

GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
GREAT EASTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

RECORD OF MEETING HELD ON 9th November 2015 AT 7.30 AT THE V HALL

1. PRESENT

NP Steering Group: Roger Bowder (Chairman), Phil Long, Gary Kirk (Yourlocale), John Boulter, Bryan Hemmings, Ian Drummond, Ela and Mike Yates, Heather Ingram, Bob Mitchell, Julia Weaver, Neil McKay, David Gibley (Secretary) and the following member of the public: Dennis Stewart.

2. APOLOGIES

Steve Upton, Lucy Walsh and D Cllr Mike Rickman.

3. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS RE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Declarations of Interests.

5. RECORD OF MEETING OF 12th October 2015.

The meeting record of 12th October was agreed and signed by the Chairman..

6. MATTERS ARISING

- **Theme Group Leaders meetings.** The Chairman confirmed that these meetings, approximately midway between the full meetings, were proving useful. The next meeting was confirmed for Thurs 19th Nov at 11.

- **HDC Local Plan Options Consultation Response to HDC.** The Secretary confirmed that the joint submission from the Parish Council and the NP had been submitted to HDC and acknowledged. A copy of the submission is in the Dropbox and on the website.

The Community response, organised by HI and her team, which had involved over 100 residents, had been useful in providing supporting evidence to the formal response.

- **NP Policies.** GK said he had sent extracts of previous policies in respect of the various NP Themes to the four Theme Group Leaders, to assist in the initial drafting process.

7. MRH HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY/QUESTIONNAIRE FINAL REPORT – Sep 15.

The Secretary said the final report had been received from MRH and was in the Dropbox and on the website. The significant change was the increase in the identified need for Affordable Housing from 4 to 9 homes, following the inclusion of families on the HDC Housing List.

8. THEME GROUPS.

- **Environment and Heritage.** EY reported on the ongoing work identifying Green and Open Spaces and the calculation of the amount of open space against HDC's standards. This had identified a shortfall in "amenity open space" which might have an impact on new housing developments.

EY noted that Caldecott had spare allotment space which was within the standard catchment distance but there was an identified preference for more local allotments.

EY added that a meeting was scheduled for next week to prepare a draft report and the presentation for the Consultation day.

- **Housing.** ID said the next housing meeting was scheduled for Mon 16th Nov and Raj Patel of HDC, who has responsibility for affordable housing, would be attending. ID said that two themes were emerging: the pressure to provide affordable housing and the community preference for smaller developments. The Severn Locks Housing Association had indicated that they would not be interested in developing in their present location in the village.

Mr D Stewart said that his recently approved nine house development in Broadgate included 2 two bedroom bungalows, which would be administered by Severn Locks and should be regarded as affordable housing.

The question of Section 106 funding, which applies for developments of 10 houses or more was discussed and the possibility of “rural exception sites”. It was noted that these areas all required further examination.

- **Community Facilities.** BM said that he and LW had now conducted over 70 interviews, which continued to be constructive and informative. He intended to conduct a survey of allotment need at the Consultation Day and had identified a need for a Community Information system, which was currently being costed.

GK asked whether work was being carried out relating to the issues concerning the retention of existing facilities, as some were potentially vulnerable. It was agreed that work on this should be included.

Mr D Stewart said he would be prepared to consider providing funding, in lieu of section 106 money, towards the costs of a car park at the school which he felt was a high priority.

- **Transport and Employment.** NM said a second meeting of the Transport and Employment Group was scheduled for the 11th Nov. Following the first meeting, a Speedwatch survey was being progressed – the necessary 120 signatures had been speedily obtained and over 30 people had offered to assist. The Speedwatch survey was scheduled for early in 2016.

Direct contact with LCC Highways remained to be finalised.

NM noted that very little was emerging on Employment.

8. LETTER TO LANDOWNERS.

DG reported that the agreed letter to all 36 identified landowners within the NP area had been sent, using the spreadsheet compiled by BM. Landowners had been informed of the Consultation event on the 28th November and also asked to indicate whether they wished to meet separately with members of the Steering Group.

9. NEWSLETTER NO 2.

PL reported that the Newsletter had been finalised and was now with the printers. The Secretary was asked to thank Andy Murdock for his excellent work in compiling the Newsletter. The Secretary said that 350 copies had been ordered and, once received from GK, he would pass to members to distribute as before.

10. VILLAGE CONSULTATION EVENT – Sat 28th November.

The meeting discussed the content and arrangements for the Consultation Event on the 28th Nov, to be held in the V Hall between 10-4. The following was agreed:

- **Theme Group Stands (4).** Leaders to liaise with GK, BM (maps) and PL (photos).
- **Questionnaire Stand** - MY
- **Publicity.** A Frames (3) and Notices – HI. Also Newsletter distributors would be asked to remind residents when distributing newsletters.
- **Reception desk.** JW and DG. To record arrivals and receive debrief proforma when leaving.
- **Refreshments.** HI and JW. Tea/coffee/biscuits

11. AOB.

No items were raised.

12. NEXT MEETING –Monday 14TH December at 7.30 in the V Hall