

HAZELBURY BRYAN PARISH COUNCIL – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 7.00 pm in the village hall

011/17 Present: Val Rubie (VR), Ian Stevenson (IS), Angela Chatters (AC), Ken Huggins (KH), Geraldine Hobson (GH), Liz Stockley (LS), Malcolm Wilson (MW) and Jo Witherden (JW). Three members of the public, all representing Hall & Woodhouse (Liz Abraham, John Hammond and Paul Harrington – collectively HW), were in attendance.

012/17 Apologies for absence: Received from Keith Harrison, David Brookes, David Maughan (DM), Mack Norton (MN), Diana Westlake (DW) and Jill Noades (JN).

013/17 Declarations of Interest: None

014/17 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January 2017: The draft minutes circulated were approved.

015/17 Matters arising from these minutes: These were covered in the agenda

016/17 Public session: On behalf of Chris Eyres, who was unable to attend in person, GH circulated a summary of Hazelbury's "Landscape Character in a Historical Context" which highlights his view "that the separate hamlets of Hazelbury Bryan retain their individual identity and are not in-filled". MW will circulate to all the Committee.

HW emphasised its keenness to work together and provide whatever help and support it could. Asking about the Committee's views of its proposals put forward in the latest SHLAA call for sites, it was felt these were a little vague; HW said this was intentional, they would rather agree anything more concrete in terms of design as part of the N Plan process.

HW reported that about 10 years ago they worked with Blandford St Mary PC on a design for the brewery site, including a comprehensive character assessment of the whole area around the site. They would be happy to develop something similar for HB if the Committee felt it would help. The Chairman thanked them for their offer and said it would be considered, although the danger of perceived conflict of interest or undue influence were highlighted.

017/17. Village questionnaire – final results: All forms have now been received and MW will circulate the final results shortly.

018/17 – Consultancy update: JW commented that recent Government announcements are focussing on the acute countrywide need for more affordable housing, and it is likely that the definition of "affordable" will be widened to cover a wide range of ownership and rental structures. Communities with a robust, evidence based housing need target in a Neighbourhood Plan are more likely to be immune from any requirement on North Dorset DC (and in time the combined new rural unitary authority) to provide more housing above current Local Plan targets. The key is to work out the local need and then see how to deliver it.

019/17 – Work-streams – responsibilities to be agreed for all areas including housing need, character assessment, traffic and parking, Local Green Spaces and environmental assessment: The following responsibilities were allocated (and agreed in some cases!):

Housing need and amenity– IS will interview estate agents and service providers; JW and MW will work on other data sources, including the Questionnaire results; DW will look at healthcare provision

Character assessment – VR/GH/AC/JN will work on this. Child Okeford has a very good template to follow, and the HW offer of help will be politely declined.

Environmental assessment, rights of way and Local Green Spaces – GH and KH

Parking and traffic – DM and MN

It was agreed that progress reports will be circulated in advance of the next meeting so progress can be assessed.

020/17. To consider any other relevant matters:

Logo – it is hoped Richard Stockley might be able to design a logo for the N Plan group.

Sites for development – JW asked that at the next meeting consideration be given as to how sites for development might be identified. Although NDDC has issued its “call for sites” it might be appropriate to flush out all possible sites locally as early as possible in the N Plan process. The next edition of Bryan Bytes would be an appropriate vehicle.

IS had circulated a draft note of “the Objectives” of the Plan. It was agreed that members of the Committee would review the draft and circulate their thoughts to IS and MW so a revised draft can be considered at the next meeting.

Code of Conduct forms – these were given to GH and AC for completion and return to MW

021/17. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7th March 2017: This was confirmed, 7.00 pm in the village hall

022/17 Close of meeting: With no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

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