Ockley Parish Council

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Minutes of NDP meeting 23rd September 2026
start time 7.00pm

Present:
Charles Calvert – Parish Councillor
Colin Seelig
Jonathan Richards
Catherine Dampier – Parish Councillor
Jane Waugh
Richard Edgecliffe-Johnson
Colin Troughton
James Garside – Consultant

Duncan Clarke & David Webb – MVDC
4 members of public
Amanda Barclay – Parish Clerk
Lesley Fletcher – RFO

Apologies were received from James Lee-Steere, Gary Swindle, Vernon Trefry & Jason Wright

1. **Minutes review**

The minutes of the meeting held on August 12th were approved by all.
Actions from those minutes: the community engagement plan is continuing. The meeting with JG took place and separate minutes of that meeting were circulated in SLACK. TORs review is to be carried forward to the next meeting agenda.

2. **Neighbourhood Area Designation renewal**

Duncan Clarke and David Webb from MVDC Planning Policy led this item. It was confirmed that the designated area is not changing from its previous version.
MVDC now prepare a document confirming that Ockley wish to renew the designation. This document goes onto MVDC website for a 6week public consultation. It is then considered by MV Cabinet for approval. MVDC planning policy team will provide AB with copies of the document to display in the community.
It was confirmed that the AONB proposed changes are now with DEFRA.
DC gave the steering group a list of jobs to complete for the NDP. There are some statutory consultees and MVDC will help with this process. DC advised to get the plan to Reg 14 stage so that SEA and HRA screening can be done. It is not thought that the change to a unitary authority at district level will affect the progress of the Ockley NDP.

3. **Project Plan**

JR led the discussion. A key issues list is to be created. Some key issues will become part of the NDP policies and others will be a list of aspirations for the village. List are to be written on all key issues, by 9th October. NDP policies are to be things that the NDP can influence and aspirations will sit alongside the Plan.

4. **V&O feedback**

CD led the presentation of a PowerPoint display to demonstrate the V&Os survey responses. The results show a strong support for the V&Os. There had been 86 replies, 12 were paper and the remainder were online responses. This was deemed positive. Key issues from the survey were: Housing, Transport and the village economy. It was noted that local attitude towards new development has shifted from the 2022 position with many residents now believing that new housing and residents were needed to halt and reverse the decline of the village. New businesses are also needed to encourage growth in community vibrancy.

The results of the survey align with the V&Os and they V&Os were endorsed and accepted by all SG members present. Thanks were given to PS for preparation of the PowerPoint.

JG advised that the NDP can allow for Rural Exception housing sites.

5. Next Step

Working groups are to be formed to split the work load of writing lists that will form the basis of future topic papers. Then the topic papers will assist in the writing of Policies for the NDP. JG will advise which lists are best to move forward to either policies or aspirations. The lists are to be ready for 9th October.

The working groups are:
CS Transport
CT & CC Housing
CC & CD Economic activity
REJ & PS Community Facilities and recreation
JR Environment and climate resistance.

6. AOB

A publishable version of the PowerPoint with responders' comments redacted is to be made available to share with the community to demonstrate that the V&O survey responses have been heard.

Date of next meeting: November 4th 2026.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm/