

# SHERFIELD ON LODDON PARISH COUNCIL



## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013

**Present** - Alan Ball, Ivan Gosden, Bruce Batting, Bruce Jones, Sally Hennessey, Sandy Johnston, Ken Clark, Natalie Larrner, Kym Greener, John Darker, Oliver Bartrum, and Bryan Jenkins.

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Steve Levin, Peter Lansley, Rhydian Vaughan, Peta Alvares, Sally Braine, Catriona , Phil Cole.

### **2 Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed. John Darker as Chairman found no Volunteer to take minutes and said he would make some brief notes.

Sally Hennessey expressed concern that there were so few participants from the general public and too much was being left to councillors

### **3. Matters Arising from previous meeting.**

Bryan Jenkins said that he had 2<sup>nd</sup> thoughts about re-interviewing Sherdons regarding statistics and had instead found a vast amount of information at the Land registry. He has placed a request with them and is awaiting a quote. Bruce Batting said that there is a national statistics website but this needs a lot of sifting.

It was concluded that sorting out relevant statistics will be time consuming.

Bruce Jones also reported on a conversation from an integrated healthcare conference regarding the provision of new surgeries. This would be down to the local CCG in consultation with NHS UK. Any new provision would be aimed at reducing load on existing provision. Taylors Farm would offer the better site, being md-way between Chineham, Bramley and the Old Village.

John Darker concluded that this had been very useful and the main lessons he had gleaned were:

- a) Need for a proper project plan and timeline.
- b) Need for well thought and well-presented public information.
- c) Need for careful planning of effective consultation.
- d) Need to develop proper criteria before trying to select any possible development sites, and consults on these.
- e) Must arrange for admin support to ease process and make process effective.  
(Grants are available)
- f) Use of local expertise can reduce need for expensive consultant time, which can with care be avoided in a small Parish.



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### 4. **Administrative Support.**

This will be discussed at the next Parish Council. It was agreed that this is an urgent requirement.

### 5. **Need for new Housing**

Natalie Larner introduced a presentation on the potential for finding possible development sites within the Parish.

It was noted that Redlands Farm has already been identified in the 'Local Plan from Basingstoke and Deane'. - Our main aim here should be to try to influence the nature and the styles of this proposed development – this is an issue for the Taylor's Farm element in the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was agreed that we will need to consult to see if there is a public perception in the Parish of a need for additional new homes, and if so how many and their type?

The drivers for such a perception would be for people wishing to stay in the Parish, but in a larger property; also for people, who wish to stay in the parish but downsize, and for people who wish to move into the parish.

It was agreed that this working group will draw up a list of criteria as a basis for selecting potential sites suitable for new housing. These criteria would also need to be consulted on. The current planning application for conversion of existing farm buildings for light industrial use in Breach Lane was noted as fulfilling any likely perceived need for such development.

### 6. **AOB.**

Sally Hennessey again expressed her concern at the lack of public participation from outside the Parish council.

John Darker suggested that we should look for initial consultation and a public event early in the New Year.

Ivan Gosden suggested that The Annual Parish Meeting – May 9<sup>th</sup> could be an important date as a vehicle for further consultation, especially with regard to the potential for new housing

### 7. **The Date of the next meeting**

The date of next meeting was agreed as 21<sup>st</sup> November with the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December needing to be confirmed, with the meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 confirmed.