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AN ALCESTER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING WAS HELD ON THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2020 AT 7PM AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER

Present

Mrs W Mills (Chair), Cllr C Neal-Sturgess, Cllr M Bowe, Mr J Bunting, Mrs V Lowe, Mr J Mattocks, Mr I Greig, and District Cllr S Juned

In attendance

Ms Sarah Duran, Assistant Town Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT DISCRETION OF CHAIR

None.

1. Apologies

Cllrs G Forman and M Cargill, Mr R Jackson, Mrs N Knapman,

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of last meeting

Approved and signed.

4. Matters arising

Update since the last meeting in December 2018: Submission version of the Alcester Neighbourhood Development Plan (ANDP) sent to SDC for Regulation 16 Consultation in April 2019. The outcome was delayed by local council elections and comments were received in September. An Independent Examiner, Mr Richard High, was selected from a panel of three by ATC and he produced his report in January 2020.

5. For consideration:

Review of comments from the Independent Examiner's Report following Regulation 16 Public Consultation. The Examiner was generally supportive of the ANDP but had been critical of the Basic Conditions Statement undertaken by our Planning Consultant.

It was noted that the Plan should be read as a whole when taking decisions about individual comments. Any major variation from the recommendations made by the Examiner would require a further period of public consultation. A summary of the Examiner's comments/minor modifications had been produced and distributed ahead of the meeting. Members had also received electronic copies of the Submission version of the ANDP and the Examiner's Report.

The Chair took the group through the comments page by page. Some policies had been deleted by the Examiner (it was felt that these were adequately covered by higher level policies), others were combined or modified. In policy NE3 Local Green Spaces (LGS), LGS 2, 3 and 4 were combined under a revised LGS 2 Arrow Valley Corridor, whilst LGS7 Crooks Lane was deleted (owned by SDC) along with all allotment areas (protected by other legislation). Some of the maps required amendments. Whilst there was some discussion about some of the Examiner's comments, they were all accepted and agreed.

6. Next steps

Town Clerk to update the ANDP and send to SDC. SDC are responsible for and will organise the Referendum. ATC will produce a Summary document, banners and publicise the Referendum locally to facilitate community engagement. All electors in the parish will receive a polling card and there will be a postal voting option. Usual polling stations will be used.

7. Budget

The cost of the Referendum is met by SDC. There are already funds in the budget to cover the costs of producing the Summary document.

8. Date and time of next meeting

TBC this is likely to be the final meeting- the Steering Group will then be formally dissolved.