

# SHERFIELD ON LODDON PARISH COUNCIL



## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FORUM

Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Forum held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Present** - John Darker (Chairman), Alan Ball, Ivan Gosden, Mary O'Connor, John Attwood, Venetia Rowland, Pamela Darker, Natalie Lerner, Fiona Farrugia, Ken Clark and Peter Hayes (Minutes).

**Apologies** – Oliver Bartrum, Bryan Jenkins, Doreen Tosswill, Bruce Batting, Kathleen Gaiger.

### **1. Introduction**

JD welcomed everyone. He reported that lots of detailed work had progressed since the last meeting and future plans have been made.

### **2. Minutes of last meeting (16/10/14)**

The Minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

### **3. Summary of last meeting**

JD said that low attendance may have come about through the expectation that work was required. In the event, Bryan Jenkins presented his personal vision and objectives for the parish.

### **4. Neighbourhood Plan Working Party - communications**

JD reported that electronic communications had been developed so that people would be kept in touch regularly and be able to test and evaluate the NP work through Survey Monkey. A database was on the PC website and people could still sign up directly to be included on it; currently there are 72 entries: JD thought that this was a disappointingly low number.

### **5. Update on Neighbourhood Plan developments**

AB said that there had been a re-working of the NP on the PC website. It is now a top level menu item and has separate pages. There is also a simplified version of the URL.

A query was raised about Facebook pages. JD said that this would need a driver and a monitor. FF expressed interest in this work.

JD reported that Working Party (WP) members had visited a number of village hall user groups and the local churches; high attendance at the Gardening Club was noted. He remarked that people seemed pleased to see someone from the PC or NP. VR suggested testing new material via these groups in addition to online surveys.

JD summarised a recent meeting of the WP with Sherborne St. John WP. He said that the SSJ Plan specifies sites, with one to major on: this could be a double edged sword as 4 other sites could be 'gobbled up' by BDBC. JD added that our consultant is more interested in houses, despite our Plan being policy-led.



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The NP Report document is being organised and updated by BJ. It now has draft vision and objectives; we are running a survey of local businesses and letters – with questionnaires – will go out next week; a character of the village assessment is being led by Diana Effiong, supported by PD.

A grant for £6,500 has been awarded by Locality: this will include paying for a housing survey by Action Hants. JD has also asked BDBC to make a contribution to the costs of this survey. A questionnaire will be sent to every household in the parish; this can identify any local housing need and the NP could look to meet that demand. It was noted that from existing statistics 40-50 affordable houses might be needed. Limited small scale housing was likely – 2 brownfield sites could be available.

There was discussion as to whether ‘affordable’ was the same as ‘social’ housing. ‘Affordable’ could include purchasing schemes such as part ownership.

The WP, through PD, was aiming to contact landowners. Sherdons are producing a map of main landowners and BDBC will fill in the gaps: landowners will be able to comment on/make inputs to the Plan. JA asked if the PC owned any land: it owns the area of woodland past the telephone exchange and the allotments.

### 6. Report on governance review

Following requests from both SoL PC and Taylor’s Farm/Sherfield Park residents a new parish of Sherfield Park will be established from April 2016. A re-designation of SoL parish will be agreed, with Redlands Farm included and Dixon Road marking the boundary.

### 7. Housing update

Redlands: originally allocated 150 homes by BDBC but this will be increased to 200 under the revised Plan. Schemes are currently being scoped; we cannot influence the type of build or housing numbers. Development here will not count towards SoL’s contribution in the NP.

The Triangle: GB Developers have put a proposal to the PC for 10 properties and a public presentation is due. There was a query as to whether the Mitchells had agreed to sell the land; this wasn’t known but a deal should be agreed in principle. Being 10 in number, this development would count towards SoL’s contribution. The PC will put its views on the site’s development at the formal application stage.

M O’C pointed out that as the houses will be large (and matching with existing houses opposite) they won’t help with the affordable housing issue.

### 8. Key issues, vision and objectives.

Drafts of these were circulated and JD asked attendees if they would email him with comments or await an online response through Survey Monkey. Only the key issues were discussed at this meeting:

2. *Maintain and enhance the Village Green*: how could you ‘enhance’ it? As it’s used for sport, examples included improving the cricket square; replacing the old football pavilion.

6. *Prevent ribbon development*: b) should read ‘between SoL and Sherfield Park (not Chineham). The specific focus was along the A33 eg land being used for caravans.



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*11. ....the proposed Redlands development:* would this prevent future dualling of the A33 which is needed?

*12a) safe road crossings for pedestrians:* in response to the impact of additional traffic from Bramley and Cufaude Lane.

*13. improvements to the A33.....to include improved roundabouts.*

### **9. Annual Parish Meeting**

This will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. JD will be away but NL will read his prepared report. There will be an upgraded display of NP work.

There was no other business.