



ONWARDPLAN
MINUTES OF THE STEERING GROUP MEETING
HELD ON 27th APRIL 2016
AT 7.30 PM AT THE PARISH ROOM

PRESENT:

Stephen Blandford, James Harvey, Gill Warsop, Alison Tizard, David Stewart, Jeremy Fellows, Helen Fleming, Pam Verdon

APOLOGIES:

Richard Cooper, Guy Holmes-Henderson, Nicholas Frome, Philip James

1. Minutes, declarations of interest

The Minutes from the 13th April were approved subject to some minor changes, a copy will be re-circulated and when approved a PDF copy will be uploaded to the NP website.

There were no new declarations of interest regarding sites that had not already been recorded.

2. Update from OPC

Stephen, Alison, James and Helen reported on the Annual Parish Assembly held on 20th April. It was well attended but they felt that the Church had not been an ideal venue for this event.

Comments included - there was no opportunity for open discussion with the public, some questions sent in before the event were summarised; in the session when OPC provided answers to written questions Stephen provided an update on the Neighbourhood Plan progress.

Jeremy reported that there had been no comments so far received back about the draft Submission Plan he had provided to councillors, apart from one councillor having difficulty opening the document.

3. Meeting with Hart District Council on 25th April

This meeting (with Katie Bailey) had been arranged to review the draft Submission Plan, particularly where Hart had made comments to the Pre-Submission Plan. After reviewing those relating to the comments from Pre-Submission consultation Katie made a number of constructive suggestions to consider in other areas of the Plan.

Katie provided an update on the Local Plan timeline and suggested the SG contact Vicki Potts at East Hants on the emerging Hart Local Plan for more details in those aspects relevant to the ONWNP.

An initial draft of notes from the Hart meeting had been circulated to the SG before the meeting and there were questions expressed in the meeting about the substantive position in some areas. The notes had been sent to Katie Bailey to get her comments and a revised version will be circulated and then circulated to the SG and OPC. Jeremy was of the view that in the meantime the draft notes as they stood should be distributed to OPC without delay.

James believed that a written response was required from Hart to three points raised in correspondence, namely the time span of the plan and the 'target' allocated range for the area related to the parish NP, the assumptions on windfalls and the C2 care home housing equivalent dwelling contribution to any Hart target as the SG needed clarification and confirmation on these developments.

The view of the majority in the meeting was that clarifications of the 'housing numbers' situation generally should be raised with in follow up meetings with East Hants and Hart with written confirmation sought (as advised by rCOH) that the NP would meet the Basic Conditions it is required to, when submitted for examination..

On the point of potential changes to the NP James asked whether as a proposal for the ongoing process, and in the light of the recent Hart information, if we should review the position on 'brownfield' sites (e.g. Palace Gate and Forgeworks) and include a reference to these in the plan.

Next steps

Following the Hart meeting feedback it was agreed that further edits to the draft Plan will be done on Friday 29th April in a further session by the those of the core editing team who had been drafting the Plan progressively to-date and who were available.

However, it was noted that following the meeting planned with Vicki Potts at East Hants Council on Tuesday, 3rd May other changes were likely in some key areas and should be made and as soon as possible thereafter.

The Plan would be circulated to the SG with an updated version also provided to rCOH for their review and to complete their other work - including completion of the Basic Conditions Statement.

5. Mail Chimps and other communication

It was decided that a Mail Chimp should be sent out keeping the community updated on progress noting the meetings with Hart and East Hants to discuss the emerging Local Plan progress and the likely approach subject to their further evidence gathering in its development.

Alison and Richard will update the website ready for Submission. The next deadline for the Parish News is 16th May.

6. A.O.B.

Stephen will contact the Chair of the Rotherwick Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to ask him about the process they followed to shortlist and evaluate (with Hart) the choice of an examiner.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 10th May 2016 at the Parish Room at 7.30 pm

Future dates of meetings:

Wednesday, 25th May

Wednesday, 8th June