

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group - Tuesday 6th August 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

In attendance; Jim Gledhill - Chair, Richard Hagen, Dee Curtis, Martin Harradine (Planning Aid), Tony Lines DL, Joan Harradine, Sian Farrier (CBC) - from steering group,
plus: Keith Hutchison (Toddington Estates), Tom Nicols, Clerk – Andrew Whiting
Apologies: Kevan Leigh, Steve Kendall

Jim Gledhill took the Chair in absence of both Chair and Vice Chair

1. To accept minutes of meeting of 23rd July 2013 - The minutes were accepted.

Clerk reported that Alexe had not been able to produce her feedback for Green Infrastructure yet but would have it for the exhibition starting 16th August.

2. To discuss Green Infrastructure map

No information. Item Deferred.

3. To discuss NP consultation in the Library

Various ideas were expressed and documents produced by Richard Hagen and Joan Harradine including a 'Mind Map', our Key Intentions and Principles, and ordinary maps of the village that residents could use to express their views on what they value in the village and how they would like to see the village in the future.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the timing of the consultation, and the need for us to have a robust set of papers to present for the public.

It was agreed that the purpose of the consultation should be to share information with the public (re. what we have done so far and where we are at and how we have arrived at this point) and also give them an opportunity to express their own opinions of what they want in the village.

Martin Harradine suggested we should have paperwork to explain;

1. What is a Neighbourhood Plan?
2. Why are we doing one in Toddington?
3. What have we found out so far?
4. What are your views?
5. What is going to happen in the future?

Opinion of some was that we need to engage a professional to help design and produce suitable materials.
It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

There was a lengthy debate and different opinions expressed as to how many houses each neighbourhood plan area in CBC would be asked to take.

Sian Farrier explained that in the emerging Development Strategy for CBC they have identified 1500 houses to come through NPs or windfall. A number of other parishes have shown interest in undertaking NPs and if the total housing allocated from all those that are doing NPs do not meet the 1500 min. target then CBC has contingency plans to allocate housing. No specific totals for housing have been given to any community/village but it is expected that each NP group will come forward with some growth suggestions.

It was asked, *"If a village was not undertaking a neighbourhood plan would they be expected to take any houses under CBC Development Strategy or would all majority of housing be expected to be shared by just the NP areas (such as ourselves and Caddington/Slip End & Barton)?"*

Also it was asked, *"If other CBC area village(s) not surrounded by Greenbelt decided in the future to undertake a NP and then subsequently decided to build a large number of the housing quota on their brown field sites would that mean that other villages would not have such large quotas imposed on them?"*

- Sian Farrier to ask above questions of CBC officers and report back to meeting.
- Sian Farrier to check with Housing how many extra units will come through the rebuilding of an Extra Care facility to replace Crescent Court and whether these, and the extra units that will subsequently be built on the redundant Crescent Court site, will count toward our NP quota for housing?
- Clerk to ask Liz, Library Manager if display boards are able to be used
- Sian to ask about using CBC display boards for Library consultation.
- Clerk to chase Alexe Rose for her exhibition materials

4. To set agenda items for next meeting (20th August 2013) in Wilkinson Hall

Agreed to focus on the Consultation in Library