

**IVINGHOE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
STEERING GROUP MEETING 33
6th AUGUST 2018 CRABTREE FARMHOUSE**

MINUTES

Present: Malcolm Stubbs (Chairman), Sheena Bexson, Stephen Booth, Rikki Harrington

1) Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of 6th July were approved.

2) Appointment of examiners

It was agreed that we should request the examiners recommended by AVDC.

Action: Sheena to contact Stephanie Buller to request that Intelligent Plans and Examinations Ltd (IPE) be appointed examiners.

3) Chilterns Conservation Board comments on submission version

Steering Group members had received (from AVDC via Ivinghoe Parish Council) comments made by the Chilterns Conservation Board (CCB) on the submission version of the plan. As the comments were sent to AVDC, any response should come from AVDC. It was agreed that the Steering Group should set out its views and offer them to AVDC.

It was noted that the CCB's comments were subject to approval at the next CCB Planning Committee meeting, a date for which was not given.

It was recognised that the CCB had gone to great lengths to provide a comprehensive response, which was appreciated. Nonetheless it was felt that the content and tone of the response did not reflect the great importance attached by residents, the Steering Group and the Parish Council to the protection and enhancement of the Chilterns AONB, its setting and views to and from it.

The CCB provided 22 comments. The Steering Group's response to most of these comments can be covered by three main points as follows.

i) We have been advised by AVDC not to repeat higher level regulations, policies and guidance or to provide lengthy background pertaining to such.

ii) The plan must and does conform to such higher-level regulations. Beyond these, the plan reflects the majority wishes of the community, which puts protection and enhancement of natural resources as the highest priority without ruling out minor development that will sustain the community in the longer term.

iii) Rather than allocate specific sites for development, the plan is constraints-based. This means that any planning applications, both inside and outside the settlement boundaries, will be submitted to rigorous criteria that will prevent development that is detrimental to the setting of the AONB. We thus believe that there is no need to tighten these boundaries.

In addition to the above, we agreed the following responses.

Comment 12) Our plan was submitted before the revised NPPF was published.

Comment 15) This link is no longer available.

Comment 17) We would have no objection to the suggested changes in policy names but do not see what this has to do with the CCB.

Comment 18) We understand that certain Broadband installations require masts.

Comment 19) Maps were provided by outside organisations. We believe most of them to be sufficiently clear but would be happy to have increased clarity if recommended by the examiners and if sources are available. We believe that combing maps will decrease clarity. We are able to add a map showing the Deciduous Woodland layer of the Priority Habitat Inventory if required. The traditional orchard mentioned is too small to show up clearly on a map of the whole parish.

Action: *Sheena to contact Stephanie Buller to ask if she would like to see the Steering Group's views on the CCB response.*

4) Any other business

There was no other business.

5) Next meeting.

A meeting will be arranged if necessary.

Thanks to Sheena for her hospitality.

Minutes prepared by Rikki.