

MINUTES OF THE CITY PLAN COMMITTEE HELD ON 23rd MARCH 2015 AT 5.30PM IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, THE TOWN HALL, RIPON

Present: Cllr M F Stanley
Cllr L Barnes
Cllr S Brierley
Cllr P Horton
Richard Taylor
Jan Ackroyd

Attendees Alan Weston
Gill Ritchie

Apologies Don Grundy
Chris Hughes
Jane Furse
Dean John Dobson

44/14 **To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received as outlined and these were accepted by the Committee.

45/14 **Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Committee on any agenda item**

None present.

46/14 **To receive any disclosure of interest in relation to any matter under consideration at his meeting (financial or otherwise) & consider any requests for dispensation**

None declared.

47/14 **To approve the Minutes of the committee meeting held on 17th February 2015**

The minutes were agreed as being a true record of the meeting.

48/14 **To receive feedback from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group meetings**

AW said that no guests had attended the Working Group meetings in the last period but these had rather been a focus for discussing key issues and producing the draft Ripon City Plan and supporting evidence.

49/14 **To receive feedback from the Harrogate District Local Plan Parish Council Workshop held on 4th March 2015**

AW thanked PH for submitting the report about the workshop. AW and CH attended the event on behalf of the City Plan as part of a lunchtime market place of promotional stalls. There was a good deal of interest in

Neighbourhood Planning and a good discussion with the city's neighbouring parishes about the Ripon City Plan. AW said that an offer had been made to meet with the surrounding parishes during the preliminary draft consultation but there had been no interest and suggested it may be worthwhile trying to organise a meeting at the next stage.

PH highlighted the Harrogate Borough Council consultation on Local Green Spaces closing on 26th June 2015. MS said that the Working Group had discussed the designation of 4 new green spaces in the Ripon City Plan. The group discussed this and asked a number of questions of GR about the process for the HBC consultation. It was agreed that the best approach would be for inclusion of these 4 sites within the Ripon City Plan whilst also to prepare a submission to HBC.

Action: City Plan Working Group to meet with the lead officer (Liz Payne from HBC) to discuss the preparation of a Local Green Spaces submission for the 4 proposed new sites and any other issues.

50/14

To outline an indicative forward work programme in relation to the preparation and funding of the final draft Ripon City Plan

AW presented the report outlining the proposed forward work programme. GR expressed some concerns about whether this could be achieved given the work required. AW said that it was important to continue the momentum that had been gained and therefore every attempt should be made to achieve the timetable set.

GR asked about the opportunity for HBC to make comments on the policies. AW said that papers for the next committee would need to be sent out on the 14th April and therefore any formal feedback would be needed by this date.

Action: It was agreed to progress as proposed to try to produce the draft Ripon City Plan for a statutory 6 week consultation from June.

51/14

To discuss and agree the proposed policies for inclusion in the draft Ripon City Plan

MS presented the draft proposed policies on a theme by theme basis, pausing for comments and questions.

GR suggested that the Ripon City Plan should use policy references to avoid confusion with HBC policies. AW responded that this was a working draft and the presentation version would be different.

RT asked about policy C5 and asked for clarification in relation to the use of the phrase "within existing education sites" and the specific mention of the "the grounds of the present secondary school (Outwood Academy)".

Action: City Plan Working Group to consider / clarify the intention and wording of policy C5.

MS said that the Working Group had discussed the designation of 4 new green spaces as previously discussed, but that there had not been the opportunity to agree with CH and our practitioner support, the wording for these policies.

Action: City Plan Working Group to consider the additional policies in relation to open space.

GR suggested that the Working Group should identify the key public sector consultees and ensure that they are aware / agree the policy wording in advance of the draft Ripon City Plan being published.

Action: City Plan Working Group to identify the key consultees and agree how to move forward.

AW presented a summary work in progress document which outlined the potential housing supply over the lifetime of the Ripon City Plan. This included housing within the Neighbourhood Plan Area and also for information only, an outlined of proposals outside the parish.

LB suggested that consideration should be given to policy A4 specifically including mention of the Disability Discrimination Act requirements and being dementia friendly.

Action: City Plan Working Group to consider the suggestion in relation to these specific requirements.

GR mentioned that HBC were preparing an Infrastructure Capacity Study and this should be considered as part of the evidence base for policy M1.

MS said that the Working Group had also been discussing a public art policy for inclusion within the planning obligations.

Action: City Plan Working Group to develop the public art policy for inclusion.

MS said that on behalf on the Committee he would like to thank CH for his efforts in leading the production of the policies and consulting with our planning practitioner.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm

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CHAIRMAN

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