

Present:

Allan Gibson
Andrew Pearce
Chris Matthey

David Cornish
Graham Jukes

Roger Marshallsay
Roland Cundy

Apologies:

Pauline Grainger

1 Minutes of meeting

Minutes of meeting 15/10/19 were not referred to as this meeting was to be a one agenda item so the minutes and actions of the 1/10/19 meeting are all still outstanding.

2 Housing Number

Some members of the SG have a desire to have a specific number of houses stated in the NDP to be built over the life of the NDP and others wish not have a specific number but indicate where we are prepared to have houses built. The latter could be interpreted as a notional number but that would be down to the developer on the density they wished to achieve along with WBC requirements.

There is a housing group meeting to take place on the 5th Nov to discuss the current call for sites locations in Finchampstead. The outcome of this meeting will show what the housing team feel are the preferred sites to be built upon. There was no mention at the meeting to day what criteria they would use to “weight” a site.

There was a significant amount of discussion around this subject. Do we specify a number in our document or not. It is understood from a WBC source that a new Housing Needs Report is to be published in the next few weeks. (since the meeting I have spoken to Simon Weeks and he is not aware of any such report being published, he thinks it may be connected to social/affordable housing but not an imminent report date. AP)

AG did point out that the Vision Statement stated that we would “embrace change” and therefore this did not infer specific target numbers of housing.

RC would prefer to just indicate sites that could be potentially built on that the Parish would support. DC wanted to include the Legal and General site in our NDP to offset numbers for the future

There were comments along the lines of “ a specific number of housing units could cause the residents greater concern when they read it at the referendum time and that we find they reject the NDP”.

We should be asking Bell Cornwell their opinion re a specific number or just site locations in the NDP. This should be bought up at the Dec. meeting with Liz.

Dates of next meetings: This was not discussed at the time but I (AP) have had a short meeting with DC to cover what the SG does while he is away. He would like me to chair two meetings, 12th and 26th November. Start time is 0930 on each day.

Meeting closed 10.10 am (it had started at 9am)

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

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