



SHERFIELD ON LODDON PARISH COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING PARTY

Minutes of NPWP meeting held on 13th October 2015

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

Member of the public: Nick Vincent.

1. Introduction

AB welcomed NV to the meeting. NV said that he was willing to give time to help the WP; he would decide after the meeting if he wished to be a member of the group.

2. Minutes of previous meeting: 21/9/15

Three amendments were proposed and accepted i) item 5: consultancy work would be entirely covered by the Locality grant ii) item 6 'Character Assessment Update': 'help with street observations would be useful'; iii) item 6: 'the PC approved the list of additional helpers'.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

Item 4: it was reported that there had been a positive response to the housing survey after one week: a 23% response was considered by Action Hampshire to be 'good' at this half-way stage. NL referred to the second (reminder) poster which was very similar to the first one (announcing the arrival of the survey) and queried if it was worth putting up. There was discussion of whether older people needed help with completing it or a reminder to post it: NL said that any intervention should not compromise the independent nature of the survey.

Action: NL agreed to sit outside 'The Shop' on Saturday 17/10 to prompt residents to complete it; she would ask Sandy Johnston if he would be available as well. 'The Shop' Facebook page would also encourage completion and report on the good response. AB would present a similar posting on the Forum Facebook.

4. New grant instructions

PH reported that the PC, on behalf of the WP, could apply for a further £1493 to reach the maximum amount (£8000) from Locality. The grant programme is open to 2018 so that it would be up to the PC/WP to decide when to apply for the remaining sum. It was not usual for a second application to be submitted prior to the final spend of the first grant (in this case 30/11/15). This issue would be carried forward to the next meeting.

There was discussion about managing the work of Mick Downs as consultant. BJ reminded the group of the documentation MD had already received to work from, to which would be added the Character Assessment (CA) and the Housing Survey. NL said that she wanted to add some additional points to the draft policies list eg references to some likely development; BJ agreed that 'no more houses was not an option'. NL added that the CA would raise issues such as street lighting and traffic movements. The Plan should



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emphasise the rural aspects of SoL, including the retention of footpaths. NV wanted to get people talking together for the good of the village.

BJ agreed that 'more meat was needed on the policy bones'. **Actions: BJ to take further suggestions on the policies draft by 17/10 and forward to MD. BJ to drive MD's work from a technical point of view.**

5. Character Assessment: update from meeting on 6/10/15

The workshop meeting had been well attended by 10 people including the presenter, PAE volunteer Phil Turner. NL had begun work on, and circulated, an early draft Character Assessment document with headings. Most areas of the Neighbourhood Area were being covered although Wildmoor still needed to be confirmed.

NL showed that there were 2 different styles to the write up of an area: i) tabulation, which she thought looked more 'urban' and could lead to repetition ii) paragraphed text with photos alongside. The preferred approach would have to be determined.

NL said that the next meeting of the CA group (19/10) would look at how the (complementary) areas would be divided up on the village map. NV pointed out that one area he was working on (The Plantation) had very distinctive house builds: this led to discussion of listed buildings and using the national list and the one provided by BDBC.

Action: NL asked for feedback on the CA draft's introduction, including the section on development which would have direct bearing on the Plan. Comments would also be sought from those on the CA group. The final document would be approved by the WP. NL would prepare a further draft for sending to MD (20/10) and would continue with the work after her return from holiday in early November.

6. Consulting with landowners: update

PH reported that a request for local landowners to come forward with any views they might have on the NP had been placed in October's LVL; a letter to previously agreed principal landowners had also been sent. No responses from either channel had yet been received.

There was discussion on how to engage landowners more actively in the NP process. NL stated that rumours were circulating of developments being planned: she and NV were in favour of bringing things out into the open. An idea for face to face meeting(s), and getting advice from landowners beforehand, was suggested by NV. NL felt that landowners may have the good of the village at heart. BJ said that an early version of the Plan could be sent out to them. No agreed way forward was established on this issue.

7. Date of next meeting

Monday 26th October at 7.30 pm (Garden Room).

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