

GREAT EASTON PARISH COUNCIL
GREAT EASTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RECORD OF MEETING HELD ON Thurs 6th OCTOBER 2016 AT 4.00 PM AT THE V HALL

1. PRESENT

NP Advisory Committee: Roger Bowder (Chairman), Phil Long, Gary Kirk (Yourlocale), Ian Drummond, Bob Mitchell, Lucy Walsh, Neil McKay, Richard Barribal, Bryan Hemmings and David Gibley (Secretary)

Members of the public: Raj Uppal, Ben Cripps, Charlie Jefferson, Steve Upton, Brian Bruce, Diane and Perry Jordon

2. APOLOGIES Julia Weaver, Paul Brittain, Ela Yates and John Boulter.

3. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, noting that the meeting had been called to provide an opportunity for Mr Raj Uppal to meet with the NP to address his concern that “developer contributions” for the potential benefit of the village community had been overlooked or ignored in the draft Neighbourhood Plan, in particular the contributions offered in association with the Barnsdale development .

4. Mr UPPAL.

Mr Uppal referred to the presentation on the 25th June which had included the following potential contributions:

- The gifting of the larger part of the Brook lane paddock as an adjunct to the Village Hall
- A circular footpath
- A football pitch, tennis court and associated sports facilities
- B & B accommodation to improve the viability of the Sun Inn.

5. DISCUSSION.

Discussion initially centred on the following:

- **The football pitch and sports facilities.** It was explained that this had not been considered further, as it was understood that the proposal was linked to a potential housing development immediately below the Stables, which .had not been supported. Additional points included the potential negative implications for Medbourne Sports Club, which is now used and supported by many local families, and also for the existing village Recreation Field, which requires a considerable local involvement for its regular maintenance and ongoing funding.

On a positive note there was acknowledgement that such a facility would be welcomed by many and the gradual increase in the village population would produce a consequent increased demand for local recreational facilities.

- **Brook Lane Paddock.** There was general acknowledgement that the present impasse concerning the Paddock is unsatisfactory to all parties. The overall development proposal made on the 25th June had been to include a single house within the paddock as part of a holistic proposal for Barnsdale House, together with a single house in the Stables.

It was explained that the house in the paddock had been separated from the “development package” because of the known strong local support for keeping the complete paddock as a designated Open Green space. Whilst there was strong support for the Barnsdale proposal, if it was only to be considered as part of the package, the unintended consequence would likely have been its potential rejection.

The NP Group had therefore considered it helpful to consider the paddock development separately , in order to be able to give support to the main part of the proposal – the 7 houses in the Barnsdale development.

- **The circular Footpath.** This discussion took place against the backdrop of the recent installation of the steel gate and the widespread local consternation at the loss of a circular walk which had been enjoyed by local residents over many years. There was strong support for this to be resolved.

6. OPTIONS

MR Uppal summarised his very considerable expenditures and commitments to the village and his desire for the community to benefit from the implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan. He added that there was a need for any developer to be able to financially justify his commitments.

After further discussion Mr Uppal agreed to forward some option suggestions which could then be considered by the NP and the Parish Council as a part of the consultation process.

7.CONCLUSION

It was agreed that the Secretary would produce a record of the meeting which would be forwarded to all, together with the “options “suggestions to be prepared by Mr Uppal. These would then be considered by the NP Group as part of the consultation process for the draft NP.

The Chairman concluded by thanking all for attending and their individual contributions.