MILTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING FORUM MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) HELD ON 22ND JUNE 2017

Present:

Rod Bailey Chair
Paul Docking Secretary
Martin Lock Treasurer

Paul Pritchard Committee member Pam Pritchard Committee member Linsay Smith Committee member Patrick O'Hara Committee member Councilor Ben Dowling Committee member **Councilor Darren Sanders** Committee member Councilor Gerald Vernon-Jackson Committee member Chair, Milton Forum Janice Burkinshaw Kevin Doyle Keep Milton Green Kimberly Barrat Keep Milton Green

Rajah Ghosh

Karen Potter Wind in the Willows Nursery
Karen Cooper Wind in the Willows Nursery

Christine Neal

Reg Prentice Milton Forum

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Councilor Steve Hastings and David Jordan.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last AGM held on 31st May 2016:

Approval of the minutes of the last AGM was proposed by Councilor Darren Sanders and seconded by Pam Pritchard.

3. Chair's Report:

Rod Bailey welcomed all to the meeting and particularly thanked the new faces present for attending. He asked that all present give support to the application for adoption as an Asset of Community Value for the Wind in the Willows Nursery School and welcomed their representatives to the meeting.

He went on to give a broad overview of neighbourhood planning, and how that applied to the Planning Forum. He spoke about the difficulties in trying to achieve a sustainable development plan that we had encountered over the last year, especially trying to protect the environment from over-development. He said that he expected to see an initial planning application from the HCA from around September 17, with phase II development a little later. The University would mothball parts of the Langstone site in the short term as the sports facilities are still

needed. He mentioned that there are intentions to found a Maren School and that the university site would be ideal for that purpose. He still expected our Neighbourhood Plan to be ready in the autumn. Then PCC would publicise it and invite comments. Darren Sanders said that we were trying to achieve balanced and sustainable development in our plan. Gerald Vernon–Jackson noted that the numbers proposed in the HNA would fit into the existing footprint of St James' Hospital.

Rod referred to the inconsistencies between the draft SEA and the draft HNA. This brought into question the credibility of AECOM and the difficulties in planning for actual numbers.

4. Secretary's Report

Paul Docking explained that he had recently taken over from Paul Pritchard as Secretary. There was nothing further to add.

5. Financial Report

Martin Lock reported that the committee had 3 grants from Locality in the last year, totaling £11,400.00. We had spent £7,718.82, mainly on consultancy support by Dave Chetwyn of Urban Vision. This had proved invaluable in keeping the project on track. The unspent money was returned and we have bid for £5,100.00 for consultancy support and some £426 for administrative support. This represents the balance of the £15,000 allowable grant.

6. Election of Committee:

Janice Burkinshaw, Chair of Milton Forum, took over as Chair at this point. She thanked the committee for their hard work and dedication over the past year. She proposed that the existing committee be re-elected. This was seconded by Councilor Ben Dowling and others. It was agreed that the Committee as currently constituted be elected for another year.

7. Any Other business

Janice Burkinshaw asked about the viability of the Phase II development, given what had been presented to the last Milton Forum open meeting. Rod said that he wasn't sure who the HCA were really listening to, especially in the light of the mention of the continued ownership of the chapel. Rod said that he would take further advice from PCC. Ben Dowling suggested that an application for an Asset of Community Value might be needed, but Darren Sanders thought that the HCA were keen to take it on.

Martin Lock raised the issue of traffic planning. He was concerned that, in trying to improve flow, traffic planners were moving problems elsewhere. Darren sanders said that one of the issues is that traffic planners are only concerned with the present state and not future events.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2030.