

Odiham Parish Council statement on the Deer Park Restoration Project

Two members of Odiham Parish Council, along with a joint CEO of Hart District Council, two Hart District councillors, the chairman of the Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan and two members of the Odiham Society committee attended a meeting on Monday 8th September 2014. The meeting was at the request of the owner of a substantial portion of the Deer Park. The owner's planning consultant from Bell Cornwell also attended

The owner described his vision and work since buying the land in 2002. His aim is to restore the deer park, re-introduce deer within deer-proof railings, build 10 houses (one for himself and 9 others to finance the project) to be served by a new access off Dunleys Hill, and provide for a number of facilities for the parish such as a cycleway/footpath from east to west, additional car parking near the surgery, a community building (purpose as yet undefined) and an area of land for community use. There is still a lot of work to do on the details and so a formal planning application is believed to be some way off. Participants at the meeting refrained from commenting on proposals although questions of clarification were asked.

Odiham Parish Council awaits details of a more formal, complete proposal at which point it will submit its comments to Hart District Council under its statutory duty as consultee.

Questions and comments about the project at this stage should be directed to Graham Bell of Bell Cornwell, agent for the landowners, not to Odiham Parish Council or to the Odiham and North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan. Contact details for Graham Bell are:

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