

CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group held in Fogwell Road Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court on Tuesday 22 August 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Julia Commons, Kathy Davies, Ted Mott, Fiona Newton (CPC), Tim Pottle, Judy Roberts (CPC), Ben Davis, VWHDC Planning Policy Officer (Neighbourhood), Will Sparling, VWHDC Senior Planning Policy Officer (Neighbourhood) and Tina Brock (CPC) Clerk.

53/17 Election of Chairperson. Tim Pottle was elected as Chairperson. It was agreed that a Chairperson would be elected at each meeting.

54/17 Apologies for Absence. Chris Scruby (prior commitment) and Julie Van-Onselen (prior commitment). These apologies were approved.

55/17 Code of Conduct. Julia Commons signed the Code of Conduct. The Chairman welcomed Julia to the meeting.

56/17 Declarations of Interests. None.

57/17 Minutes of the Meeting of Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group held on Monday 26 June 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

58/17 Matters Arising from the minutes. None.

59/17 Feedback from Ben Davis and Will Sparling.

Project Plan

- Will and Ben noted this was a well prepared project plan
- Need to add task lines for engaging the business community – perhaps a separate survey/focus group activity? Engaging younger people? Through Matthew Arnold School perhaps? Sharing outputs from Working Groups in more structured way
- The evidence gathered through the working groups should be shared for input
- A good project plan and vision statement should be ambitious and forward thinking
- Factor working groups into plan

Action: Fiona to resend the first newsletter to Will and Ben so that they can see the draft vision and objectives that were derived from initial Community Engagement Meeting

Character Assessment

- Heading in right direction
- Add in why important

Action: Will and Ben to read and feedback to the Group via Fiona.

Big Survey

- Add current vision into survey
- Add in question about employment opportunities in the parish. Are there any? Where do you work? Do you work in Cumnor parish? How far do you travel? How long is your commute? What time do you return home?
- Add in question about Broadband. Any issues?
- Q12 footpaths. Identify using a map those used, problems, improvements via digital link
- Use different methods to reach community
- Q20 delete raises expectations that building could take place on the Green Belt. Make generic and merge Q20,21 and 22
- Q21 reduce options
- Add in biodiversity
- Add in green spaces. Which green spaces are valuable to you?
- Add in wildlife spaces. Where are wildlife areas? Where do you walk your dog?
- Q9 identify using a map via digital link
- Infrastructure section missing - identify problems with schools, GP surgeries

Action: Fiona, Tim, Julia and Chris to meet to discuss amendments and agree a mechanism for

distribution.

Local Green Spaces

- Designated green spaces have the same rules/protection as the Green Belt
- To designate a green space the criteria is set out in the NPPF para 77 ‘The local green space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:
 - i. Where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
 - ii. Where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
 - iii. Where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land’
- Village Greens have a different criteria and probably not applicable to this parish

Other feedback

- Communication is key, piggy back onto local events
- Period of Neighbourhood Plans (NP) are normally in line with the Local Plan which is until 2031
- Write a review date in the NP, good idea to coincide with the Local Plan
- There are no site allocations in the draft LP 2. The Green Belt currently limits building
- Exceptions sites sit outside a NP
- Landscape assessment is needed
- Keep circulating a regular newsletter
- Frequent short meetings and keep in contact with Ben and Will

Will and Ben were thanked for attending the meeting and left at 9.10pm

59/17 Character Assessment. Kathy was thanked for producing the Character Assessment

There were a few more areas to be covered and Fiona will look for any gaps. The assessment will be used when writing a design policy as it is site specific evidence. Philip Powell, Edward Impey, Bernard Farr, Philip Hawtin, Mary Gill and Chris Scruby would be asked to comment on the draft Character Assessment before sending out to the list of interested residents the Clerk holds and uploading to the website.

Kathy left the meeting at 9.25pm.

60/17 Any other matters. None.

61/17 Date of next meeting. The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 26 September 2017 at 7.30pm in Fogwell Road Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed..... Date.....2017