

## ONWARDPLAN

### MINUTES OF THE STEERING GROUP MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015

AT 7.30 PM AT THE PARISH ROOM

#### **PRESENT:**

Philip James, Jeremy Fellows, Helen Fleming , Pam Verdon, Steve Blandford, Gill Warsop, Alison Tizard, Richard Cooper

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Guy Holmes-Henderson, Nicholas Frome, James Harvey, Belinda Hallam

#### **1. Previous Minutes**

The Minutes from 15 March were approved. Pam will put them in Dropbox.

Philip started the meeting by talking about conflicts of interest following an email from OPC regarding this subject. The Steering Group have been handling this matter differently from the Council as we haven't wanted to lose the expertise of anyone within the Group. However he asks that if we are dealing with matters which personally affect a member of the Group, they should acknowledge their interest and have it noted.

He then went onto to apologise for appearing to be very brusque and terse in recent weeks, but explained that this was because of the urgent need to get the Plan in place and that there was no personal intent towards any member of the Group.

#### **2. Update from OPC**

Helen reported that following the OPC meeting on Monday, the exact phrasing for the question about the Deer Park in the survey has been agreed. OPC then went on to endorse the whole Plan although there were a couple of queries about sites put forward for Local Green Space designation. Philip explained that this was to test public opinion regarding possible sites and that some of the sites may not pass the examination by the Inspector.

Helen reported on a meeting she had attended at Hart. It appears that Surrey Heath is unable to take any more houses and because they have a lot of green belt land which is specially protected, Hart may ultimately be obliged to take on these numbers. Hart are being tested on their methodology for their housing numbers by the Hop Garden development in Hook, which result will be known end June/early July. Following the election, the results of appraising the strategic sites will be presented to Hart Council and there is likely to be a further consultation by Hart before agreeing their preferred strategy and numbers – this concerning both Winchfield and land at Lodge Farm. All this means that Hart's Local Plan will be delayed further. Hart Housing is trying to renege on their agreement with us concerning affordable housing and local resident allocation because of the high deprivation in Blackwater and Yateley, and lack of contributions to affordable housing from all the office conversions in Fleet and Hook, which they are trying to

encourage to save green fields. However it is still possible that our provisional agreement will stand.

### 3. Leaflet and Questionnaire

This is now in print and will be ready tomorrow. Copies will be given to volunteers for delivery throughout the parish and the Draft Plan and questionnaires will be taken to hubs as soon as possible. Richard said that the following websites have been contacted about the Plan: Mums of Odiham, InOdiham, Odiham Oracle.

With regard to whether names are needed on the questionnaire in order to validate them, it was decided that the name could be left blank, but the postcode must be included both on paper copies and online copies.

### 4. Draft Plan

The final version of the Draft Plan will be produced tomorrow at OPC offices by Helen, taking into account changes put forward by others in the SG. This will then be printed out for the folders for the hubs, and then put online on the website.

A discussion took place as to how the Draft Plan should change when the answer to the Deer Park question is analysed after C2. If the majority of respondents answer that they are open to the owner's proposal, then there will be no policy regarding the Deer Park but it will be mentioned and it will then make its own way through the planning process. If the feeling is that there should be no development, then the Plan will need to find the best way of protecting the Deer Park as it now is. If the result is undecided (60/40 or vice versa) then it would be likely that the Deer Park would be excluded from the Plan because it would pose a risk to community approval at the referendum stage.

### 5. Organisation for C2

Alison put forward her ideas for display materials at the events:

- Welcome
- Draft vision
- Proposal maps
- Six steps to a Plan
- Site criteria
- Green space criteria
- Results from C1 events
- Art work from schools

The Housing group and amenities were asked to let Alison have the material for the criteria displays as soon as possible. **ACTION: GILL, PAM**

It was decided that briefing notes were needed for the SG members attending the C2 events in order that they can reply to any queries. Notes are needed on:

- Site criteria, reasoning for numbers, development parameters **(GILL, HELEN)**
- Green space **(STEVE)**
- Deer Park **(?)**

These should be emailed to SG before the events.

Stephen will contact Mayhill School to arrange to visit before next Saturday to learn about access and facilities. **ACTION: STEVE**

Alison will produce a press release for the Basingstoke Gazette and Fleet News.

**ACTION: ALISON**

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE STEERING GROUP ARE TO HAVE READ THE PLAN BEFORE C2 TAKES PLACE**

## **6. A.O.B.**

- The process of entering survey results online was discussed. It was decided that the next SG meeting (13<sup>th</sup> May) would be held at a venue with WiFi (to be decided) so that entries can be made and results so far discussed.
- Alison asked what should happen to questions submitted on the website. It was decided that they should be directed to the survey, and then the question should be passed to an appropriate member of the SG.
- Letters to the landowners of possible Local Green Space designated sites need to receive letters urgently as this should be done before the Plan goes public.

**ACTION: PHILIP**

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, Venue to be decided**