

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Minutes of Meeting 20 Dec 2022

Mortimer Methodist Church 19:30 – 20:30

Attendees

Jo Emberson-Wines (Chair)
Graham Bridgman (WBC)
Doug Overett
Rob Coe

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies

Sabina Netherclift
Nick Carter
Amanda Marsden
Neil Kiley

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreement of minutes of last meeting.

4. Reports from working groups: NP 2017-2026 revision (Reserved Land MOR006)

The public consultation remains live until the 31 January 2023. There was good engagement at the November public workshops on the 2017-26 NP revision options. It was noted that few Parish Councillors attended the workshops.

Action: Doug to formally write up comments made by the public during the workshops and add to the evidence records for the plan revision.

Oaktree Dental Practice have confirmed their interest in the site.

SG discussion on the options of how best to proceed with any revision, or if a planning application would require a revision. Decision taken to formally request the advice of Bluestone.

Action: Doug to speak with Steve and TA Fisher regarding interest in a potential double planning application.

Action: Jo and Amanda to formally ask Bluestone for their advice on this best process for revision. Noting this will be an extension to the work we have currently contracted to Bluestone.

5. Reports from working groups: NP 2027-2036 Development

The November public workshops took place as planned. Analysis of the event is expected from Bluestone in due course.

Action: Jo to ask Amanda and Tennant about the expected process and timescales for Bluestone's analysis of the public workshops.

6. Communications and key messages

Decision taken to update the West Berkshire Council website Mortimer NP page with communication of intent to develop a new 2027-2036 NP.

Action: Jo to ask Nick to develop the wording and share with Bryan Lyttle at WBC.

7. Minor matters arising

SMPC have asked the SG to confirm the expected budget for 2023/24. Decision to request £25,000.

Action: Jo to contact Lynn at SMPC with budget forecast updates.

Action: Jo to contact Clive and Lynn to arrange next years meetings at the Methodist Church.

8. Next meeting forward look

2022/23 budget forecast for remainder of year

NP programme next steps

Next meeting: 17 January at 19:30