

Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

25th April 2017 at 7pm in Machin Room, Thruxton War Memorial Hall

Present – Kate Phillipson (KP (Chair), Louisa Chamberlain (LC), Alan Leslie (AL), John Davis (JD), Steve Counsell (SC), Liz Watson (LW), Simon Watson (SW), Bill Brewer (BB).

Apologies – Mike Windsor, Sarah Fanthorpe-Green

1. Minutes of last meeting – Minutes were read and accepted. They were signed off by KP.

2. Progress on policy drafting was discussed with the following questions posed and answered:

a) How is everyone finding it – difficulties experienced? SC has been reviewing how to provide a standardised template for the Steering Group to follow. KP has sent out some sample policies to read, written by other groups but that have been well received.

b) Are there evidential issues? AL - Discussed some concerns over protecting open countryside with suitable phrasing. There are worries that what is expressed will be indefensible. KP advised to look at other policy examples to get an idea for form of wording and then be able to justify, refer to Local Plans and Government Policies. Look at style and tone and consider uniformity when drafting.

c) Is there anything that needs to be cut out of the Objectives because of lack of evidence/duplication with the planning docs (e.g. Local Plan)? LC commented that there may be some potential duplication within policies and it is important to share ideas between drafters to minimise this and to obtain conformity.

2. South Downs response to enquiry about Local Green Space (LGS) work. The helpful email response from Chris Patterson from South Downs was discussed and KP has circulated it to the Steering Group. KP feels we need some consultant review of potential LGS before firm application for designation. The Steering Group agreed this and so KP will write back asking him to quote for work on LGS.

3. Consultation Events in the Hall in May – 10.5.17 6-8pm wine and nibbles, and 14.5.17 11.30 – 15.30 – were discussed.

a) How to structure event? Briefing sheets about what a Neighbourhood Plan is will be available. A survey presentation will be available - SW will sort out the projection. Maps for education and reference will be available and attendees will be asked to follow a “time line” and “join us on our journey”. The local Website will be mentioned. A glossary of “planning speak” will be made available. KP will buy white sheets and obtain boards etc.

Maps required – a. Parish, b. LGS potentials, c. Heritage sites, d. Chalk downland. e. TLA. LC will redo local history map presented at Fete to address some gaps in knowledge made evident by surveys. Test run 6-9pm 7.5.17 in the Hall. Thruxton Times will be informed of dates and timings.

b) What do we want to get out of it? Information wanted from Parishioners was discussed and ways of capturing them identified e.g. Meta planning – “Post it” notes, felt tips etc.

c) Issues to be covered? KP to coordinate ideas and evidence via drop box.

4. AOB.

JD - 3rd May 17 KP will do presentation to Parish Assembly – 7pm PC meeting and 8pm for Parish Assembly.

BB – continues to await response from Donna Moles to KP's last email. Currently there has been no response.

LC - Appendices numbering – reference documents within the Drop Box need to be indexed so that there is consistent referencing. KP will look at this.

Date of Next Meeting – 6.6.17@ 7pm in Machin Room.