

# Cumnor Parish Council

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## MINUTES of a MEETING of the NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN CHARACTER ASSESSMENT WORKING GROUP held at the

The United Reformed Church

On WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018, commencing at 7.30pm to 9:30pm

**Attendees** : Tim Pottle, Peter Scatchard, Fiona Newton, Chris Scruby, Gordon Stokes, Phillip Hawtin, Sandra Gee, Kathy Davies, John Gee & Alison Jenner

**Distribution** – Above plus Bernard Farr, Molly Farr, Nicholas Cole, Jennifer Cole, Rona Marsden, Jan Deakin, Janet Craven, Tina Brock - Clerk

### 1 **Welcome & introductions**

#### **Overview of progress to date**

- We have Character Assessments that cover approx. 90% of the Parish. We have sought feedback via Cumnor Parish News (approx circulation 1600 people) and through the website [www.cumnorneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](http://www.cumnorneighbourhoodplan.co.uk), Twitter and our Facebook page. The deadline for comment was 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2018. We have some amendments to make based on this. The CA for Third Acre Rise was used by the Vale to help a planning applicant to understand the character of the area. The initial application has been withdrawn. The Vale confirmed that they used the CA as valid evidence of local character (as it is part of an emerging Neighbourhood Plan). This is a positive use of the CA.
- We discussed the type of additional information that could be usefully added to the CAs. We agreed that information about building style, particularly height, density and roof style would be valuable detail to add.
- Review Of Individual Character Assessments. Photos would be especially useful to show views, materials and spirit of the area.

#### **Dean Court**

- Chris Scruby and Kathy Davies to amend and add any additional photos.

#### **Farmoor**

- Add info on roof style and photos to Pg 17 FN to add

#### **Cumnor Village**

- The Glebe Pg 4 FN (or Gordon Stokes?) to add roof style. Positive impact & community use of The Green with its mature trees and hedgerow, add photos (Note: this will also be covered in the Local Green Space Assessment)
- Oxford Rd FN to amend inc roof style, materials, inc Sands View, note dwellings are set back so less obtrusive add photos
- High St to Roundabout FN to amend add photos and link to Edward Impey paper on Tither Barn. Question “sense of space set back from road”. Add use of vernacular materials e.g. Coral Rag and extension

to St Michael's Church in same material

- Henwood Lynn carter to add details and photos Pg 8
- Rockley – Needs Photos
- Needs Appleton Road to be included Ted Mott
- Sandra & John Michael Gee to add comments to all – Fiona to add detail and send on to Sandra for additions

### **Cumnor Hill**

- Kimmeridge Road – needs revision to add photos, and to describe negative features more fully in planning terms. Height of buildings needs detailing but also in the context that this is out of character with the surrounding area. Section on Greenery to be revised e.g. impact of hard landscaping and lack of greenery.
- Chawley Lane & Norreys Road to be sub-divided into 1a and 1b – Peter Scatchard. Add “all dwellings have pitched, hipped or pyramidal roofs”
- “Bertie & Norreys Rd have relatively narrow widths, and can accommodate parking on one side. Parked cars serve as effective chicane to reduce speed which contribute to calm residential feel of the roads”
- Turnpike Rd/Cotswold Rd/Delamare Way/Colegrove Down – TP to expand
- Revised CAs to be complete by 15<sup>th</sup> March

### **Land Use Implications**

- We discussed the land use implications of the individual CAs for example in Robsart Place, the wide verges, open space, front & back gardens have allowed for the growth of motor car usage.
- The data from the Big Survey would also inform “Land Use Implications” eg the verbatim comments show that people feel a highly positive impact from being able to walk from one part of the community to another, this may lead to a policy that states that new development promote pedestrian connectivity around the Parish.
- KD to draft an initial 1 -2 page document that outlines land use implications. This to be circulated around the group for comment.
- Land Use Draft to be circulated by 20<sup>th</sup> March

### **Note**

- Farmoor CA passed to John griffin for comment. Cumnor Hill CA passed to Nick Surman for comment (both Parish Councillors on the Planning Cttee)

Next meeting date

TBC

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