

WNP Committee

Meeting (25) 22 January 2019

URC Chapel Schoolroom. Brief Account. [JF] 24 January

Present: KH CH JF AP AJ RG SS

Apologies (sudden snow: RB RN EF) MV MD DH DM LT. Two missing.

1. **Draft LP 2034 Pub Con**, 21 Jan, Merry Bells: *good turnout, incl. OCC as well as SODC planners. Chance to talk STRAT14 [OBU], but not WNP Enhancements (omitted for now, but SODC currently vetting them. WNP approval for pre-Submission Pub. Con. delayed by SODC need to get new Draft LP 2034 out to Pub.Con. Good to re-link with public after 18 months. Gap perhaps noticeable.*
2. **Parking (controlled or not), Transport (buses)**, *cannot be WNP policy statement, but can be included in responses to pre-submission WNP Pub.Con. and these to go to WPC for running as a Community Project. Consultations currently ongoing.*
3. **Informing the community in General and Public Consultation.** *WNP Statutory Consultation now with SODC, hopefully soon followed by NP Stat Consultation. Re-organised website mentioned on 21 Jan as being used by community. Two-monthly newsletters create information gaps, but perhaps stop overload. We are due v. soon, the crucial pre-Submission Pub. Con. Current Newsletter (due out 25/26 Jan can only signal it, but not date it. Bespoke maps of village enhancement sites will show sites, but the NP outline proposals-in-principle for use of these sites will only be publicised in text format, not plan format. Would be too early, as these are not actual landowner proposals to Planners. WNP proposals still have to be 'made' by Examination and Referendum before grounded proposals can be put. A final Pub.Con. is also due post-Examination. This all explained Newsletter out at end of January. We can only have 1 March – 14 April as a 'target' possible start for WNP pre-Submission. The decision is not ours.*
4. **Response from WNP to Draft LP 2034** *Final date 18 Feb. All Committee members already informed 24 January, and points please to JF by 31 January. Hope for a good email discussion on this important topic. Individuals can also respond: mention WNP Committee membership if you do.*
5. **'Delivery of Infrastructure by OCC, Dec 2018, Update, January 2019'** *was discussed : para 5.7, Wheatley Campus, and Appendix 2.7. OCC's statutory support for SODC LP 2034 is preceded by an OCC Councillor's critical introduction. The stats date from before SODC's rejection (November) of Brookes outline PP for 500 homes, 'but if a lower figure is requested' (on appeal) 'the calculations could still stand.' (Lower numbers on appeal could be helped by the ambivalent 'at least 300 new homes', consistently opposed by WNP since 01 June 2016 (Web Article: Understanding the Number 300) up to our response to SODC LP 2034. OCC timetable for 300 homes as 2021-2025.*
6. **Work goes on** *behind WNP scenes – incorporating SODC revisions into Draft pre-Submission WNP, same with Statutory Consultation Statement on its return, and the reviving of our community and distribution system for the 'target' of pre-Submission 6 weeks Pub.Con. 'soonest'. Website constantly being made more accessible and topical. Merry Bells comments show it is being used; but also some ;'Fake News' out there. Website will soon carry a 'Fake News' article.*

Thanks all who attended/tried to attend in snow & cold, and for their courtesy to all who sent word, even in emergency situations, that they could not come.