



ONWARDPLAN
MINUTES OF THE STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 31ST MARCH 2015
AT 7.30 PM AT THE PARISH ROOM

PRESENT:

James Harvey (Acting Chair), Jeremy Fellows, Pam Verdon, Belinda Hallam, Steve Blandford, Richard Cooper, Helen Fleming, Guy Holmes-Henderson, David Ellis (Jon Hale - latter part).

APOLOGIES:

Philip James, Gill Warsop, Nicholas Frome, Alison Tizard

1. Previous Minutes

The Minutes from 19 March were approved with slight amendments made by Jeremy. Pam will put them in Dropbox.

2. Update from OPC

Land at Beech Cottage: Hart have asked for it to go to a Public Enquiry and members of the public are requested to support this action.

Helen reported that she had presented the Draft Plan to an informal meeting of the planning committee of the Odiham Parish Council (OPC). They have no issues on the vision, housing mix, and design statement. They are delighted about the progress with affordable housing. They would like the community to be aware of the costs of care in a private care home (approx £60,000 per year) when they are asked whether to go ahead with one. They have no issues with the LGS designations although the OPC Chairman stated that in relation to the Deer Park he would like to see both LGS, and LGS with enabling development, as options, offered to the community (if that were not the case he would omit reference to the Deer Park in the Plan) and in relation to Dunley's Hill OPC would prefer the inclusion of the coach route option. They were not happy that letters had already gone out to some landowners but it was accepted within the meeting that it was a necessary part of the Neighbourhood Plan process.

A meeting with Hart is scheduled for 9th April (R Jackson), HF was proposing to attend. PJ would decide who else from the NPSG would attend. Our printing deadline for consultation two was 13th April. The Draft Plan will go before the whole Council for endorsement on 13th April.

3. Draft Plan – Meeting with RCOH

There was a meeting with RCOH this afternoon to discuss draft plan produced by them. Still to be completed are:

Photograph for front page – **Richard**

1. History – Nicholas with assistance on what might be used from Helen
1. Community Views – short overview of consultation results – Alison
2. Vision and Objectives: amended version to be used – Stephen (as circulated hard copy in the meeting).
3. Land use – there is a need to flesh out the criteria used for selection and a need to be consistent regarding the criteria where they apply, for example, Conservation Area and flooding. This should be done by adding for each site an additional brief paragraph describing the site, its potential for development and the possible number of dwellings. Where there was a possible connection of sites this could be mentioned. Take out Fermoy Farm – not our parish. Use second Housing mix table proposal. Housing Group.

There was lengthy discussion about the inclusion of 0 ranked sites in the Plan. RCOH had advised earlier in the day that these could be left to be dealt with under the prevailing policies, or the policies could be drafted in such a way to influence their future possibility for development or they could be made a special case (potentially raising their profile). Excluding himself the chairman asked for and received views. To remain consistent it was agreed that they should not be included in the Plan. However it was agreed that policies may be able to be made stronger to protect sites – Housing Group

Policy 4 General Design Principles – apart from the first 4 proposals, all the others apply only to certain areas of Odiham. Further design proposals need to be produced for North Warnborough – It was considered that HF might be able to engage specialist professional assistance for this task rather than take it on in house, unless there was an appropriate person in the community able to assist. Housing Group

Policy 5 and Policy 6. Conservation Areas – These proposals need to be checked against the existing Conservation Area documents to ensure all included as once in the Neighbourhood Plan they have more weight than CA protection. Helen agreed to find someone to assist with this work but all members were asked to check for any obvious omissions. – Helen /SG.

Policy 7 Village Centre – RCOH had provided some advice earlier in the day. The area (village centre) needs to be defined by map. Input is required regarding for example the proportion of A1 use to non A1 use, A2-5 and business use parking proposals (if they included specific land use in the defined area (otherwise this might be included in Section 4 (Other Proposals) of the Plan), shop frontage and signage proposals – Stephen/Nicholas

Policy 9 – removed as car parking will come under Other Proposals

Policy 10 Green Space – RCOH had given advice earlier in the day. It was thought that Archery Fields should be included for LGS designation. This was agreed. Input is required regarding both Archery Fields and Close Meadow – Jeremy/Pam

Policy 11 Environment – Belinda has submitted proposals for this and RCOH advised some changes. Document to be circulated to the SG for inclusion.

Policy 12 Assets of Community Value – RCOH had earlier explained that this policy would not apply until Hart DC has designated an asset to be of community value, only then would it come into effect. However it is still right to include as part of the Plan.

4. Other Proposals: RCOH said we need to make sure that these proposals reflect the visions and objectives of the Plan – Philip. HF was concerned to see that 'Infrastructure Projects' sufficiently covered the use of funds (CIL) for both capital and for maintenance purposes and if necessary would suggest wording proposed for inclusion. Helen

All Task Groups need to submit their input to Philip as soon as possible. The draft needs to be sent to Hart DC prior to the 9th April meeting.

4. Letters to Landowners

The Housing Group reported that letters had been sent to the following:

Dunleys Hill
Deer Park
Close Meadow
Albion Yard
Palace Gate
Crownfields
Forge works (still awaiting address of landowner)

So far there have been 3 replies from Deer Park, Dunley's Hill and Albion Yard. These were being progressed and a meeting had taken place earlier today with the Deer park representative.

In light of the outcome today a letter would need to be sent to the Archery Fields developer. Housing Group

5. Any Other Business

Consultation: The timetable for this was discussed as due to the forthcoming elections we may not be able send out information to the public in the period six weeks before the election date as it might be considered to be political. Helen is to confirm with HDC what we are able to do. (She has since confirmed that there is no problem with sending out our material before 7 May.)

All Task Groups are to formulate their questions in relation to each part of the draft Plan where indicated (i.e 'Question?'). These would form the basis of the consultation and needed to be submitted to Philip by Thursday 9th April. Chairman would contact PJ and AT tomorrow regarding the content of the consultation document. Alison will be consulted as to the content of this material and the survey and consultation generally.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 15 April, 7.30 Parish Rooms

