



# Oundle Town Council

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**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm in The Barnwell Room, Fletton House, Fletton Way, Oundle.**

**Present:** Cllr David Chapple, Cllr Neville Oakes, Cllr Stephen Ellis, Cllr S Oakes, Cllr V Chesser, Cllr M Glen and Cllr R Sparkes.

**Minutes:** Emma Baker – Town Clerk

**In Attendance:** Phillip Stearn and Mark Benns from the Oundle Neighbourhood Plan Group.

**PC16.70 To receive and accept apologies for absence – Apologies received from:**  
Cllr C Humphreys, Cllr C Best, Cllr D Fuller and Cllr P Peel  
The apologies were accepted.

**PC16.71 Declarations of Interests**

To receive any declarations of interest from Members and Officers under Section 50 of the Local Government Act 2000 (*Standing Order 35 and 36*)  
(This requirement applies only in respect of matters, which are to be considered by the Council at this meeting.)

16.71.01. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - **None**

16.71.02. Other Interest – Cllrs S Oakes, N Oakes, V Chesser, M Glen, S Ellis and D Chapple,

**PC16.72 Neighbourhood Plan**

16.72.01 To receive the draft Neighbourhood Plan  
The draft plan was received by the Council.

16.72.02 The Neighbourhood Plan steering group introduced themselves. Two further members, Mr Neil Fraser and Mr Mark Felton, were unable to attend. A copy of the draft plan, maps and the Design Statement had previously been circulated to the Councilors. Cllr Stearn gave some background on how the group had put together the plan. Mr Benns took over and presented the proposed recreation route maps which showed the cycle route around the town through maps. The cycle route would be funded by S106 money along with additional land for the Cemetery, festival fields and allotments. There were concerns about traffic and how it moves around the town, particularly near the school. An independent transport study was carried out which did not highlight any problems within the town. The study looked at all the possible development sites when carrying out the study. The suggestion to have a road coming off the A605 to Prince William school was turned down by the school as

they did not want it.

The Chairman thanked the steering group for the work that they have done to put together the draft plan. The Council did not approve the plan as they agreed that more time was needed to digest the plan.

It was agreed that the Council spend the next couple of weeks reading the draft plan and send any comments to the Clerk and Chairman of the Planning Committee. It was further agreed that the Clerk send the draft plan to NPIERS for the health check at the same time.

**Proposed:** Cllr Chapple      **Seconded:** Cllr N Oakes      **Resolved:** 6 for, 1 against.


16.72.03      A discussion about how the plan will be presented to the members of the public arose.

It was agreed that the Council would need to be fully supportive of the plan for it to be presented in a positive way.

16.72.04      It was agreed that the Council would need more time to go through the draft Neighbourhood Plan and the Design Statement before they were approved. Any comments from Councillors are to be emailed to the Clerk or Chairman of the Planning Committee in the next two weeks.

The Clerk was thanked for her assistance.

**Meeting ended at 9.22pm**

  
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