



ONWARDPLAN
MINUTES OF THE STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER 2014
AT 7.30 PM
IN THE PARISH ROOMS, ODIHAM

PRESENT:

Philip James, Jeremy Fellows, David Ellis, Helen Fleming, Richard Cooper, Gill Warsop, Nicholas Frome, Pam Verdon, Steve Blandford, Alison Tizard, Russ Haines, James Harvey

APOLOGIES:

Rita Pennington, Guy Holmes-Henderson, Jan Morton

1. Previous Minutes

The Minutes from 13th November were approved with slight amendments made to the report from OPC. Pam will put them in Dropbox.

2. Update from OPC

Hart District Council are still in the process of turning down the King Street proposals but it is thought likely to go to appeal whilst the developer works on a new or amended scheme that will be considered more acceptable. New plans are coming in for the Hook Road site but detailed drainage reports are needed. It is likely that nothing will be determined until January at the earliest.

OPC has agreed that we will go ahead with Plan as soon as practicable and not wait for the Hart Local Plan but we will also keep in close touch with HDC. A discussion with South Warnborough and Long Sutton parishes will be held as soon as possible to determine the number of houses that can be allocated to them. Hart are expecting OPC to resolve this if possible.

3. Engagement

A meeting with the Head Teacher at Robert May's took place on 18 November. The school is likely to expand and they will be looking at site 57 for sports fields. They are aspiring to a new state of the art sports centre and gym within their core site and they would be keen to allow access to these new facilities from the community. A meeting between the school and Neighbourhood Plan is planned for once a term.

A meeting was held on 20 November with RAF personnel. They are very interested in

affordable housing for personnel and service leavers. They are keen for more engagement with the community and allowing their own facilities to be used ie. Youth club, sports facilities but they noted that revenue from such sharing of facilities went to Defence Estates centrally and provided no local incentive to the Base.

Alison reported that the website has gone live and she was congratulated on an excellent job. Updates and changes will continue. Twitter and Facebook are also live.

Engagement dates: The NP has a stand at both the Extravaganza on 27 November and Robert May's fair on 29 November. More volunteers were requested. Alison said that she has 2 new volunteers for task groups – Janet Knapp, and Claire Woolf.

Alison reminded the meeting about the social event after the next meeting on 10 December at the Bel & Dragon.

4. Housing Team Report

The housing team met with rCOH to discuss options for sites. This is still a work in progress and is not ready to share with other members of the Steering Group. A report will be made at the next meeting.

5. High Street Team Report

Nicholas provided brief notes on this (attached to the Minutes). Members of the Steering Group are requested to study these notes and let the Task Group know their thoughts and ideas concerning the High Street. The main areas are: Parking, traffic, building use. It was suggested that HCC Highways should be approached to see what may be possible with regard to traffic measures.

6. Amenities Team Report

Russ presented this (notes attached to Minutes). It was noted at the meeting that due to the reduction in housing numbers, the possibilities for extra community facilities was going to be reduced as well. It is important that we do not raise expectations too high. It was felt that information from community engagement was needed together with the possible sites for development to inform the way forward. Evidence of what is available at present can be prepared for inclusion in the Plan.

7. Report of Deer Park Meeting

Gill gave a verbal report of a meeting between the owner of the Deer Park, his agent and members of the Parish Council which took place on 18 November. At present the Parish Council is leading on negotiations with the owner. Discussion followed about whether this proposal should be part of the Plan or not. Advice is needed from the consultants and possible options with regard to designated Green Space.

8. Project Plan

Steve presented a project plan (to be circulated soon) which gives goals and objectives and should assist the task groups. The timeline for this has still to be agreed.

9. Meeting with Hart Council on 5 December

The content of this meeting and questions to be asked will be decided at the next meeting of the Housing Task Group on 2 December.

10. Any Other Business

Gill enquired as to the progress of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) with Hart Council. Helen reported that letters have gone out and that rCOH is assisting in the production of a suitable assessment for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Evidence Trail: The importance of keeping track of all evidence of our activities was noted. All evidence of engagement, etc should be sent to Pam to put in Dropbox.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 10 December at 7.00 pm** followed by drinks in the Bel & Dragon