

**MINUTES OF THE S106 SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE,
ON THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 6.30 P.M.**

Sub-Committee members present:

Wantage Town Council: Councillor CS Dickson (Chairman)
Councillors J Goodman and Mrs JE Nunn-Price.

Town Clerk: Mr W P Falkenau.

A. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Town Councillors A Crawford and C McCarthy.

B. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests

None.

C. Statements and Questions from the public

None.

D. Update re S106 contributions due for Crab Hill

Almost £300,000 of S106 contributions were imminently due from St Modwen's on occupation of the first dwelling. This included almost £150,000 specified for Wantage Football Club. The Chairman reported that the District Council Officer, Mrs K Scotting was now responsible for S106 matters. She reported to Mrs J Bolton. It was felt that there was a need to know the mechanisms for releasing the S106 funds. The Chairman agreed to request a meeting with Mrs Bolton and Mrs Scotting.

Action: Chairman

It was likely to take some time for the S106 contributions from Crab Hill to become available. It was agreed that attention should be given to other developments that had been completed and where S106 contributions were available i.e. developments by Bovis, Matthew Homes and Abbey Homes. It was agreed that there was a need to engage with Wantage Town Football Club and others who might be eligible for funds from these developments. Councillor Goodman agreed to engage with the Football Club.

Action: Goodman

The Council had an example of a successful application by the Tennis Club. The Clerk was to seek documentation for this to assist with new applications.

Action: Clerk

There was possibly a need to introduce more resources possibly on a temporary basis, to support the bringing together of applications for S106 projects. Councillor Goodman also agreed to work with Street Pastors, the Cricket Club and the Betjeman Park in applying for contributions relating to them. It was likely that there would be a need to involve the District Council Leisure Department in providing evidence in support of applications.

There were also contributions assigned to the Wilts and Berks Canal Group. Councillor Mrs Nunn-Price agreed to engage with the Canal Group concerning this.

Action: Nunn-Price

It was agreed that there was a need to select one or two projects to test the District Council's mechanisms and then make applications once the mechanisms had been proved. Copies of the District Council's S106 reports were to be distributed to all Councillors.

Action: Clerk

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E. Operation and management of Kingsgrove Community Hall

Concerns were expressed about the specification that was being developed for the Community Hall. The ceiling height to accommodate badminton would increase the costs relating to heating. It appeared on occasions that the developer was stating that it had to adhere to the S106 agreement and then on other occasions deviating from it. At the meeting held by the developer on 29 October for parties interested in managing the hall, it had been agreed that those parties should liaise with the Town Clerk with a view to putting forward a consolidated response. It was agreed to take no further action at this stage.

F. Community Infrastructure Levy

The Town Council was due to receive £ 5,132 from the Naldertown development within the next few days. The Clerk had enquired about how the balance of £29,082 CIL contribution would be distributed. The reply from Mrs Bolton advised “We are in the process of developing a CIL spending strategy which will detail how CIL funds will be distributed to other organisations such as Oxfordshire County Council. We will consult with all town and parish councils on the draft strategy in the next couple of months.”

G. Other business

None.

H. Date of next meeting.

To be agreed.

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

WPF/ME
