**Minutes of the Strategic Planning Meeting held on Minutes 31st October 2024**

**Present:** Cllr B Beeley (Chairman), Cllr S Al-Hamdani, Cllr R Blackmore, Cllr K Barton

Mr P Sykes. Mr A Fletcher, Mr K. Begley**.**

**1, Apologies received:** Cllr K Dawson, Cllr P Gaul, Mrs J Greenwood, Mr P Clegg,

Ms G Brownridge (OMBC).

**2, Declarations of Interest**

**None declared.**

**3, Approval of Minutes 26 September 2024**

**The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Beeley, seconded Cllr Al-Hamdani.**

**4, Integration of responses**

**Cllr Al-Hamdani shared a document and updated the meeting with the progress to date. He wished to draw attention to the feedback received from residents regarding the lack of health care in the Sadddleworth area but advised the Neighbourhood Plan can only state that SPC agrees but cannot legally demand this. He advised a motion had been passed at the recent full council meeting requesting that planning policy considers the provision of health care. It was agreed a reference to this would be added into the plan.**

**Cllr Al-Hamdani also explained that the Environment policy had been broken down into 3 sections: green infrastructure, bio diversity and protected spaces.**

**Cllr Al-Hamdani advised that all other changes had been made apart from 3, waiting responses OMBC Planning and PEAK; once these responses had been received he would be able to complete the amendments ready to share at the next meeting.**

**We should then be ready to sign off the final plan at the next meeting.**

**It was agreed the Clerk would send out the consultation responses and the updated plan to the committee.**

**There was some discussion regarding the protection of green spaces and the committee identified areas they wished to put forward to OMBC for consideration:-**

**Dawson’s Field, Diggle Fields, The Pony Field, Friezland.**

**It was agreed the clerk would contact OMBC to put these forward and the process involved.**

**5, To agree a project timeline plan**

**This was discussed. The final draft should be complete ready for the next meeting.**

**We then need to engage an inspector**

**Following inspection a referendum will be organised through OMBC.**

**Cllr Al-Hamdani suggested that to ensure the plan is being used when planning matters are decided, the committee should request a scrutiny report after a couple of years, this was agreed.**

**Ideas for advertising the final consultation to ensure it reaches as many residents as possible were discussed and also what would be published on the website, following the November meeting.**

6, **To agree information required for the website**

Covered in point 5 above

**7, To engage the Planning inspector**

**Covered in point 5 above**

**8, Items for the next agenda**

**Final Plan for sign off**

**Engage Inspector**

**Protected Green Spaces**

**Next meeting: Thursday 28th November 2024 at 09.30hrs**