

## Neighbourhood Plan Working Party

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7PM

Cricklade Town Council Chamber

### Notes

Cllr Mark Clarke (MC)	Cllr John Coole (JC)	Lesley Cowley (LC)
Duncan May (DTC)	Tim Russell (TR)	Cllr Ruth Szybiak (RS)

#### 1) Apologies for absence

Phil Bowley, Tony Clements & Cllr Bob Jones

#### 2) To consider and approve the notes from the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

The notes were approved.

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

Action points were discussed, as work is submitted action points are updated so many of the action points are ongoing.

#### 3a) Vision and Objectives (Update on the September consultation with business and school communities.)

Due to this subjects importance there was agreement in the Working Party that the recent Vision and Objectives pamphlet issued to business members and the parents of children at St Sampson's Primary School was because this part of the community is underrepresented by the research so far gathered for the Draft NP.

The response to the pamphlet was disappointing in terms of the number of completed forms returned with just 18 from the 300 handed out. However, some of the responses were very interesting. Working Party members had attended the school on two consecutive days, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015, and handed out pamphlets and consulted with parents and carers of the schoolchildren at school pick up time. Pamphlets were also given out to the adjoining Children's Centre. On the morning of 17<sup>th</sup> September Alison Eardley (consultant) met with the Cricklade Toddlers Group at Cricklade United Church to discuss the Visions and Objectives pamphlet and discuss the NP with the members of the group. There does seem to be a consensus of agreement from residents consulted on many NP issues.

On the evening of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 BJ, MC, AE & DTC attended a meeting of the Cricklade Chamber of Commerce to present the Visions and Objectives document and discussed the NP with 11 members present. Some very interesting views and comments were raised about how the business community viewed their role in the town and what factors could further help the businesses in the town and the community as a whole.

The feedback from these consultations was collated into a draft document for discussion at this NPWP meeting and this is to be written up more fully for further consideration by the WP.

Details to go on the Facebook page.

Action **MC & DTC**.

#### 4) Continuing to work on Draft Policies

The Draft NP does not have a Community Facility section in ~~Look and Feel~~. The WP feel that the NP requires a policy on this. Including wording ~~Ensuring~~ the community facilities are retained and enhanced.

We have a policy on the police station but this needs reinforcing by referring to a ~~substantial~~ commercial element.

The policies need pulling together and they need to be positive about the town and opportunities within the town.

The Wiltshire Council Link worker has given a list of recommendations to the NPWP on the NP work submitted so far. Some parts of the Draft document submitted so far needs more evidence especially on the Housing section. These include: H4 Statistics required for affordable housing, H7 65% of developments be terraced or semidetached, H8 % of smaller dwellings, H17 size of garages, H18 foul water statistics, all to make the document relevant to Cricklade. There is still some duplication on some policies.

The Transport section terminology needs reassessing and needs to be more positive. The Look and Feel section uses the term ~~it~~ is important to keep the current feel of the town and to keep Cricklade ~~soul~~. The WP are agreed that the word soul needs replacing to a more appropriate term.

The NPWP hope to produce the draft plan before Christmas.

Action **MC and RS** to update the draft policies table

#### 5) Update of Project Plan

The project plan has been updated for October and this is continuously being updated. The WP are looking at ways of shortening the timescale of the NP. The NP is a step by step process with WC to be consulted on progress. Whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is needed is thought unlikely.

Ongoing Action **RS**

#### 6) Working with Alison Eardley Consulting

Discussion on what consultancy work has been done and whether AE has completed the work she was contracted for. The WP thought AE had agreed to collate the results from the school, preschool and business consultations. It is thought that she still needs to:

- Give her views on what has been collated so she can look it over and add to if required.
- Complete a consultation on the traveller community.
- See if she can assist with any planning issues.
- Check with consultants ~~contract~~ to see what tasks if any are still to be completed.

As the Draft NP will require a lot of initial writing, input and amending, a discussion on whether to recruit AE to complete anymore work, or maybe another, more local, consultant with a different set of skills was required.

Action **MC**

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

Members NOTED the final version including the map. A copy of this is on front desk at the Tourist Information Point and will be referenced on the Facebook page. The NP website has been updated.

**Action DTC**

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

**a) Campus Activity:** None

**b) Extra care nursing home:** None

**c) Culverhay Steering Group:** Planning application for a net increase of 44 dwellings was supported by PCT on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**d) Developer activity – Beechcroft (Purton Road) :** None

**Stones Farm :** None

**Hannick Homes:** Presentation to PCT 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**Bloor Homes (Horsey Down):** None

**Gladman:** None

**e) Dialogue with NEW – V – NP:** None

**9) Any Items for recommendation to Planning Committee**

Aston Keynes Draft NP consultation period has started.

**10) Any other business and items for future agenda.**

None

**11) Dates for next meetings AGREED** (all 7pm on Wednesday unless otherwise stated)

21<sup>st</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> December and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

More dates to be considered up to Easter.

**Meeting finished at 21.35 PM.**