



SHERFIELD ON LODDON PARISH COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING PARTY

Minutes of NPWP meeting held on 21st September 2015

Present – Alan Ball, Natalie Larner, Bryan Jenkins, and Peter Hayes (Minutes).

Members of the public: Venetia Rowland and John Attwood.

1. Minutes of previous meeting: 1/9/15

The Minutes were approved as providing an accurate record of the meeting.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

BJ raised the issue of the WP's ability to use ad hoc helpers for specific activities: this would be taken up under item 6.

AB reported that the two people who had indicated interest in membership of the WP were Nick Vincent – to be emailed by PH; and Sandra Thain – to be contacted by NL.

3. Grant extension

PH reported that Groundwork had agreed a one-month extension for the grant spend to 30/11/15. This would help with tying in the consultancy work of Mick Downs, together with obtaining results from the Housing Survey as well as the Character Assessment.

4. Update on housing survey

AB said that he would chase Action Hampshire for the address list to be produced by BDBC. *(since the meeting the list has been obtained and mailout to residents will be on Friday 25th September; the return date is 20th October).* NL said that she would put up the first set of posters advertising the arrival of the survey *(these were displayed on 24th September.)*

AB said that he would let the Forum know by email and Ken Dodd would be asked to announce the survey via the Facebook group. NL urged WP members to alert their neighbours and people they passed in the street.

5. Consultancy work: schedule for Mick Downs

AB confirmed that the PC had approved spend on the 5 days of consultancy by Mick Downs: this would be mainly covered by the Locality grant. BJ reported that the latest version of the Neighbourhood Plan Report had already been sent to MD – this included the summary version of the Questionnaire Report, the key issues and objectives and the results of the Business Survey. PH will send him the Full Questionnaire Report, the SoL Conservation Area Appraisal and the latest version of the draft policies.

6. Character Assessment update

PH reported that Darren Carroll would not be engaged to run a CA workshop: the overall view was that his proposal was over-elaborate and too costly. BJ felt that there was still a need for external expertise to provide an architectural input with a suitably analytical approach which would be acceptable to the Inspector of the Plan. NL thought that there was no need for a long preamble (in a workshop) but that help with street observations in



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the different areas for the CA would be useful. BJ added that it would be easy for an expert to compartmentalise the village which was – with a few exceptions – not widely spread. He suggested that Google Street View could serve as a tool for investigating locations and save the walking around aspect.

NL pointed out that the following resources for the CA exercise had already been obtained: the PAE template, a final document template, design statements from Old Basing, Sherborne St. John and Silchester; and a CA from Bramley.

AB confirmed that the PC approved the use of ‘additional helpers’ to assist with the project. NL advocated using a group of people from the village to enhance ownership of the activity. She said that the Britton family, Gill Fearon and Jane Jordan had shown interest; also Diana Effiong.

BJ offered a digital voice recorder to help with the CA process.

Action: PH to contact Brian Whiteley (PAE) to see if any PAE volunteers could lead a workshop. *Since the meeting 2 such volunteers have come forward and dates for a workshop will be offered to them.*

7. Consulting with landowners

PH reported that he had obtained contact details for all the principal landowners (agreed at the previous meeting): he would be writing to them by the end of the week, inviting them for any views they might have on the NP. He had also spoken to Kevin Whiting whose planning proposal for 4 small housing units behind the office would be passed to the PC.

BJ requested that BT, owners of the telephone exchange land, should be added to the landowners’ list.

A general invitation to other (small) landowners in the NP area to give their views would appear in the LVL for October.

All responses would be made to PH in the first instance.

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13th October at 7.30 pm.