



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH May 2014 AT THE CHILTERN CONSERVATION BOARD OFFICE, STATION ROAD, CHINNOR, COMMENCING AT 10.00AM AND CONCLUDING AT 12.35PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Member	Appointing Body
Appointed by Local Authorities	
Cllr David Barnard	North Herts District Council
Cllr Brian Norman	Three Rivers District Council
Cllr Jeremy Ryman	Chiltern District Council

Appointed by the Secretary of State	
Helen Tuffs	Secretary of State

Elected by Parish Councils	
Cllr Margaret Jarrett	Hertfordshire
Cllr Barbara Wallis	Buckinghamshire

Others present	
Officers	
Colin White	CCB Planning Officer
Others	
Deirdre Hansen	Minute taker

139. Election of Chairman

Helen Tuffs was nominated and unanimously elected as Interim Chairman of the Planning Committee until the Board's next Annual General Meeting in June 2014.

Helen Tuffs took the Chair.

140. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Alan Walters (South Buckinghamshire District Council), Cllr Chris Richards (Aylesbury Vale District Council), Gill Gowing (Strategic Planning Advisor to the Chiltern Society) and Mike Stubbs (The National Trust).

141. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

142. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 12th February 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

143. Matters Arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising not on the agenda.

144. Public Question time

No members of the public were present.

145. High Speed 2

The Planning Officer updated the Committee about the latest developments in connection with a possible high speed rail route through the Chilterns.

The Committee was informed that HS2AA had submitted a case to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee in connection with the need to comply with the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive while planning HS2, the Information Commissioner will be seeking a Judicial Review in connection with the Major Project Authority's report, the Board's response on the Environmental Statement was submitted in February and the Board's petition against the Bill is being prepared.

10.20 David Barnard arrived.

The Planning Officer gave some detail on the petition itself, 'Locus Standi' and the process of petitioning. The Committee discussed the matter at length.

The Planning Officer, all the Board's staff and members were congratulated on all their exemplary work on HS2.

- 1. The Committee NOTED the report.**
- 2. The Committee THANKED the Planning Officer and the Board's staff for the excellent work they had done on HS2.**

146. AONB Management Plan Review.

The Planning Officer informed the Committee that the 2014-2019 Management Plan was adopted by the Board in March. It has been printed and now requires promotion. The Management Plan will be accompanied by various other documents including the final versions of: the environmental report; the SEA scoping report; the appropriate assessment; a post adoption statement and an equalities assessment. Once these

documents have been finalised they will be circulated to Local Authorities along with the Management Plan and the Board's responses to comments made during the consultation period.

Some discussion took place about the 5 year time span of the plan.

- 1. The Committee NOTED the adoption of the 2014-19 AONB Management Plan and that final documents are being prepared.**
- 2. The Committee AGREED to PROMOTE the Management Plan.**

147. Events

The Planning Officer informed the Committee about various events.

1. The Planning Forum will take place on 20th May 2014 in the Board's meeting room.
2. The Chilterns Buildings Design Awards ceremony will take place on 18th June, at The King's Church, Raans Road, Amersham 7.00-8.30pm, Committee members were invited to attend.
3. Parish and Town Council planning training will take place on 23rd June, 1st July and 3rd July at various locations in the Chilterns. An electronic questionnaire has been sent out investigating the loss of local facilities. The responses will be used during the training. Committee members help was requested with the events. Information on the recently updated Management Plan will also be included during the training.
4. The Planning Tour will take place on 23rd July, the Planning Officer asked the Committee to comment on suggested locations to visit.
5. The Annual Planning Conference will take place on 8th October 2014 at The King's Church, Amersham from 9.30am-1.30pm, possible topics and speakers were discussed.

- 1. The Committee NOTED and APPROVED the arrangements for the Planning Forum on 20th May.**
- 2. The Committee NOTED the arrangements for the annual Chilterns Buildings Design Awards ceremony on 18th June and AGREED to inform the Planning Officer if they wish to attend.**
- 3. The Committee NOTED and APPROVED the arrangements for the forthcoming Parish and Town Council training events, and AGREED to promote the events widely and inform the Planning Officer if they were able to assist at the events.**

- 4. The Committee NOTED the date for the Annual Planning Committee Tour, suggested locations to visit and AGREED to confirm attendance with the Planning Officer.**
- 5. The Committee NOTED and APPROVED the arrangements for the annual AONB Planning Conference and AGREED to provide the Planning Officer with suggestions for topics and speakers.**

148. Conservation Board Position Statements

The Planning Officer informed the Committee that the renewable energy position statement had been subject to consultation and adoption, but that following the adoption of the Management Plan and the changes in policies reflected therein, the adopted position statements on development affecting the setting of the AONB and renewable energy would require some changes.

The next position statement will deal with telecommunications. The Planning Officer sought thoughts about the programme for production of future position statements.

- 1. The Committee NOTED that following the adoption of the AONB Management Plan changes will be made to the adopted position statements on development affecting the setting of the AONB and renewable energy.**
- 2. The Committee NOTED that the draft telecommunications position statement will be reported to the next Board Meeting.**
- 3. The Committee NOTED that it will continue to review the list and timing of subsequent position statements.**

149. Development Plan Responses

The Planning Officer informed the Committee about, and sought approval from the Committee for, the responses that had been sent in and made under delegated powers in connection with the public consultation exercises on the following development plan documents: Chiltern District Council: Draft Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Document; Department for Transport Draft National Policy Statement for National Networks; OFGEM Consultation on National Grid Electricity Transmission's proposed Visual Impact Provision Policy; Wycombe District Council Local Plan Options; Chiltern District Council Chalfont St Peter Neighbourhood Plan, and Central Bedfordshire Council Guidance Note 2 Solar Farm Development in Central Bedfordshire.

- 1. The Committee NOTED and APPROVED the responses already made on behalf of the Board in connection with the consultation exercises on the developments plan documents as detailed above.**

150. Planning Applications Update

The Planning Officer informed the Committee about and sought approval for, the responses that had been made under delegated powers in connection with planning applications, appeals and a number of previous cases that have been determined as detailed in the appendix.

Since April this year the Board has been consulted on 13 applications and has responded to three of these. So far there have been no formal representations.

The Committee noted that for 2013/14 the Board had been consulted on 133 applications and responded to all of these. 70% of applications had been decided in line with the Board recommendations. There were 25 formal representations.

The planning application for the expansion of Luton Airport was touched upon.

The Planning Officer informed members that he would be inviting them to become more actively involved with the Board’s responses to planning applications.

1. The Committee NOTED and APPROVED the responses made in connection with the applications as listed.

151. Urgent Business:

The Planning Officer thanked Margaret Jarrett and Brian Norman for their help and support over the years. They will not be seeking re-election to their local government positions at the local elections in May and as such their Board Membership will cease.

The Committee thanked Margaret and Brian for their support and efforts during their time as members of the Board.

Both Margaret and Brian expressed their appreciation of their time on the Board.

152. Date of the next meeting Wednesday 10th September 2014 at the Lodge, 90 Station Road, Chinnor OX39 4HA.

153. Future meetings:

Wednesday 26th November 2014.

The Chairman.....

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