

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group - Tuesday 22nd October 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

In attendance: Steve Kendall (Chair), Kevan Leigh, Tony Lines DL, Jim Gledhill, Dee Curtis, Martin Harradine(Planning Aid), Clerk – Andrew Whiting

1. Apologies: Rupert Chapple, Sian Farrier (CBC)
2. Minutes of meeting of 1st October 2013 – Agreed as a true record

3. Draft report – “Toward the Neighbourhood Plan”

Steve Kendall explained his early draft report which was some way from being finished but follows the discussions held in our meetings so far. From the minutes of the meetings Steve had started to develop evidence, issues and objectives, and potential policy options following the format of reports developed for other neighbourhood plans.

Six policy areas were identified, those being;

- i) To enable managed housing growth
- ii) To protect and enrich the environment (both natural and built)
- iii) To sustain and improve facilities for residents
- iv) To support business growth
- v) To seek improvements in infrastructure including Transport and digital
- vi) To involve local residents in decision making and planning

The group discussed the format and a small portion of the content and it was agreed that Steve works further on the report for the next meeting of 12th November. The group thanked Steve for all his work so far and agreed the report looked impressive and usable. Concern was expressed that we have not received any data thus far from the Green Infrastructure consultation which made completion of this area of the report impossible.

Clerk to contact Alexe Rose (Greensand Trust) re. getting some usable data for green infrastructure and related issues as soon as practically possible to be able to be included in the report for the 12th November.

Clerk to agenda the report for that meeting.

It was agreed that we need a meeting at some stage with CBC Housing officer, Tony Keaveney regarding the replacement Crescent Court facility.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to test our plan so far with a full consultation of the village at an open exhibition on 24th and 25th January 2014 (if Village Hall is available). The exhibition should be of a good quality and there should be a website ready.

Please Note: Following the meeting: Village Hall is not available 24th/25th or on following weekend so has been provisionally booked for the next available date – 14th – 15th February 2014.

Clerk to ask Caddington / Slip End who did all their exhibition posters and literature as it was very impressive and user friendly.

4. Housing needs Survey

There was some concern raised that since the quote from BRCC and us agreeing to the survey that the price had significantly increased. Concern was also raised about the question regarding people's personal finances, which we know had put people off replying to the previous survey in 2011. Sian had also suggested some amendments. It was noted that Martin, Steve and Clerk were meeting on Thursday 24th with Jon Boswell re. the survey and it was agreed Sian also be invited to discuss consultation.

Noted: Next meeting Tuesday 12th November in Lounge of the Village Hall at 7.30pm