**Report to Ashbury Parish Council (APC) from Ashbury Neighbourhood Plan Group (NPG) for period January 17th 2022 – March 14th 2022**

***Activity***

A very active and busy 2 months

1. **No of planning application responses completed** – 4
2. **Writing Brief, set up and monitoring of Ashbury Parish connectivity piece of work with Graham Turner (**implementation of the OCC digital infrastructure Strategy as it applies to Ashbury parish)

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* Update information has been circulated by Graham T in the newsletter, via email and fb post, presentation and discussion at the February Ashbury Community group meeting and the setting up of the one drive with extensive supporting information for any Ashbury resident to access
* In response to the information provided a number of residents are now in touch with GT and ongoing activity and actions continue
  + There are 2 possible options for Idstone – Airband will install ftd if sufficient resident commitment – being coordinated in Idstone by Mark Watkins
  + KW barns and Dairy + other = Group of residents and Developer working directly with Airband for options, agreements
* I have provided feedback to Craig Bower in Lead OCC Digital Infrastructure role about the local difficulties being experienced by residents in aspects of the implementation phase of the contracted work with Airband. (*not the responsibility of the APC to sort and OCC have requested feedback for strategy scrutiny and monitoring purposes)*

This is a very constructive and useful subgroup piece of work led by Graham T that is, via the monitoring process, continuing at present

1. **Manual for orientation to the activity of NPG**:

So far Draft in circulation:

* NPG members and new members Development needs process/ plan *(this can be generated as a self-assessment and plan development process or in discussion with the Chair*)
* Terms of reference for NPG

1. **Britchcombe Farm build plans by Lovat Parks**

* I collated APC/NPG statements into questions form (as requested by UffingtonPC) and sent these + our support to any next steps to Chair and Vice Chair (I forwarded to you all previously response from the Chair)
* Uffington PC meeting on 14th March when questions raised during February process will be shared and discussed with the Chief Exec Lovat Parks. A planning application expected after this time. Uffington PC will let us know how they plan to respond and what our input might be

1. **Briefing to APC re National and South/Vale Planning Enforcement policy in practice** as related to a situation in the Parish, now closed

**NPG and Vale activity**

1. Meeting: PS, CP, EW with Emily Hamerton Vale and South Development Manager Planning to feedback and discuss changes in practice to support best use of ANP/NP’s in and for the planning application process

The first meeting was held on 8th Feb 2022. 2nd meeting will take place March 16th 202

1. NPG response sent to proposed revised VWHDC and SODC ‘Design guidance’ content and method

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1. Next meeting planned for 9th April

* NPG response sent to LGA re a piece of work for South/Vale where use of NP as part of this review has been excluded

Pauline Smith as Chair Ashbury Neighbourhood Plan Group March 2022