**WORKING GROUP MINUTES**

Minutes of a meeting of the Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on 17th October 2016 at the Lions, Bledlow at 8pm.

Present: Simon Breese (Chairman)

Luca Guerzoni

Derek Stone

Andrew Sage

1. **Quorum**

The Chairman noted that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open. Paul Castle had sent apologies for his absence.

1. **Calling in of Molins appeal**

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Secretary of State’s (SoS) recent decision to call in the Molins appeal. What this means in practice is that, instead of ruling on the appeal, the Inspector will submit a report to the SoS including her recommendations. The SoS will then consider that report, our developing plan, any further representations made and make a final decision, probably in the first quarter of 2017.

The WG was of the view that this development was good news insofar as the SoS is placing increasing importance on neighbourhood planning and is therefore likely to place greater weight on our developing plan than an inspector would on appeal. In addition, as the SoS’s decision will be later than the Inspector’s decision would have been, this gives time for the examiner to complete his assessment of the plan.

In the circumstances there was unanimity that we should work with WDC to advance our plan through the next examination phase in an expedited way, in line with the decision taken by the PC in August. There was therefore no need to refer the matter back to the PC for reconsideration.

1. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be called when needed.

1. **Any other business**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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Chairman