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**MINUTES of the Meeting of the Planning Committee of North Leigh Parish Council (NLPC) held on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7:30pm in the Turner Hall**

**Councillors Present:** Daivd Harris (Chairman), Councillor Kevin Swann (KS) and Malcolm Shead (MS) (arrived at 14/25) and Chairman of NLPC Andy Clements.

**In attendance:** Allison Leigh, Clerk, District Councillor Sarah Veasey and 12 members of the public, County Councillor Liam Walker

**12/25. Apologies for absence:** Councillor Robert Gunn (RG)

**13/25. Declarations of interest:** None.

**14/25. Public Forum:**

- The Chairman of the Planning Committee noted that it is important for residents make their own representations to WODC as the more comments that come in, the bigger the impact.
- Members of the pubic made comments including:
  - At the top of Green Lane where the road narrows, there is confusion as to the right of way and large vehicles will exacerbate this issue.
  - It was noted that a several traffic light system would be needed which is not commensurate with village traffic.
  - The state of New Yatt Road is such that it is currently unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists and increased HGVs will increase this problem.
  - A resident raised the issue of enforcement if a preferred route is agreed and HGVs don't take this route. It was noted that the District Councillor and County Councillor will be on hand to assist with any enforcement issues that should arise.
  - There was a concern about the management of the travel plan.
  - There as a concern that with double decker buses in the village.
  - There were residents who would like to consider an alternate route. The District Councillor noted that if this goes to West Oxfordshire District Council's Planning Committee, the consideration would be to accept the change to have a route through North Leigh or reject it, but there would not an option to have a new solution. However, the decision could be deferred.
  - It was noted that if this went to appeal, an inspector would come out and consider the area in person.

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- The Chairman of the Planning Committee noted that it could go to a public enquiry.
- It was noted that local knowledge is important.
- A suggestion was made about putting a flyer through all doors.
- It is not just the traffic but the effect of the heavy lorries on the roads.
- The County Councillor noted that another route could be considered, but there has been lack of communication from the landowner.
- The County Councillor raised the issue of how do vehicles exit the site.

**15/25. Planning Applications:**

**26/00050/S73: Quarry Solar Farm:** The Committee resolved to write a heavy response of objection. The arguments from the previous objection will be repeated and further comments will be made. The OCC report was raised and it was determined that local knowledge should override this report as the route through North Leigh is not acceptable.

The Committee resolved to produce a flyer which can be put out to neighbours on Common Road and New Yatt Road, communicated online and sent to the school.

**16/25. Matters for report:** The following was noted:

- An appeal has been put in regarding The Woodman.
- Nothing has been received from Lioncourt as of yet.
- The District Councillor raised the issue of the Estelle Manor minibus and travel plan and is hoping to get a meeting with all parties to discuss the details and safety needs to be considered.
- Adventure Playground – It was noted the application for the MUGA needs to be in by mid February.