



THE LONG STRATTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT LONG STRATTON PARISH OFFICE, THE STREET, LONG STRATTON
FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2019 AT 10.00AM

MINUTES

Cllr Robert Mackenzie
Cllr Diane Woodham
Steve Adcock

Ian Hetherington
Cllr Ian Mortimer
Helen Wood (Norfolk Wildlife Trust)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were made from K.Worsley as he was attending a meeting and J.Lawton for childcare issues.

2. To discuss and decide who is to chair this meeting and the future meetings

Will discuss who is to chair future meetings at next meeting.

3. To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations

There were no disclosures of interest or dispensations.

4. Acceptance of last minutes from the meeting held on 14th May 2019

The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

5. To discuss any matters arising from the last minutes

No matters arising.

6. To discuss with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust ideas and suggestions that could be added to the Green Infrastructure and Outdoor Recreation Policy

The Rights of Way issue needs to go to the Town Council for consideration. The Green Infrastructure needs to be included; the Town Council could then inform the N.P. in relation to the developers plan. This makes no sense if anyone has any idea what we discussed here please contribute.

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These were the ideas and suggestions that were discussed that could be included in the Green Infrastructure and Outdoor Recreation Policy:

- There is a Government Biodiversity Policy that needs to be referenced in the N.P. This should include a specific Biodiversity Policy to include a net gain of biodiversity.
- Habitats in the new development need to be connected, hedges, gardens etc. eg: including hedgehog holes in the bottom of garden fences. The N.P. should include a principle of connectivity for wildlife at all levels.
- When connecting across the bypass “Green Bridges” should be used, these would have an area of rough grassland and hedge as well as a pedestrian path and cycle/ mobile scooter path, to allow movement of wildlife. There needs to be at least one of these.
- We also need to include tunnels under the road for wildlife such as newts. These were mentioned in the AAP.
- The principle of protecting areas of biodiversity within the development area is mentioned on the accompanying sheet, “Biodiversity and Neighbourhood Planning” from NWT. This is mentioned in the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act.
- In order to protect the SSSIs and County Wildlife Sites surrounding Long Stratton other areas of wild public open space need to be created in the development, this will help to prevent overuse by the public.
- Any meadow and tree planting needs to be carried out using locally appropriate species.
- We need to protect those species of conservation concern that are present in our area. Eg: Hedgehogs, Great Crested Newts, Barn Owls, Bats, Swifts and Skylarks.
- The original developers plans included a green corridor along the inside of the bypass to interconnect habitats and provide green infrastructure. This is supported by NWT.
- Some of the evidence to be provided from NWT includes:
 - Government biodiversity policy.
 - National policy framework.
 - Local consultation by NWT.
 - A Long Stratton Green Infrastructure delivery plan which has been written through meetings with the Parish Council, Norfolk CC, SNDC and NWT.
- NWT is looking for the delivery of the green infrastructure mentioned in the AAP.
- Development of an area of new common as described in the Indicative Green Infrastructure Plan of the AAP is supported by NWT. It would then need to be given Commons status and be registered as common land. Also to place a covenant on it. It could be used for a community orchard or for Hazel coppicing.

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7. Any other business

There was none

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 4th June at 7pm

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As a qualifying body in accordance with section 61g of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act as amended by the Localism Act 2011 and Section 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012, Long Stratton Parish Council is undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan