



ONWARDPLAN
MINUTES OF THE STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2015
AT 7.30 PM AT THE PARISH ROOM

PRESENT:

Philip James, Jeremy Fellows, Pam Verdon, Steve Blandford, Gill Warsop, Jim Head, Guy Holmes-Henderson, Helen Fleming

APOLOGIES:

James Harvey, Richard Cooper, Nicholas Frome, Alison Tizard

1. Previous Minutes

The Minutes from 17 February with slight amendments made by Helen were approved and Pam will put them in Dropbox. The actions noted in the last minutes were reported:

- Jan is no longer on the Steering Group but is still working for the Neighbourhood Plan and will continue to receive e mails.
- Helen reported that it is very unlikely that the new accommodation blocks at RAF Odiham will count towards the number of dwellings.
- The opinion from RCOH is that the Spectro offices at Palace Gate should be included in the Plan

The other action points are on the agenda for this meeting.

2. Update from OPC

Helen reported that Hart are keen to maintain a mixed use of premises on the High Street which may affect the development of the Spectro Oil buildings.

The application for land at Hook Road is going to the full planning committee on 11 March. The Hart planning officer is recommending approval with conditions. Helen will be at the meeting representing the Parish Council who plan to oppose the application on flood and conservation grounds. The Steering Group agreed that she could ask for the Neighbourhood Plan to be considered as factor.

Hart is in the process of proceeding with a compulsory purchase of the Swan public house.

Hart's Local Plan has reported back on its first assessment of strategic sites. There have been more strategic sites offered for consideration. It is not known how public this information is as it does not appear on their website.

The Steering Group agreed that Helen could report back on the findings of the initial consultation events to the planning committee of the Parish Council but that they would keep this information strictly confidential at the present time.

3. Task Group reports

Housing Group:

Gill reported that the housing group have completed their assessment of SHLAA sites using the agreed criteria and a spreadsheet ranking sites has been prepared. She explained how the assessments have taken place and information needed to make the assessments is in Dropbox under Site Assessment Information. Some of those at the meeting agreed to carry out their own assessments and Philip will email a blank spreadsheet to those volunteers. Results must be sent back to Philip by Friday, 13 March at the latest. If other members of the SG not at the meeting wish to carry out their own assessment they should contact Philip.

Jan Morton has been working on the Design Statement Policy and this is to be reviewed soon.

Some other policies (affordable housing, Care Home and housing mix) cannot be finalized until a meeting with Hart on 17th March, so providing input to RCOH for 20th March will be tight.

Amenities/Green Space:

Pam presented a summary of the proposed objectives for this group which are attached to these minutes. The group could not agree whether Close Meadow should be included in the Local Green Space designation. It was agreed that this is a question to be put to the public in the next consultation. Likewise the Deer Park should also be included although the questions will need to be carefully worded.

There was some discussion as to whether public houses such as The Bell should be included as an asset of community value and the Amenities group will consider this.

The group were able to commit to providing complete policy input by 19th March

Village Centre:

Stephen is working on consulting businesses and a survey is going out to them shortly. The issue of car parking will be included but will be worded carefully without mentioning particular sites for a car park. It was clarified that Housing were not being asked to identify a car parking site. Stephen confirmed his input for RCOH would be ready for the 19th March.

Environment:

There was no further report on Environment but it was agreed that a policy on flooding/drainage would be useful.

4. Engagement

The dates for the next consultation have been booked:

Saturday, 9 May 9.30 - 3.00 pm at Mayhill Junior School

Saturday, 16 May 9 – 1.00 pm Cross Barn

Sunday, 17 May, NW Village Hall, 1.30 - 6 pm

All are asked to be available if possible.

Jan Morton is working with pupils at Robert May's School and Guy has a meeting with the Headteacher next week

5. Project Plan

The latest timeline was presented by Steve, together with RCOH's latest timetable (attached). It was acknowledged that time will be very tight to get to the Pre-submission date of 8 June.

6. A.O.B.

The latest goals, objectives and policies document was presented (attached). Any comments should be sent to Philip by 12 March.

The parts of the Plan relating to History and the Consultation Statement will not need to be completed for Pre-submission.

There is a meeting with RCOH on 31 March, 2 – 4pm at the Parish Room where they will be presenting the draft plan. Members of the Steering Group can attend if they wish (please let Pam know if you intend to be there). The meeting will be reported on at the SG meeting that evening.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, 19 March, 7.30 Parish Rooms