

Neighbourhood Planning Meeting 28.1.16 – Meeting Notes 1.2.16

Dear All,

I'd like to thank everyone who came to the Neighbourhood Planning meeting last Thursday. Approximately 50 people attended the meeting at the Abingdon Arms. I must apologise that it was a bit crowded and some were unable to sit down.

I've attached my presentation and notes from the meeting, as there were a number of people who were unable to attend.

We decided that we would like to go ahead and develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Beckley and Stowood. Our colleagues in Stanton St John, Elsfield and Woodeaton may wish to join in on issues that affect us all and will let us know.

Everyone will be consulted on the issues we should include, but those mentioned at the meeting were –

- **Preservation of the Green Belt**
- **Traffic**
- **Buses**
- **Schools**
- **Where to build**
- **Design**
- **Flooding and drainage**
- **Keeping the pub**
- **Businesses**
- **Sustainability**
- **Social housing, affordable housing**
- **Mixed housing – housing for those who wish to downsize and remain in the village**

A Steering Group has been formed and I'd like to thank the following people who have volunteered to form it –

Ann Henman, Geoff Henman, Sian Jeffrey, Clare Marsh, Caroline Gordon-Duff, Ginette Camps-Walsh for the PC.

The Group will receive a grant to employ consultants to help, so we will not need to do all the work ourselves and we will have the help and support of our designated SODC Planning Officer Luke Brown.

We would like to encourage more people to join, including local businesses and local groups and residents of Wick Farm and also many with people with special skills and knowledge on an ad hoc basis.

Our next step will be to have our first meeting with the Steering Group. If anyone is interested in joining the Steering Group and would like more information I'd be pleased to discuss this with them - 351652.

I would like to thank Nicki and Richard for allowing us to use the Abingdon Arms, Sophie Horsley, Head and Planning and Policy SODC and Vale and all who came along and those who sent their apologies.

A Neighbourhood Development Plan will give our community more power to shape the future of our Parish, where we live and work. It also has legal standing and SODC and Planning Inspectors have to take it into account when making planning decisions. We welcome your ideas and input and will keep you informed.

Kindest regards,

Ginny

Ginette Camps-Walsh