



SHERFIELD ON LODDON PARISH COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING PARTY

Minutes of NPWP meeting held on 14th July 2015

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

Member of the public: Ivan Gosden.

Apologies: Diana Effiong and Kym Greener

1. Introductions

AB referred to this being an 'extraordinary meeting'. He said that John Darker had resigned as Chairman of the NPWP so a replacement would need to be elected. He accepted the Chairman's role in default of other nominations, saying that he wanted to go forward with an eye to the future.

2. Minutes of last meeting: 23/6/15

AB requested one amendment. It was agreed that, given the circumstances of this meeting, the Minutes would be signed at the next meeting where any matters arising would be addressed.

3. Declaration of pecuniary interest

There were no declarations.

4. NPWP going forward

A full discussion followed:

NL said that she was very much in a fug as to how we can go forward as the constitution and rules governing the WP have changed on occasions.

BJ emphasised that we were defined as a 'Working Group' in order to free things up a bit, And not be hide-bound by rules eg not having AOB on the agenda works against flexibility. AB stated that every time we try to relax the rules, we cannot.

BJ wondered if Brian Whiteley (PAE) was aware of similar constraints in other localities as we are working under an onerous burden.

Action: PH to raise this query with BW.

AB said that we must go forward, but there are now insufficient members of the WP.

BJ was of the opinion that new members must be willing and able and have the right skills to participate – we have taken 18 months to learn where we are now. He thought that completion of the Plan could now be 12 months ahead and he asked for positive support from the Parish Council going forward. Indication of this support should be minuted at the next PC meeting.

NL suggested that originally some people were interested (in WP activity) but they were alienated as the group was made smaller.

BJ proposed utilising consultants in writing the Plan; he felt that BW could advise on the resource issue. After discussion it was agreed that the content of the Plan needed to be



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'our work' and if we don't have a representative group this could be picked out at Referendum.

The ongoing role of the Neighbourhood Plan Forum was discussed.

BJ pointed out that the Forum has provided evidence for the Plan, although AB felt that it 'had died the death'.

It was clarified that the Forum now comprised an online group augmented by a number of people who did not use email. It has already looked at draft key issues and objectives and ideas could continue to be floated frequently through that channel. BJ said that Forum members were those most likely to vote at Referendum.

It was agreed to take out online signed up members of the Forum who did not have a Neighbourhood Area postcode eg those from Sherfield Park.

Action: BJ to send postcode list for AB to check those out of area.

There was discussion of the proposed housing survey.

It was agreed that this should go ahead so that BDBC would have the best information available from it. The issue of hand delivery through the WP or direct mailing (from Action Hampshire) was considered, given the possible shortage of local resource to deliver. NL said that she could get half a dozen people to help and thought that hand delivery got people more involved; BJ disagreed.

Action: PH to i) request a quote for the additional cost of the postage ii) forward the draft survey cover letter to group members.

Recruitment of new members for the WP was discussed.

A 'three-pronged attack' was agreed:

- i) Put a message in the LVL for August saying that we are looking to replace 2 members of the WP who have resigned
- ii) Approach those who have expressed interest in the past eg Tony Soane; Jan Morgan
- iii) Send an online message to the Forum members and deliver a hard copy to non-email members.

Action: AB to take the above forward in the light of PH's absence from 17th-24th July.

Final comments included: the need for people to work in pairs on tasks – this calls for a larger WP to get everything covered (NL). A request to BW to advise on resourcing the Plan, including the recommendation of a suitable consultant (BJ). BJ said that he wanted to see evidence that the PC is supporting the work, before he does more himself.

Action: PH to contact BW on the resourcing issue.

5. Date of next meeting

It was agreed in the light of current circumstances to cancel the meeting set for 28th July. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 11th August, starting at 7.45 pm.**

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