

SILVERTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on July 20th, 2023, at 7.00 p.m. in the Dorothy Grainger Room

Present: Bill Croome (Chair), Janet Campbell, Simon Hedges, Olivia Kennard, Liz Gilbert, Prue Nichols

1. Apologies were received from Gill Barratt
2. No members of the public attended
3. The Minutes of the last meeting (27.10.22) were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters Arising. Actions (a) and (b) had been completed. Action under point 5 also completed. Draft documents listed under point 6 had been submitted to the Parish Council at its November 2023 meeting. Under point 7 no Committee meeting in late November 2023 had been called.
5. The comments of the Independent Examiner, John Slater, prior to the Public Hearing on September 29th, 2023, were discussed.

The benefit of public access to the Glebe site needed to be weighed against possible harm to the Church setting by the proposed housing site at the southern end. Benefits would be additional green space for walkers, including dog walkers, and for family recreation at present lacking in the parish. An orchard would be a traditional feature. The housing development would be screened by trees but its design would need to be carefully monitored. A comparison between the Glebe site and the Butterleigh Road site was considered and area details requested. (Now done)

The site would be outside the settlement boundary, raising the question as to whether, under MDDC's exception site policies, this would be allowable. MDDC exception site policies as given in the Local Plan to be checked. It was agreed that questions about the criteria used in MDDC policies should to be raised with the Examiner.

The Examiner's comments about the use of the term 'local green space' (LGS) in the NP were considered. According to the Glossary to MDDC's current Local Plan, the term should only be used for spaces that merit special protection. Other green spaces should be designated as either Recreation, Amenity or Allotments. Some areas in the NP may need redesignation.

6. The Public Hearing, to be organised by the Examiner, will take place in the Community Hall on September 29th, at 10 a.m. Members of the Committee, the Parish Council and others invited by the Examiner will be present.

7. AOB Past Minutes and documents will be checked by OK, LG,PN.

8. The date of the next meeting will be decided in due course.
The meeting ended at 8.25 p.m.

