



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE CHILTERN'S  
CONSERVATION BOARD FOR THE CHILTERN'S AREA OF OUTSTANDING  
NATURAL BEAUTY**

**held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at Naphill Scout & Guide Hut, Main Road,  
Naphill HP14 4SX  
commencing at 10.05 AM**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Appointing Body</b>
<b>Appointed by Local Authorities</b>	
Cllr Lynn Lloyd	South Oxfordshire District Council.

<b>Appointed by the Secretary of State</b>	
Colin Courtney	Secretary of State
Elizabeth Wilson	Secretary of State- Vice-Chair

<b>Elected by Parish Councils</b>	
Cllr Charles Hussey	Buckinghamshire
Cllr Sue Rowland	Oxfordshire

<b>Co-opted Members</b>	
Paul Hayes	

<b>Officers present-</b>	
Elaine King	CCB Chief Executive Officer
Mike Stubbs	CCB Planning Advisor
Matt Thomson	CCB Planner

<b>And others</b>	
Deirdre Hansen	Minute taker

The Planner welcomed all present.

**432.a. Election of Chairman**

John Nicholls was proposed and seconded as Chairman and was unanimously elected to serve as Chairman for the year till the AGM.

Elizabeth Wilson was proposed and seconded as Vice-Chair and was unanimously elected to serve as Vice-Chair for the year till the AGM.

In the absence of John Nicholls, Elizabeth Wilson took the Chair.

Chirs Hannington and Paul Hayes were confirmed as co-opted members.

**432.b. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from John Nicholls, Secretary of State appointee, Chris Hannington, co-opted member and Paul Matthews, volunteer transport advisor.

Not present Cllr Phil McDowell, Dacorum Borough Council.

The Chair welcomed Cllr Sue Rowland to her first Planning Committee meeting and asked all the members to introduce themselves.

**433. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

**434. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were approved as a true record after the following amendment was made:

- 421. Sue Bigg was amended to Sue Biggs.

**435. Matters Arising from the minutes**

- **Chilterns Design Award update:**

The closing date for nominations is 31<sup>st</sup> July. The Chiltern Society is leading on the work. A judging panel is being formed. The Chairman and the Planning Advisor are on the judging panel. The Chiltern Society are also providing judges.

**436. Public Questions**

No public present.

**437.CCB Update from Chief Executive Officer.**

Following the recent Board briefing which had not included the Planning Committee's co-opted members the CEO gave an update on recent developments:

- a. Recent Natural England announcement regarding Chilterns AONB Boundary extension and exploring management and governance changes
- b. Farming and Protected Landscape scheme. A 3-year government programme working with farmers to deliver this project. The Countryside Officer is leading on this.
- c. Working with other AONBs
- d. Working more closely with the Chiltern Society
- e. Green Recovery Challenge Fund
- f. Several expressions of interest have been made for new projects.

The CEO commended the officers on all the work that is being done.

Members had the opportunity to ask questions and discussed the matters raised.

**1. The Committee NOTED the updates.****438. Terms of Reference & Scheme of Delegation**

The Planner had presented options for developing and codifying Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee and a Scheme of Delegation for the planning function.

Staff and Board membership changes provide an opportunity to re-examine existing working practices and procedures.

The meeting frequency will be increased from 3 meetings per annum to 4 in line with the increase in Board and Executive Committee meetings.

The committee discussed the suggestions made by the planner and offered their observations. It was agreed that the Planner would further work up Terms of Reference for consideration by the Board.

- 1. The Committee CONSIDERED the content of the paper and MADE recommendations as to the scope and content of the Terms of Reference to be worked up further by officers for consideration by the Board, including the dates of the next meetings.**

#### **439. Planning Committee Work Programme**

The Planner had provided the new standard agenda structure, progress since the last meeting has been hindered due to a lack of capacity. A micro sharing site for current consultations and associated papers is being investigated to enable Committee and Board members to view ongoing work. Work on a comprehensive work programme for the Committee is being developed.

The dates for future Planning Committee meetings have been revised. New dates are: 13 October 2021, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

- 1. The Committee NOTED the content of the paper, including the dates of the next meetings.**

#### **440. National and Regional Matters-update**

The Planner gave a verbal update on National and Regional Matters.

- Government Planning reforms; a bill is expected in the autumn.
- Oxford-Cambridge Arc; consultation expected soon. Three AONB's are involved, The Chilterns, Cotswolds and North Wessex Downs. Transport strategies have been published, but little note has been taken of the Chilterns AONB. The passenger transport focus is on East-West.
- The CCB is taking part in the development of the SE Transport Strategy.
- HS2 is a major part of the current workload.

- 1. The Committee NOTED the content of the verbal report.**

#### **441. Development Plan Matters- update**

The Planner with the Planning Advisor had presented a report, which had included the following:

- Response to the Dacorum Local Plan was submitted
- Officers have engaged with the Hemel Garden Communities project
- Response was submitted to the Central Bedfordshire Local Plan main modifications
- Comments on the Three Rivers District Council New Local Plan will be submitted before the deadline 20 August.
- Supportive comments were submitted on the Shiplake Neighbourhood Plan

- 1. The Committee NOTED the content of the report and APPROVED the submissions made under delegated authority on the relevant consultations.**

#### **442. Development Matters- update**

The Planning Advisor advised the committee about and sought approval for the 40 representations on planning applications and the 2-planning appeal representation, including 10 objections, 25 comments and 2 appeal representations.

Particular note was made of the following planning applications:

- 20/07885/FUL Land north of Bushes Wood and east of Pheasants, Parmoor Lane, Frieth Buckinghamshire.
- P20/S2134/O Chalgrove Airfield. This planning application has been withdrawn, but is expected to be resubmitted.
- P20/S2656/FUL Henley Tennis Club. The lighting is being upgraded, SODC have imposed good conditions.
- P19/S4576/O Little Sparrow site at Sonning Common. Appeal granted. The whole site is in the AONB. The appeal is expected to be challenged. It was noted that the CCB had spent a lot of time on this appeal and the decision was a great disappointment.
- P21/S1503/O Land of Papist Way Cholsey, Oxon. This site is sandwiched between two AONB's. CCB objection.
- P21/S1677/FUL Land south of CALA homes Carmel Meadows development. CCB objection on the grounds of environmental damage.
- CB/20/01833/MW Caddington Golf Club, Chaul End Road, Caddington. CCB has commented arguing that the proposal should be considered as a major development.
- CB/21/02011/OUT Land at Greenwoods, land north of Higham Road and east of the A6 Bedford Road, Barton Le Clay, Beds. This development is not in the AONB, but the setting impacts the AONB.
- CB/21/01017/FUL. Mile Barn Farm, Hemel Hempstead Road, Dagnall, Berkhamsted. CCB objection.
- P21/S2332 The Reformation PH, Horsepond Road, Gallowstree Common. CCB objection, loss of a PH.
- 21/06498/CLE Orchard Caravan, Warrendene Road, Hughenden Valley, Bucks. CCB objection, loss of habitat.

The Chair thanked the Planning Advisor for his work.

TPOs very briefly discussed.

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

**443. Urgent Business**

1. The CEO thanked the Planning Advisor for all the valuable work he carries out.

**The next meeting was agreed as Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

**Future date: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

**The Chair.....**

**Date.....**