**Minutes of Strategic Planning Meeting held remotely**

**28 January 2021**

Present: Cllrs: B. Beeley (Chair)

S. Al-Hamdani P. Byrne

K. Dawson R. Knotts

G. Sheldon

Georgina Brownridge (OMBC)

1. Fletcher G. Willerton

**352. Welcome by the Chair.**

The chair welcomed all to the meeting.

**353. Apologies for absence**

None

**354. Declarations of Interest**

None

**355. Approval of Minutes 17 December 2020**

Approved with amendment. GB to assist with screening of the need for a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the neighbourhood plan.

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**3256. Matters arising not on the Agenda**

AF pointed out that the Fletchers Mill site was not on the agenda.

Cllr. Beeley had circulated the proposed plans from CVGBAG. Attendance at this meeting by Cllr, Beeley was considered and as Cllr, Beeley attended as an observer only it was resolved that she should continue to attend if invited.

**3257. Sample Draft Letters /Policies for NP.**

Cllr. Al-Hamdani said that he would ensure the letters concerning items which did not fit with the NP were sent to the appropriate recipients.

**3258. List of Policies for NP.**

Cllr. Beeley asked that an amended list be considered.

An amended list of responsibilities was agreed.

1. Fletcher: Countryside and Landscape Character

Cllr. Al-Hamdani –Housing, to include flooding and drainage

G. Willerton - Greenbelt and Natural Environment.

Cllrs. K.  Dawson and Beeley, Traffic and Transport Cllrs. Sheldon and Byrne: Tourism, Industry and Commerce- to include Broadband coverage.

Cllr. Knotts- Historic Environment.

**3259 Sample Draft policies for NP. Additional papers were provided by Andrew Fletcher and Cllr. S. Al-Hamdani.**

AF commented that it was too early to call the papers sample policies. They required clear objectives. They could be used as discussion papers and give some help in framing the rest of the papers. It was inevitable that policies would overlap..

It was agreed that the consultation would widen to include farmers, landowners, Churches Together and other local groups such as RSPB.

Cllr. Beeley asked that an outline of each topic be ready for discussion for next meeting.

**3260. Response to letter to OMBC regarding omission of sites from the Greenbelt.**

GB stated that existing OPAL sites were being re-assessed to ensure they fitted the criteria in the National Planning Policy Framework, which included heritage, Ecology, Recreation, beauty and tranquillity. It is considered that the 3 sites be removed from GMSF as Green Belt additions can be protected by the proposed policy for Local Green Spaces which will be in the Oldham Plan. GB stated that Local Green Spaces can be designated in Local Plan/Place for Everyone.

**3261. Land Registry**

Consideration was given as to whether Parish councillors should reply individual to the land registry Survey or would the Chairman only reply.

It was resolved that all members would read the survey and agree a way forward and to add as an agenda item for next meeting.

**3262. Dates and times of next meetings:**

25 February 2021

25 March 2021

29 April 2021

27 May 2021

At 09.30