

Mylor Neighbourhood Development Plan

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2020 at 6pm by Zoom.

Present: David Lansdowne -Chairman, Pat Willmore, Jonathan Griffin, James Robinson, John Killick, Tim Brighton, Jane Moss, John Adams, Beccy Brougham

In attendance: Michael Brougham, Pat Farrell, Councillors Hall, Munro-Lott and Polglase, Fiona Ferguson, Jan Robson and Jill Quilliam

12 other attendees

1	<p>Chairman's introduction – David Lansdowne</p> <p>DL welcomed everyone to this zoom SG meeting which would be recorded for accuracy, the recording to be destroyed after the minutes are approved. DL announced his resignation from the Steering Group and from Mylor Parish Council. He confirmed he would be writing to the Parish Council Chairman in the near future formally tendering his resignation with his reasons for so doing.</p> <p>Jane Moss took the chair for the rest of the meeting.</p> <p>Jonathan Griffin commented on the difficulties and unpleasantness that DL has been subjected to over the past 6 months by a minority group on the Parish Council. He thanked DL profusely for his leadership on the SG and the respect in which he is held by all his NDP colleagues. He wished him well and assured him that the remaining members would endeavour to get the plan made reflecting the wishes of the community.</p> <p>The full text of JG's remarks is appended to these minutes (app1)</p> <p>James Robinson and John Adams seconded JG's comments and commended DL's behaviour in the face of disgraceful tactics.</p> <p>Jan Robson, Fiona Ferguson expressed their disappointment and thanked him for the excellent job he has done.</p> <p>Councillors Munro-Lott and Perry expressed their disappointment.</p> <p>JM said that the Steering Group needs time to reflect on this but at this stage remains determined to fulfil its pledge to the community and complete the plan.</p>
2	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>None</p>
3	<p>Declarations of Interest.</p> <p>John Adams (NDP SG Communications Group Joint Lead) Saltbox Close resident. JA added that he is moving away and the buyer of his property is aware of the situation with SB. Therefore, he would contribute to any discussion on SB.</p> <p>Tim Brighton (NDP SG Transport Group Lead) Saltbox Close resident</p>
4	<p>Record of Previous meeting and admin points – Pat Willmore</p> <p>It was Proposed by John Adams, Seconded by Jonathan Griffin and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2020 be approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by Pat Willmore on behalf of the Chairman.</p>

5	<p>Resolution: Mylor NDP SG adopts the ICO publication scheme as a policy.</p> <p>This was put on the agenda by DL. It had been on the MPC agenda for 30/11 but was effectively talked out. The SG is happy to put this resolution as it reflects the group's commitment to openness and transparency. NDP SG is satisfied that it already abides by the scheme. JM read the details of the proposal. It was Proposed by JA, Seconded by JG</p> <p>Rob Follett commented that he manages the NDP website which he will continue to do whilst controlled by the SG. It is not transferrable.</p> <p>A discussion around GDPR followed with Councillor Perry expressing the view that we are bound by the GDPR policy of MPC, the council being ultimately responsible for this. Full reassurances were given that all data has been handled in accordance with full GDPR requirements since the SG was set up. The NDP SG has never been given sight of the Parish Council's own GDPR policy which it is legally required to have. FF reported that she personally had recently been the subject of a GDPR breach by the Parish Council. Councillor Perry promised she would take all these points back to MPC.</p> <p>The resolution was passed by the SG unanimously.</p>
6	<p>Progress of Mylor Neighbourhood Development Plan</p> <p>Michael Brougham took this item.</p> <p>The process following the Reg 14 consultation is prescribed and relatively straightforward. At this stage – 3 months after the consultation ended - the SG has no idea what work has been carried out by the consultant beyond the fact that he has assessed the public comments from the viewpoint of a professional planner. The SG knows what the project plan should be but is unaware as to whether the consultant is working from his own project plan, and if so what progress has been made to date. From the outset, the SG topic leads should have been working on the Reg14 comments matrix with the benefit of their knowledge of the plan, which they would have offered to do for free before discussing the results with the consultant for his professional input. Clearly the Mylor bridge AH issue is contentious but through discussion with stakeholders including the AHWG and Ward Councillor this can and should be resolved. The SG was informed that the consultant would finish stage 1 of his task by 23/11. Nothing has been heard.</p> <p>MPC needs to bring these matters to a head and make decisions to get the proper working on the NDP back on track, since at present the consultant has been effectively hi-jacked and is being managed by 2 Parish Councillors, despite resolutions being made in previous Parish Council meetings to bring him in specifically to help the SG, who have the authority in their TORs to complete the NDP legal process.</p> <p>It is vital to the community that the plan is made so that the development boundaries can be set and protect the villages from unwanted and unsustainable open market led developments. Time is definitely of the essence.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that the PC has not instituted a new 'control mechanism' in the wake of the Clerk's resignation. The joint meeting with the PC, SG and consultant promised for week commencing 14/12 is unlikely to happen before January.</p> <p>There is great concern that the Parish Council has not grasped the urgency of this situation. The recent Blue Cedar Homes proposal is a prime example of what can happen in the absence of definitive development boundaries.</p> <p>BB made the comment, echoed by other members of the SG, that this delay is worrying and upsetting. Councillor Franks stated at the November PC meeting that there is no rush and this stage of the process could 'take months'. The goodwill of the SG members is disappearing as this job – on which the group has already spent 3 years - should have been completed by now.</p>

