

Clerks Notes 20th December 2022

The meeting held at Forward House this morning covered a comprehensive range of subjects all wholly appertaining to the challenges that may be presented to the community of Henley in Arden in the coming months from the SWLP.

There are no minutes for this meeting as it was exploratory only. However, the semblance of a framework is emerging, and we may now be able to list important milestones which seek to prepare for the very detailed programme of events associated with the plan.

These are:

The JPC will receive a report from Mr. Gary Kirk prior to Christmas, which primarily sets out the mechanics needed for proceeding with the Henley NDP.

- It is hoped that this report will form the roadmap for going forward not only reflecting on the content of the meetings held with him to date, but his take on the Forward House Trust ambitions, revealed at today's meeting.
- On the 5th of January 2023, the Clerk will have an opportunity to gather an informal consensus of opinions from a body of South Warwickshire Parish Clerks as to their understanding of the ramifications within the SWLP. This will be documented for discussion by the JPC. It may be prudent for the JPC to follow up this *informal gathering* with more formal meetings with other parishes going forward.
- It is suggested that when in knowledge of the views of other parishes and armed with GK's report, the JPC send a formal letter to the Chairs of SDC and WDC robustly registering their reservations about the manner in which the so-called consultations have been handled by both cabinets thus far. This letter will be published on the JPC website.
- Rather than place the NDP on the agenda for the Ordinary Meeting on the 9th of January, the Clerk suggests that this will be better served by the Planning Committee meeting, the following Monday, the 16th of January. Invitations to District and County will be sent out, inviting them to take part if they so wish.
- The *content* of the Planning meeting can then be prepared in a comprehensive fashion so that the community have the opportunity of hearing what stage the JPC have reached and what the timetable looks like for the remainder of the consultation ending in autumn of 2023. The date and venue for this preamble to be agreed.
- In tandem with the forgoing, as the campaign progresses, all publicity mediums available will be used to inform the community on progress.
- **Following the programme above, there are notes for the coming months:** A form of contact should be established between the JPC, landowners and agents within the settlement.

- Attention must at all times, be focused on managing expectations of the community and avoiding harmful or misleading rhetoric.
- **Summary:**
All attendees today, expressed satisfaction that the views of all had been fairly represented at this meeting. The JPC must also now consider whether the process may benefit from occasional ad hoc and wholly transparent discussions with all stakeholders, in support of the Planning Committee's efforts to inform the public at all stages and win a just outcome for the community.

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