



**MINUTES – EYNSHAM FUTURES STEERING GROUP**  
**7.30 PM, TUESDAY, 14 February 2017. BARTHOLOMEW ROOM, EYNSHAM**

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**VOLUNTEER TO TAKE MINUTES:** Joan Stonham (JS)

**PRESENT:** Richard Andrews (RA), Gordon Beach (GB), Eleanor Chance (EC), Sue Chapman (SC), Paddy Coulter (PC), Peter Emery (PE), Sandy Hellig (SH), Charles Mathew (CM), Marie Mills (MM), Posy Parrinder (PP), Dennis Stukenbroeker (DS), Angie Titcher (AT), Nina Turner (NT).  
 Members of the public- Helen Drury, JS.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Jon Bright, Rolando Medina, Jane Osborne. PP reported that Steve Parrinder has withdrawn from the group and asked to be removed from the credits list.

**DECLARATIONS OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** agreed that members of the public were welcome to contribute throughout.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17 January 2017:** approved as an accurate record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

No response as yet from Alan Larkman on City Farm; Robert Crocker has been approached and will try to help (PP).  
 No response as yet from Les Sibley on problems experienced at Bicester (SH).  
 Next Eynsham News article- AT and MM prepared to write it.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Historic England and Jon Bright - offers to talk - will continue to be recorded for a possible future seminar (PP).  
 Feedback to pre-submission consultation - R Kent; M Mills; M Groves; CPRE; R Medina; Savills; A Colyer; L Sweet-Historic Eng; T Bovey; N Goodwin; C Tysom; C M Williams; A Storah- Oxford City Council; D McKemey; J McMasters Green; H Williams- Jansons; J Flawn- OCC Property & Facilities; S Medina; S Sensecall- Berkeley Strategic; C Still-Gladman; S Jinks.  
 All circulated to EFSG members. Public feedback continues to be included in the consultation document (SH, AT, NT) and included in anonymised form in the Plan (RA).  
 There has been no response from WODC (GB).

**DECISION MAKING**

AT confirmed that this should be transparent and democratic, in line with the group's Terms of Reference; there is often no right or wrong, planning is a balancing act. It should be a collaborative process, fair and transparent (NT). EFSG might be compared to the editorial board, with RA as the editor (SC). It can make recommendations but Eynsham Parish Council (EPC) has ultimate responsibility for producing a Plan that is acceptable to WODC, the Government Inspector and the people of Eynsham (PE, PP, DS).

**AMENDED ENP**

While some felt this might benefit from more lively images / artwork (SC, SH, NT), it was agreed that content must take priority in view of looming deadlines and primary consultees (WODC and the Government Inspector). Once it has cleared these hurdles, a much shorter, more accessible version can be distributed house-to-house for the public referendum (PC, DS). Agreed that RA should be added as editor in the credits list.

Final adjustments on detail:

ENP14E accepting the total 3200 homes – agreed to remove this entirely in view of residents’ concerns (AT), uncertainties about the Garden Village and Gladman proposals for Barnard Gate. DS will supply a ‘proportionality’ phrase for the earlier reference on page 7.

ENP6 Education – agreed to remove both bullet points at 6.5; PC will suggest an alternative phrase, to reflect Eynsham Partnership Academy (EPA) values and emerging plans.

ENP1A agreed to change ‘site’ to ‘community’.

Page 5 reference to the ‘knowledge spine’ – as local attitudes differ (SH), RA will rephrase. A Garden Village *must* include employment provision and a science park could offer higher quality employment than a retail park (GB).

§5 Spatial Policies – putting these before the housing section (SH, NT) is not an option at this stage but could be for the shorter, pre-referendum version. The integration of residents’ comments has already been amazing (AT).

Local Green Spaces- PP reported some opposition from landowners:

LGS3 (junction A40 / B449) – agreed to remove the central field from the LGS. NB a subsequent Planning Application,

for a Children's Day Nursery, has been made for the last field on the west. This land has had to be removed too, leaving only the surrounding wide road verges and the wood. These are all owned by OCC.

LGS10 (Fruitlands Wood) – northern half is subject to another Pye application but strongly contested by WODC. If the application succeeds the remaining undeveloped woodland/orchard will be designated. If it fails the whole site will be LGS.

LGS15/15a (off southern bypass / Pinkhill Lane) – outline plans for 52 dwellings behind Monkswood may encounter access problems, as Pinkhill is a bridleway. The application is in the centre of LGS 15. Similar approach to LGS 10 will be taken.

LGS 7- next to the SAM and the graveyard- one owner does not want his small section to be part of the LGS designation- in the northwest corner of LGS 7. Development there would face archaeological constraints; PP to contact Hugh Coddington, County Archaeologist at OCC. Agreed to withdraw the small corner from LGS 7.

Priority Projects (Public Realm – Appendix B):

The group agreed on vote to **recommend** EPC to move these to the Vision section, as aspirations dependent upon the emergence of suitable funding. Chair agreed to tighten up the wording to address EPC concerns. This will be circulated and if agreed sent to EPC Chair.

Assuming these points would be considered, EFSG confirmed it accepted the Plan for formal submission to WODC.

### **REPORTS OF MEETINGS**

Education – EPA is involved in meetings with the Regional Schools Commission; is excelling in spite of funding losses; and may be invited to support other schools (PC).

Jansons (plans for 200-300 dwellings at Derrymerrye Farm, off A40 southern lay-by) – the developers want to work with the Parish Council at pre-application stage and with OCC on some changes to the new roundabout (GB).

### **SEMINAR ON PLACEMAKING**

Agreed to continue discussing parameters and potential speakers with progressive ideas, such as Danny Dorling (Professor of Geography, Oxford). PE suggested this might feed into the GV Masterplan / be left to the GV board.

### **AOB**

PP encouraged members to respond to OCC Minerals & Waste Local Plan 2031- main modifications to Part 1, Core Strategy.

WODC has invited EPC to join a community panel for the Garden Village – GB is considering a response.

General thanks to RA for his continuing endeavours.

**NEXT MEETING:** 21 March 2017