



ONWARDPLAN
MINUTES OF THE STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY 2015
AT 7.30 PM
IN THE OLD SCHOOL, LONDON ROAD

PRESENT:

Philip James, Jeremy Fellows, Richard Cooper, Pam Verdon, Steve Blandford, Alison Tizard, Guy Holmes-Henderson, Gill Warsop, Jim Head, James Harvey

APOLOGIES:

Rita Pennington, Nicholas Frome, Russ Haines, Belinda Hallam, David Ellis, Helen Fleming

1. Previous Minutes

The Minutes from 21 January were approved Pam will put them in Dropbox.

2. Update from OPC

There was no recent news from the OPC.

3. Findings from Engagement and Conclusions

Each task group reported on the final analysis of the answers to the questions posed at the four consultation events. These analyses are on Dropbox – Steering Committee/Consultation –more than one event. Briefly:

Vision and attendance: 491 visitors overall, and approximately 4000 post its. 95% of respondents were positive about the vision.

Housing: Generally, respondents liked the criteria put forward, especially preserving views/heritage and open space. The least popular was that development should be proportionate to both Odiham and North Warnborough. Small and medium sites were favoured over large sites, and the need for affordable/housing association/low cost market housing and homes for locals was also highlighted. The inclusion of a care/residential home was also favoured by some.

Green space/amenities: The main item highlighted was to improve footpaths/cycle ways. There was support for a village green, but little support for additional sports pitches. Preserving the green spaces was considered very important.

High Street: Parking was the main topic highlighted, (either free and/or more spaces) together with a measure of traffic calming but not utilizing speed bumps. Encouraging pavement culture in moderation was supported.

Environment: Many felt that this was important, the highest scoring was utilizing brown field sites and conserving historic and natural environments.

4. Next Steps

Each task group must work on the objectives resulting from the consultation and how to achieve these. These should be given to Stephen within 2 weeks so that he can work on the Project Plan. By the end of March it is expected that all objectives with possible solutions will have been identified.

Philip reported that RCOH will gather these objectives and will write the policies to be included in the Plan. The Plan will then be drafted, a fresh round of public consultation undertaken, amendments made if required to the Plan, and the pre-submission Plan sent to Hart without further public consultation.

Gill questioned as to whether we have done enough engagement with different sections of the community. Alison will look at the stakeholder map and see where there are gaps in our consultation so far. She reported she has further meetings with the Headteacher at Robert May's School. She will also send emails to the 412 residents for whom we have addresses, giving them basic information about the consultation. These emails will continue over the weeks so that people feel involved and informed about the process. At some stage the statistics of the consultation will be put on the OnwardPlan website.

James sought agreement from the Steering Group to contact developers and landowners of SHLAA sites to encourage them to enter into consultation with the Plan so that we could work together to bring about the best result for the community. This was agreed.

Philip reported that a task group is working on revising the Village Design Statement and that there will be a version of this in the Plan.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 17 February, 7.30 Parish Rooms

Please note the meeting after that will be on Thursday, 5 March **NOT** Wednesday, 4 March