



Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes

The Long Stratton Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting held virtually via Zoom on Monday 3rd August 2020 at 2.30pm

Attendees: Councillor Kevin Worsley, Councillor Mark Gladding, Councillor Robert Mackenzie, Councillor David Gunton, Clerk Becky Buck, Steve Adcock, Ian Hetherington, Rachel Hogger and Jessica Lawton (note taker)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Diane Woodham and Councillor Jenna Goodall-Browne, these were accepted by the committee.

2. To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations

There were no disclosures of interest and dispensations.

3. Acceptance of last minutes from the last meeting on Friday 13th March 2020

A discussion was had regarding whether the burial ground was discussed at the last meeting. R.Hogger confirmed that the burial ground question on 3rd August agenda was due to be discussed today.

Item 6 on the agenda was brought forward. S.Adcock advised the committee that he has spoken to Rev Heather Willcox regarding burial ground space in Long Stratton. Her response was that they are ok for the next 10 years but if the village or town doubles in size then they might have to change their view.

An amendment is to be made to the previous minutes regarding the burial ground, then the minutes will be signed by the chairman as a true record at a convenient time.

- R.Hogger to amend the sentence in chapter 2 of the Neighbourhood Plan relating to the burial ground in regards to a potential need for more burial space in the future as the town grows. And to also reference this in the consultation log.

4. To discuss any matters arising from the last minutes

None other



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5. **To discuss and decide on questions from Rachel – ‘Please check whether Recommended Change R20-2 goes far enough. Is there demand from other community groups other than the scouting group. Have I provided sufficient context. Does it sufficiently justify the work that the Town Council has done with regards to the community meeting space plans.’**

A discussion was had regarding Policy LSNP R20 – Delivering a new community meeting space in Long Stratton. The committee all agreed that there were many reasons for wanting a centrally located facility. These include one of the main issues raised at consultations, car parking for various reasons in the day and evening. People need to be able to have somewhere to park centrally to go about their business. Walking and cycling is also encouraged in the NP so a convenient location for that is very important. It was agreed that the wording needs to be strengthened in the supporting text, regarding the importance of the location on the south side of Star Lane.

- J.Lawton to request a map be created to show the location and to be inserted in the policy intent.
- R.Hogger to strengthen the wording in regard to location and to update the policy intent

6. **To discuss and decide on questions from Rachel – ‘Burial grounds needs. You told me at the meeting on 13 March 2020 that there is no current need for additional burial ground space. This is fine but paragraph 2.38 of the NP specifically states: *There is a need for additional burial ground facilities in the plan area.* This has always been there. I think it came from AAP review work. Shall I amend this sentence?**

This agenda item was previously discussed.

7. **To discuss and decide on questions from Rachel – ‘Health check recommendation and Policy GI18. Please note the feedback on the health check report. Highlighted in Green. I don’t think we ever discussed this. The health check examiner has indicated the policy is too prescriptive. This is about Green Infrastructure management. Please let me have your views on this. This slipped through the net in all our previous meetings**

A lengthy discussion was had regarding the policy LSNP GI18 – Green Infrastructure Management. The committee discussed the adoption options and how future arrangements of the maintenance of the green areas could be. The areas that would be available for adoption would need to be looked at individually and to be made



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clear to the Town and Parish Councils what their uses are to be. All agreed that the policy points i, ii and iii should be left in the actual policy and not to be moved into the context and reasoned justification due to its importance to both parishes.

- LSTC to contact Norfolk Homes and Norfolk Land in regard to taking on green infrastructure and how it is being or to be managed.

8. To discuss any other outstanding queries on the logs sent by Rachel

There were no other queries

9. Any other business

R.Hogger has prepared a monitoring chapter for the Neighbourhood Plan. She will forward this to the committee for review. A discussion was had regarding how Long Stratton Town Council and Tharston and Hapton Parish Council would monitor and review the Neighbourhood Plan once adopted. All agreed that both would work together if necessary regarding areas that involved both parishes.

J.Lawton queried Norfolk Wildlife Trusts location request for another site of biodiversity to be protected in the Neighbourhood Plan.

- B.Buck Clerk to research on future finance for the monitoring of the Neighbourhood Plan – A vote was taken and 3 Long Stratton Councillors were in agreement
- J.Lawton to contact Mike Jones at NWT requesting a map of the proposed area on Wood Lane

10. Date of next meeting

TBA

With no further business to discuss the chairman closed the meeting at 4.40pm