

**Minutes of the meeting of Olney Town Council**  
**Olney Development Group held on Monday 29 October 2018**  
**at 7.30 pm at the Olney Centre**

**Present:** Chris Tennant, Jeremy Rawlings, Desmond Eley, Joanne Eley, Tony Evans, Graham Harrison, Colin Rodden, Kevin Viney

**In attendance:** Liam Costello (Town Clerk)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Deirdre Bethune

**2. Declarations of interest**

None declared

**3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 06 August 2018**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes be approved.

**4. Planning Policy Framework Update – NPPF & Plan:MK**

The revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has recently been published. This is not a major rewrite of the NPPF published in 2012. One of the key changes is regarding how housing numbers are calculated. Windfall sites can now be counted towards housing numbers. MKC giving a presentation to parish councillors in a few weeks on the revised NPPF.

The inspector conducting the independent examination of Plan:MK has prepared a schedule of minor modifications, which will be subject to a 6 weeks consultation commencing 31 October. Sun-group to be formed to review modifications.

The Olney Neighbourhood Plan needs to ensure that it stays in general conformity with the NPPF and Plan:MK to ensure protection from speculative development.

**RESOLVED:**

- Town Clerk to circulate date of NPPF presentation

- Sub-committee of Chris Tennant, Des Eley and Jeremy Rawlings to review Plan:MK modifications and respond on behalf of council.

## **5. Milton Keynes Eastern Expansion Area Update**

Des Eley gave the committee a report on meetings and workshops of the MK East SUE group. The potential scale of growth would indicate the need for the Olney bypass. MKC transport Plan still includes the requirement for a feasibility study of bypass. Concerns expressed by others at the SUE meetings that Olney's position regarding a bypass is not clear. Now is the time to make the case for a bypass if that is what the town wants. Air quality will also be an area of increasing concern.

Kevin Viney agreed to contact MKC to get the latest position on air quality and arrange a meeting.

OTC needs to be clear about its position regarding bypass.

Group to be formed to look at the historic evidence on routes, and discuss with MKC the feasibility of routes and costs. Need to consider specialists to gather evidence and put forward case for bypass.

### **RESOLVED:**

- Form a group to review historic data
- Discuss with MKC re feasibility study
- Bring a proposal back to group

## **6. Update on Major Planning Applications**

The chairman updated the committee on discussions with Planning Officers regarding the major applications in the town.

- Site R - recently approved for foodstore on part of the site. Remainder of site being marketed by owner.
- Site B – Mixed use employment site. Technical objections to the application on highways grounds.
- Site C – Phase 1 commenced work.
- Site D/E – outline consent granted
- Site A – outline consent granted, no further updates.

## 7. **S.106 Resources Review**

The committee reviewed the S106 schedules which will be used to track projects.

Contact NHS and CCG for latest position regarding their review of service delivery.

Schedule to be updated to reflect 250 dwelling decision.

Discussion about which projects to focus on: Project 1

## 8. **Review of Potential Development Projects**

The committee reviewed the old list of projects and a revised schedule prepared by Chris Tennant, which now includes potential funding streams.

Projects discussed included:

- Public art to be added to list. CR to lead on public art.
- Skate Park to be added to the list.
- Market Place improvements

**RESOLVED:** To agree the following actions:

- CT and LC to meet with MKC regarding progressing East St footpath improvements
- CR to prepare a brief for public art
- LC to update schedules
- CT to find out what Carbon Offsetting means

## 9. **Any other business**

- Des Eley to attend meeting on 07 Nov regarding Oxford to Cambridge Expressway corridor. Graham Harrison also to attend.
- Next meeting to take place end of Jan.

