

ODIHAM & NORTH WARNBOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

MINUTES OF STEERING GROUP MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 30 JULY AT 7.30 PM in THE PARISH ROOM, ODIHAM

PRESENT:

Helen Fleming, Jeremy Fellows, Pam Verdon, Alison Tizard, Nicholas Frome, James Harvey, Gill Warsop, Guy Holmes-Henderson, David Ellis, Jim Head, Derek Kearns, Philip James, Liz Bourne (Towns Alive)

APOLOGIES:

Belinda Hallam, Richard Cooper, Rita Pennington, Russ Haines, Jan Morton

1. Current Status

Jeremy reported that on 7th August our application was going to Hart District Council. This is a formal process where the Council accepts our Group as a qualifying body and also our defined area as the parish boundaries. Hart then are under an obligation to share information with us and also give us details of any relevant planning evidence they have for their Local Plan.

2. Hart Local Plan

This is in the process of being produced and they are at the Consultation stage. There are 5 development options. After the consultation stage they will decide on the option to be used and release the numbers that each area will have to accept. It is likely that numbers for Hart will be between 220 and 360 per annum.

The development options are:

- Inside settlements

- Disbursement throughout whole area

- In large centres, i.e. Fleet, Hook

- New settlements

- Outside Special Protection Areas (areas where there are ground nesting birds, which means most of the eastern area of Hart. This means the western area i.e. us, would bear most of the expansion)

3. NP Activity since last meeting and community engagement

There have been 2 events where we have had a presence with maps and information available. These were Bands and Booze and the Church Fete. Cards to register interest were available and there were approximately 35 cards from Bands and Booze and over 70 at the Fete. There will also be a display at the Cricket Club Anniversary event on 31 July.

Jeremy has produced a list of clubs and organisations in the parish for use in the future.

Liz suggested that we produce an engagement strategy to help plan our activities and gave us a possible template to use.

She also told us that she is meeting Hart planners on 30th September at 3.00 pm to discuss the production of Neighbourhood Plans. She is going with the Crookham Village Group but that we were also invited to attend and that it would be a useful meeting.

4. Website

Belinda Hallam has set up a domain name: www.odihamplan.com together with web hosting. She has also set up DropBox for our use in sharing documents, a Facebook page and a Twitter account – Odiham & North Warnborough Plan. She has asked us all to visit the Facebook page and “Like” the page.

In order to have a good website it is proposed that we employ someone to do this for us. A local person has been approached and is happy to do this at a reduced rate for us. Helen is investigating the payment process through the Parish Council and will then go ahead.

5. Name of our Plan

A discussion as to whether the Plan should be Odiham Neighbourhood Plan or **Odiham & North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan** took place. It was decided that to ensure everyone in the area felt included and part of the process the latter name should be adopted from now on.

6. Logo and Motto

This was thought to be a good idea but not one a lot of time and effort should be expended on. If we have an event where a competition would be appropriate or where we could ask schools to design one, then it would be good to go ahead.

7. Steering Group Structure

The following people had volunteered for positions and were accepted by all present:

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| Chairman | Philip James |
| Secretary | Pam Verdon |
| Finance | Vacant (this position needs to be filled to keep us on track) |

Working group leaders:

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| Affordable housing | Gill Warsop |
| Recreation & open spaces | Russ Haines (Russ did not volunteer to lead, just said that was an area he was particularly interested) |

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| Media/web site | Belinda Hallam |
| Data collection | Nicholas Frome |
| Community engagement | Alison Tizard, Belinda Hallam |
| Analysing evidence | Jim Head |

With regard to collecting data for the Position Statement, Liz told us that Hart would have a large amount of this as they would be using it for their own Local Plan and we are able to access this. We can also access planning applications from developers and use some of their evidence where suitable. She also gave us a template for the Statement which gives us a starting point.

8. Next Steps

Liz suggested that we should produce a Skills audit so that the Steering Group knows peoples' strengths. This would include things like analysis, planning background, website and IT knowledge, graphics and also people they may know who would be willing to lend their expertise.

She has given us templates for a Project Plan, Engagement Strategy and Position Statement.

9. Next meeting

The next formal meeting will be on 2nd September at 7.30 pm in the Parish Rooms. However to get the working parties set up and going before that there will be an informal meeting to discuss getting the templates appropriate for our Plan. This will be on 5th August in the Parish Rooms at 7.30 pm. All our welcome to attend as the working group leaders need people to take part.

10. Developments in Odiham

The developers involved with the King Street land are submitting new updated plans.

The Hook Road development has submitted a planning application for 37 houses.