

**Neighbourhood Plan Working Party**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7pm**  
**Cricklade Town Council Chamber**

**Notes**

Cllr Mark Clarke (Chairman) (MC)	Phil Bowley (PB)	Cllr John Coole (JC)
Duncan May (DTC)	Tim Russell (TR)	Cllr Ruth Szybiak (RS)

One member of the public attended.

**1) Apologies for absence**

Lesley Cowley, Bob Jones & Tony Clements

**2) To Consider and approve notes from the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Some dates on the minutes are incorrect and need amending, otherwise the notes were approved.

**3) To consider the action points from the above meeting where not a separate item on the Agenda.**

DTC to follow up trying to contact Cricklade and Swindon Railway about the proposed route for the railway,

**4) To consider combined policies in table form with particular regard to the comments of Henning Tutz the Wiltshire Council link officer (HT) and TR (e-mailed to members of the group on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015)**

HT's comments were discussed by the group. He has suggested a 4<sup>th</sup> column to the table 'evidence base'. Though, welcomed on the whole the WP felt the existing column 'main consultation comments' dealt with the same subject although this could be made more explicit. The NPWP has collected a lot of evidence through the previous consultations and, the WP felt we do need to evidence more facts from the past as this is useful in showing trends of opinion in the Town. The WP was keen to not overcomplicate the NP as it does need to be readily available to all and easily understood.

It was AGREED that the group follows Henning's structure for the NP as he as the WC Link is experienced in other Towns NPs and is suggesting a tried and tested formula. The Cricklade NP though, does still need pulling together and putting in the structure correctly. There is also an issue of consistency in wording.

**Action MC & RS**

**5) Work on the Draft Plan including a review of the Initial work of RS in bringing the strands together.**

The WP then discussed the individual sections.

#### Business:

The High Street part in the NP and the viability of commercial businesses was discussed . It is important that this is put down in a positive way. The WP does not object to a change of use in the High Street but, it is there should be no loss of amenity.

#### Traffic and Transport:

The NP needs to include the need to reduce traffic in the Town. The narrow pavements and poor quality walking areas, especially Bumpy lane. The problems of crossing at the town's roundabouts were discussed.

A member of the public reported that the Town's residents say traffic is getting worse. Not just volume of traffic but the routes used by the vehicles. It was pointed out there is no evidence that the traffic in the town is getting worse. The proposed Canal and railway expansion routes were discussed , whether the proposed routes are the routes that the railway and canal used to exist on, and if that will affect their plans and the likelihood of these routes being used again. There is no evidence that the canal and railway expansion will happen by 2026. **Action DTC** .

Recent comments about traffic on social media were discussed. These seem to revolve around the congestion and speeding by HGVs at North Wall, High Street, Clock, Fiddle & Forty and the Purton Junction. Thames Lane and Hammonds are also dangerous turnings.

There is still some duplication in the draft NP on policies. Also, some areas of conflict around the HGV policy with supporting businesses.

#### Look and Feel:

The WP feel this part of the draft plan needs to be more specific.

The WP were unsure whether there is a need to mention sewage or drainage for the housing developments. As, these aspects are governed by statutory guidelines it is assumed not. PB in his experience said Greensquare usually look at the historic records of an area and check with the local Council about drainage and sewage before submitting a plan for development or a pre application.

Surface water is a problem on some areas, which might be caused by new development these areas are: Common Hill, Fiddle & Forty & Gas Lane.

A lot of useful work on Open Spaces has been completed previously, these need to be looked at to ascertain what will be used in the Draft NP.

#### Housing

The NPWP is satisfied with the estimated housing growth to be put in the Draft Plan and then discussed about the possibility of a challenge to WC about the Core Strategy and the proposed number of house to be built in Wiltshire. A challenge could be over whether there is enough land for new housing to be built and the deliverability on the SHLAA sites to date. The Housing Survey section needs an introduction and the wording of affordable housing needs looking at. The Housing Needs Survey is relevant to social housing rather than privately owned.

The WP discussed housing needs, and lifetime homes. This is mentioned in Core Policy CP 46. Lifetime Homes are designed to meet the changing needs of their occupiers over time and enable people to stay in their homes for longer. Concerns over whether these homes would cost considerably more to build as they need more adaptations than usual homes eg larger car spaces, wet room capacity and wider doorways.

It was felt that more research was needed on CP 46.

**Action all**

Open Space

The group discussed open spaces and whether these could be used for development. The results of the housing survey reflected that the open spaces are valued in the town and say they should be protected.

It was AGREED that the NP should show clear evidence that the policies reflect current guidelines. Eg garage size.

Duplication with surface water under LAF 1 and in the Housing Chapter. AGREED to take LAF 1 out and just leave in H18.

Update the plan **Action MC & RS.**

**6) Update on the Project Plan**

The Project Plan needs to be updated, and a copy sent to HT

The timings were discussed, HT has stated in his e-mail that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is probably not needed. But, after the consultation, WC need another 6 weeks to consider our plan. Then another 6 weeks consultation on the final plan. WP AGREED to contact HT to ask about SEA.

**Action RS & MC**

**7) Working with Alison Eardley (Consultant)**

Alison is coming to Cricklade on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015, she will attend St Sampsons school on the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September to talk to parents and collect the Vision & Objectives Document that was sent out by the school to all parents. This consultation is specifically aimed at younger members of the community such as the parents of primary school children. Alison will be attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 to give a presentation. MC, BJ & DTC will be attending. This is to consult on the draft business section for the draft NP with the Cricklade business community.

These results will have to be analysed and collated in an easy to read format.

The printing of the Vision & Objectives document has cost £216 for 400.

**8) To note the final version of the HGV Mitigation Schemes Report (including map)**

Report to be sent round by MC

**Action MC**

**9) To note and consider a response to the email request from WC as part of their review of the Strategic Land Assessment (SHLAA) sites.**

This needs to be put to PCT Committee.

**10) To receive an update on:**

**a) Campus Activity: None**

**b) Extra Care Facility/Nursing Home:** This might be mentioned at the Area Board on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015.

**c) Culverhay Steering Group:** Culverhay Planning Application is in, to be discussed at next PCT on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the deadline for responses is 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

- d) **Developer Activity:** Beechcroft None  
Stones Farm. None  
Hannick Homes. To present to PCT on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
Bloor Homes: None  
Gladman: None
- e) **Dialogue with the NEW-V NP:** None

**11) Any Items for Recommendation to Planning Committee and any requests for funding 2016/17**

PCT can earmark reserves for NP, previously £10k has been provisionally set aside from General Reserves. It was agreed that the same sum should be requested again although it was noted that the DCLG are still running the small grant scheme on which we might be able to draw.

**12) To consider the offer of help from a potential new member**

The individual has family contacts with a owner of land registered under the SHLAA process. It is thought that the policy of the NPWP is not to accept as members people with such interests.

**Action MC to check and respond as appropriate**

**13) AOB**

None

**14) Date of the next meetings**

7<sup>th</sup> October , 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 More dates to be added on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 meeting.