

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee Meeting – 30th November 2016

Here are my notes and actions from the Steering Group meeting held on 30th Nov 2016 in the Parish Office.

Those present: JM,JC,CH,TB,AG,CF,LB,MS

Apologies: JS

The meeting was devoted to discussion of the latest version of the Plan which Liz had prepared for presentation to the forthcoming Parish Council meeting on 5th December. She brought two hard copies for today's meeting and the plan was projected on the screen so Liz could do live editing as the meeting proceeded.

Maps: Neither Hart District or the PC have access to Get Mapping data on the village. Action CF to organize maps from Get Mapping with the PC today (1st Dec) to be bought by the PC for £160 +VAT.

Current discussions in Hart District on SHMA numbers of houses could result in changes in HW. However LB recommended proceeding with the existing numbers.

Policies (now numbered HW1,HW2)

HW1 Sites for new houses.

AG had talked to the owner of Nero Brewery who now wants 14 homes on the site. The meeting thought that 14 should be the maximum for the site but we would not change the figure of 10 in the Plan.

There was discussion on stretched infrastructure for the surgery, schools and car parking.

The GP surgery has been unsuccessful in its recent attempt to obtain funds for expansion. The expansion will become a Community Aspiration in the Plan. LB

Action JM will ask the surgery for statistics on increased numbers coming from St Mary's Park and Rifle Range Farm with a view to extrapolating the increase to be expected from 81 more houses. Becky is obtaining demographic data and the resulting statistical information will be added to the Plan before the PC meeting.

On car parking LB again stated that evidence for the need is required, especially when the car park is rarely full. AG pointed out there is a difference between parkers who work in the village and those who come to shop/eat. New developments must include enough off street parking and places for visitors particularly near the village centre.

Specific Sites:

Lowfields no changes

Pools no changes

Wintney Court Change to state that there must be no through route from Thackhams Lane to the A30 LB.

Houses should be 2 stories maximum. Action JM to ask Bell Cornwell if they can include 5 bungalows in their plan.

Action (for general information) AG/CH to talk to local estate agents to assess the evidence for the type of housing which the public are seeking in HW.

Turnpike Field The meeting agreed that it would be sensible for the developers to work with Wintney Court on access to the A30. Action JM talk to Bell Cornwell to ask if cooperation would be possible.

For this site the proposed development is on 2.5 acres and potentially many more houses than 5 could be built. It is believed that the developers want 5 large house however.

James Farm Housing mix 2x2bed, 1x 3bed plus 2 others, total 5. Cycle storage added because of the distance and lack of footpath to the village. Cycle storage should be added as a requirement for all out of village sites LB.

Nero Brewery Details not available but will be added for the PC meeting LB.

HW8 Shop Fronts

Must maintain the character of the existing village shops since the High Street is in the Conservation Area. The betting shop was cited as a bad example.

HW9 Greenspaces

In addition to those listed:

AG wanted to add the 'oval' areas such as the one in St John's Road which are believed to be council owned.

Action LB to check on the status of the allotments and also the open spaces in and around St Mary's Park.

HW10 Iconic Views

The iconic views of the village were redefined more precisely and relisted. These included the views approaching from Fleet and from the A30 East. The existing view from the Cricket Green towards Fleet should be illustrated in the plan for comparison with the mock-up of an imagined development behind the present houses LB. The view from St Mary's churchyard towards Star Hill was added. Action AG to supply LB with details of the view of the approach from Hook. TB pointed out that the views look different at night and the change from no light to street light on approach can emphasise the rural nature of the village.

HW11 Green Gaps

The important gaps have been listed. Action LB will do more work on this with Becky because the Hampshire County policy has changed.

The maintenance of the Conservation Area is a Community Aspiration.

HW13 Traffic Management

JS had issued suggestions for traffic management. LB pointed out that 20mph limits can only be an aspiration because the Plan cannot impose speed limits. LB to modify the words in light of comments from MS.

HW14 Footpaths

The path from Lowfields, Turnpike Field, Wintney Court was discussed.

Action MS to ask CR about the current status of the proposed HW to Hook cycleway.

HW15 Community Transport

Developers should ensure continuing support for this.

HW16 Retail Premises

CF said that it was important to ensure HW remains as a retail destination. The suggested mix of shop types should reflect this.

Action LB to add the retention of residential dwellings above the shops in the Plan.

HW17 Local Employment

Illustrate with successful developments eg Causeway Farm, White Knights Farm, Taplins Farm

Action MS to provide photos

HW18 East End

There are plans to extend street lighting there. No further comments.

Action LB to include a list of Community Aspirations in the Plan. She showed an example from another Plan of how this can be done. Community leisure facilities will be an aspiration rather than a policy.

The plan did not address the need for a care home in the village.

Action LB to add the provision of 'extra care' in the village ie an establishment with semi independent living in which communal dining and lounge are available. The Plan should highlight the need for a suitable local site for such a place.

Concluding remarks

LB will update the plan in line with the above discussion and circulate it to the Parish Clerk by Midday on 2nd Dec. and send a copy to MS for distribution to the SG.

The PC meeting on Monday December 5th at 7.30pm will be attended by CF to introduce the topic, LB to do the presentation and JM.

LB wants to ensure that the meeting understands that the Plan is 'work in progress' and will be refined before completion. She wants to avoid nitpicking over spelling and grammar!

Date of next SG meeting: Thursday 8th December at 6pm in the Parish Office. Follow-up discussion and actions from the PC meeting and next stages for the Plan.