	<p>The NDP SG and members of the community are deeply frustrated that progress is slowed or halted.</p> <p>JG stated that the SG needs a clear policy steer on SB from MPC. MPC has been discussing SB for over a year and in August 2020 resolved to prioritise it as a development site. Nobody outside of MPC has seen evidence of the AHWP's discussions over the past 18 months, information as to how the PC reached its decision or evidence of public consultation on, or support for, developing SB. The AHWP has not made its proposals public as required by its TORs and the principle of openness. No evidence of meaningful discussions with the landowners at RR2 as to it being undeliverable has been seen. SB was not included positively in any of the Reg 14 comments. How does the PC propose to solve the conundrum of presenting an NDP which is supposedly supported by the public when the public knows nothing of what is proposed? Progress at TM2 is welcome but progress in Mylor Bridge, where the MPC website states that a development is due shortly, is a mystery.</p> <p>We await further information.</p> <p>JamesR reiterated that the SG is unbiased and has drafted the plan according to the wishes expressed by the community.</p> <p>Councillor Perry made the statement that the development of 70 dwellings, as outlined in the September email from Cornwall Council, was not going to happen.</p> <p>JG and MB were grateful to Councillor Perry as it was the first release of such information by MPC on SB. MB stated that he would be willing to talk to the consultant with KP in order to map out a constructive way forward for the plan. KP believed her role was to act as an intermediary on communications between MPC and the SG and could not commit to such a meeting.</p> <p>A discussion followed on the Homechoice numbers and whether the numbers of new dwellings given in the draft plan were realistic. It was agreed that although the plan is for 10 years it would be prudent to review it on a regular basis.</p>
7	<p>Chairman's statement – this item was overtaken by DL's resignation at the start of this meeting.</p>
8	<p>Closing Remarks – Jane Moss</p> <p>We have again heard compelling reasons for getting the plan made as soon as possible. We are sad that DL has felt the need to resign. More details will follow. He has been a fantastic leader of the group and the SG and MPC have both lost a loyal and principled servant. Michael Brougham's detailed knowledge of the plan is priceless and the SG would like to get him back on board if he is willing to assist with driving the plan forward.</p> <p>Having attended (by zoom) the PC meeting of 14/12 it was shocking to hear the Chairman say in open session that members of the NDP SG and their partners are not welcome to correspond with the Parish Council. In contrast we thank Councillor Perry for her spirit of collaboration at this meeting and her willingness to report back to the Parish Council on the points raised. It is to be hoped MPC will start to respond to the community positively rather than defensively when it resumes its business in January.</p> <p>Thank you to everybody who has attended this meeting.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 7.21pm</p>
App1	<p>Jonathan Griffin - Many of us will be aware that David's resignation was only a matter of time. We have all had to persuade him to stay at different times but the pressure on him has just become unbearable.</p>

David has provided a vital link between the SG and the Parish Council for about 2 and half years, having stepped in to cover a vacancy.

The last six months have been very unpleasant for him. We have seen a concerted campaign of harassment and exclusion by a small group of councillor colleagues.

- They tried to prevent him voting for proposals in support of the NDP's work, arguing he was somehow compromised. Other council sub-committee chairmen were not excluded, made to declare an interest or sent out of the room when their proposals came up.
- False or trumped-up accusations have been used. The legitimate release of an email to us was used as an excuse to suspend him without any evidence.
- This prevented him being involved in the interviews for a consultant: a consultant he had proposed and who was meant to be working within the SG, replacing our own Project Manager who felt compelled to resign.
- He asked for Open and Transparent working – a proposal which should have gone through on the nod given that it is a legal requirement but his proposal was talked out as others wished to be 'in control'
- Had his proposal gone through, he might have been able to see some of the MPC documents he has requested and which he was entitled to see, but which have been mysteriously 'unavailable'
- He has had to undergo a series of procedural complaints which are without merit.

... and this is only some of the bits I do know about.

It is therefore not surprising that he has decided to resign.

David,

- You have been an excellent leader, stepping in when the rest of us had already started our work, shaping and guiding the team and always – always – having our back.
- You have been heroic.
- Steady under fire.
- You have been open and honest.
- You have worked tirelessly.
- In doing so, you have had respect from all of us.
- And we thank you.

We wish you well in your exciting new venture. The rest of us will do what we can to complete the NDP that you have masterminded so far – reflecting the wishes of the community.

Chairman's Closing Remarks – David Lansdowne

DL repeated his statement from 22/10 meeting that the NDP steering group is still alive and kicking and keen to offer its assistance to the Parish Council and consultant. The group is looking to complete the plan in accordance with its TORs. Its overriding hope is to get the plan to referendum next May but this may be delayed due to the disappointing lack of progress during October and November.