

Neighbourhood Plan Working Party Tuesday 3rd May 2016 at 3:00 PM

Cricklade Town Council Chambers

Notes

Cllr Mark Clarke (Chairman) MC	Lesley Cowley (LC)	Cllr John Coole (JC)
Cllr Bob Jones (BJ)	Duncan May (DTC)	Cllr Ruth Szybiak (RS)

1) **Apologies for absence:**

P. Bowley & T. Russell

2) **To consider and approve the notes from the meeting held on 13th April 2016**

The Notes from 13th April were approved by the members of the WP who were at the meeting.

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

The completed action points have been sent to LB Planning.

North Meadow & Clattinger Farm Site improvement Plan from 2014 from Natural England has been sent round the WP. (DTC)

Traffic Surveys to be sent to LB Planning (MC)

Statistics from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) needed for Draft Plan (DTC)

4) **Project Plan Update**

The Plan will be updated by RS as and when completed work by group members is sent in. It was agreed it was important that the WP saw Liz Beth again to discuss the draft plan in detail. The WP felt there are still issues over the numbers of dwellings required in Cricklade and how the settlement boundary might affect these numbers.

5) **To Discuss the Draft Plan Progress and Consider Maps Required.**

The North Meadow and Clattinger Farm Site Improvement Plan by Natural England was discussed .

This is an important document as it explains the pressures/threats to this area of traditionally managed grasslands. The plan outlines the delicate ecosystem of the meadow and the dangers to this from inappropriate water levels, habitat fragmentation, public access/disturbance, water pollution and how correct management can limit these threats. This area is vital to Cricklade and any increase in dwelling numbers and the subsequent population increase could have a major impact on the meadow. It was AGREED to ask Natural England how the NPWP can best address the potential dangers to North Meadow through the NP. Natural England might have a valuable contribution to make to the NP. The WP was concerned that Natural England might have very limited funds to assist or prevent unwelcome development.

Action MC/DTC

MC Commented that he has met with the photographer, who was taking some photographs next week and will show them to MC in the near future.

Maps a list of maps required for the Draft NP was AGREED:

Parish boundary, Flood zone, Conservation area, Settlement boundary (old and new), Freight route map, Chelworth map.

DTC has the details of an Officer at WC who can assist with these. It was emphasised that this list is not final and if a WP member thinks of any other suitable maps to email details to MC or DTC.

6) To receive an update on :

a) Extra care facility, The momentum regarding the possibility of a nursing home site seems to be faltering. The WP noted that other developments in the area are either reviewing their options or as in the case of a site in Cirencester work has temporarily stopped. The NPWP is still getting updates from the resident who raised this issue with us originally.

BJ- WC is allegedly still interested in building 240 ~~h~~omes for Lifeq. Heberden House redevelopment might have been put back, and there is a problem in the recruitment of carers. The WP noted that the concept of care has moved on, and the emphasis is on ~~a~~care in the homeq. Residents of Cricklade have previously requested a care home, not a virtual care facility favoured by Local Authorities brought on by budget restraints and the introduction of the recent Care Act.

Actions ask SL for a recent update on progress. Also pursue the care home through the NP.

b) Culverhay Development.

No recent news on this development. Planning permission still not been granted because of continuing negotiations over Section 106 agreements is all the NPWP are aware of.

BJ residents are getting frustrated with the delay.

The WP expressed its concerns as delays in this have a knock on affect on the NP.

c) Developer Activity, Beechcroft (Land at The Forty)

The WP noted the appeal for this application is on 24th May commencing at 10am and might last up to 3 days . MC for the NP is attending if possible all three days, JC is attending on behalf of CTC& PCT Committee. BJ commented that there is a briefing session for County Cllrs on 4th May 2016 and more might become clear after this. The position of WC on this application is unknown and is a concern. The WP thought it unfortunate the appeal was not being held in Cricklade and not Chippenham. The outcome of this appeal is crucial not only to the NP dwelling numbers but also regarding other developer activity and how they will approach other potential sites in the Cricklade area. LC - enquired when will the outcome be known and will this change our site specific policy. BJ as this is only an outline application the NP or CTC& PCT Committee should approach potential developers as to see what they can offer the community. As we stand now the development could go ahead if planning permission is granted with no recent consultation with the town. It was noted that a lot of Cricklade residents would not object to development in The Forty area (Beechcroft)

Stones Farm . Phase 1 (Farmyard) Phase 2 (Greenfield) . none but the WP NOTED that this proposed development would have a potentially big impact on North Meadow.

Hannick Homes . None

Bloor Homes . None

Dialogue with NEW – V . MC none, but a letter has been sent, no response so far.

The WP considered that sending a letter to South Cerney might be useful explaining where our NP is at this moment in time.

7) Any Items for recommendation to Planning Committee

PCT . Land at The Forty is on the agenda for the next PCT Committee meeting to be held on 9th May 2016.

8) Any Other Business and Items for future agenda

The NP Facebook page was discussed, not all of the WP was aware the NP had one. It was AGREED this should have more recent information put on it. The page has over 200 likes so has been regularly accessed, the WP AGREED this is a useful information facility and should not be neglected. Update on Facebook and its progress to go on the agenda for the next meeting.

The NP website is up to date meeting notes are put on when approved with DT acting webmaster continuing his valuable work in this area.

When the NPWP is clearer on where the NP is a communication/strategy meeting needs to be arranged to progress the Plan further.

It was AGREED to suggest to LB Planning the date of early in June 2016 for her to attend a meeting.

Action DTC

Next meeting 19th May 3 pm, 8th June (Provisional)

Meeting ended 16.15 pm

Duncan May
13th May 2016