence Base

The Chairman reported that the Development Plan would only include three appendices with eight other documents being available as background documents.

	Appendices
A	Village Character Assessment
B	Open Spaces
C	Views Management Framework
	Background Documents
1	Baseline information
2	Planning Factors
3	Planning History
4	Environmental Factors
5	Landscape Character & Capacity Assessment
6	Infrastructure & Capacity
7	Housing Needs Assessment
8	Roads

Raymond was asked to update the website with the updated files.

7. Village Consultation event

The Chairman highlighted the key points from the summary of the responses from the consultation evenings held on April 25th and 27th April. Four out of the six aims received 100% support and the other two had a 98% support. Barry stated that the comments on the proposed policies had been noted and would be considered carefully during the drafting stage but he felt that there had been broad support for the policies.

There was a brief discussion on the preparation on the Consultation Statement for the April events. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Ian to ascertain its current status. He would also request that any costs for the evening were submitted to the Clerk.

8. Plan Documentation- progress

The Chairman referred to the document that detailed the proposed contents, policies and supporting statements which he had circulated to Steering Group members. He stated that the overall shape of the plan was making good progress and that it had been shared with Fiona Mullins at CFO.

The Chairman reviewed the notes of the meeting he had with Ricardo Rios and Fiona Mullins on 16th May 2017 that had been circulated to the Steering Group. Barry expressed the view that

the meeting had been very beneficial and would help in the drafting of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that the use of an inspector to review the plan prior to submission should only be considered if Ricardo Rios was concerned about the NPD not getting through the examination or if there were fundamental disagreements. The other points of interest was in respect of basing the Plan on the Core Strategy 2012 and quoting the emerging plan as the latest evidence and detail policies and not statements of aspirations.

The notes issued by the Chairmen were comprehensive.

9. Proposal for stall at the Village Fete

It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Paul Jeffery re the availability of an area to host a stall at the fete to maintain the awareness of the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan. It will be a simple display of some of the information used at the consultation evenings and there will be a quiz sheet to increase the interest. Barry stated that he had sufficient cover to manage the stall.

10. Future milestones

The Chairman stated that a first working draft of the plan should be available by October and the work would be done during the summer. This would involve working Ricardo Rios and CFO and a further consultation with the village. Once the Plan is finalised it will be subjected to a Regulation 14 consultation over a six week period. The indication from Ricardo is that from the submission of a draft plan for Regulation 14 consultation to a referendum is now six months and therefore a referendum in April/May 2018 is a distinct possibility.

11. Pace of progress

This is covered in item 10 above.

12. Any other business

The Chairman referred to a communication he had received from Tim Woolmer and Cedar Homes in respect of wishing to explore options of development within the NDP. Barry thought that this should be considered by the Parish Council in the first instance.

13. Schedule of meetings

The next meetings are scheduled on 8 June, 21 June 13 July and 26 July

14. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday **8th June 2017 at The Old Stores** at 7.30 p.m.