

Present:

David Cornish

Allan Gibson

Pauline Grainger

Roland Cundy

Andy Pearce

AGENDA

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. L&G meeting
3. Housing meeting
4. Engagement Strategy for key stakeholders.
5. NDP response to WBC Local plan consultation

Apologies

Apologies received from Graham Jukes and Roger Marshallsay

1. Minutes

Minutes of meeting 21/01/20 accepted and signed as a true record of meeting. A signed copy to be given to Parish Clerk for filing.

Actions

1. **DC** ask WBC who pays for exhibition ahead of referendum at meeting on 19th December O/S
2. **AG to** confirm Comms can go ahead with printing of report. 150 Printed; CLOSED
3. **AG** ask JA state of Project Plan update: JA has truncated and simplified plan so it is now more user friendly and will now be updating regularly. CLOSED
4. **AG** talk to PMG re support for Steve Bromley and traffic issues. DF and BS have agreed to form group with SB who has agreed to meet with them on return from holiday. CLOSED
5. **AG** arrange brown spaces meeting with FP planning members. Agenda item 3 CLOSED
6. **PG** ask clerk if parish has hard copy of WBC plan. No, and WBC will not be providing. CLOSED
7. **PG** seek copy of plan from WBC if not available through Parish. WBC will not be providing printed copies (climate emergency!) but links to the document are available on the WBC website and people can print their own copy. DC understands printed copies will be available at Shute End (prior notice of visit required) and in Library for people to look at. The SG group felt WBC are not trying very hard to consult with the residents and are making it quite difficult for people to comment. CLOSED
8. **AG** discuss response to WBC plan update at PMG meeting 21/1/20. It was briefly discussed but no decisions made. AG informed that WBC is looking for responses to refer to specific clauses/policies and he feels a small group should be tasked to respond. Also thinks LA should be asked to help with response. Will discuss at PMG on 11th Feb. ONGOING

2. L&G meeting

The Social Value Portal meeting, on behalf of L&G, is this week but response from stakeholders is very low. Tessa Alcorn, the advisor, is happy for the meeting to go ahead but DC suggested it was cancelled as with low attendance the outcome of discussions is biased and not representative.

Attendees to date are representatives of : Church groups, Scouts, Parish Councillors, Bridleways, Memorial hall, Ratepayers Hall, and Neil Wilby. AG as representative of FNDP is unable to attend.

DC felt Ruth Hopkins (L&G) should be made aware of low attendance and suggests NW is advised it is not worth his while attending. RC agreed to contact Ruth Hopkins.

3. Housing Meeting

The meeting between the Brown group and members of the Parish planning committee went very well and by the end of the meeting both groups were in agreement over the sites in the "call for sites".

The areas of discussion were two sites the FNDP wanted to put forward for development - Johnson Drive and Wellington College fields; it was agreed that the number of dwellings on Johnson Drive would be reduced and as the Parish had only a very small area of Wellington fields within its boundary the FNDP should not be leading on this site. Reason prevailed over the NMR industrial estate as CM and GM had used the Housing and Economic Land Availability assessment criteria for their proposals. GM wants specific sites included in the FNDP as a contingency against speculative development if the WBC local plan falls short but the decision was that they will not be included.

DC suggested we proceed with the FNDP as it stands with no sites specified but consider again the sites as a contingency in later reviews if it looks as though WBC plan is not delivering.

PP presented the housing needs assessment to date but requires the name of the individual who worked on the Barkham and Aborfield assessment to help him with his final analysis. AG also felt LA should be able to assist.

PG advised she had had a call from Francis Ryder on behalf of the Wokingham Area Housing Society asking for any available info on Housing needs and details of delivery rounds as they were going to do a parish housing needs assessment for their housing appeal in the Village. PG emailed PP and asked him to make contact. DC had a similar request from Simon Weeks.

4. Engagement Strategy key stakeholders and report

AG provided the PMG meeting with a list of stakeholders and contact details with columns for evidence of who is contacted, by whom and when which has been edited by DF and now is with LB who is going to proactively maintain this record. Each group will be expected to take a share of the contacts and complete the task and pass information back to LB. DC thinks somebody will need to lead the process of contact distribution rather than rely on group chairs to disseminate. It was suggested BS attend next PMG meeting as he has already met with some stakeholders and produced a report and the evidence which AG feels is exactly what is required by this next phase - ie engagement of stakeholders.

PG to ask LB to provide up to date engagement record ahead of PMG meeting next week

AG identified the areas which LA can help with:

Verification of our strategy for stakeholder meetings

Implications of call for sites results; agreed not to include in FNDP but to state in plan the intent for a contingency plan re sites to be included in periodic review

How far can a review change a plan without going to another referendum?

Assist our response to WBC re local plan

PP has questions re housing needs assessment

Brown spaces require a meeting in next three weeks re policy aspects

DC, JA and GJ are meeting next week to determine style/ content etc for drafting the report. DC suggested a draft could be drawn up as an example for the housing group, to enable them to put their findings to date in written form. RC suggested if they do not have a "writer" in their group perhaps someone else should prepare a housing draft and pass to them for comment. Green spaces have already done a considerable amount of work but it is unclear if it has taken any stakeholder views into account.

This subgroup will look at

How far we can go without assistance

How much advice /support we need from LA (legal requirements around policies etc)

Do we need a professional designer/writer to bring it all together?

Suggest a budget

AG advised that the Vision group thought the vision needed to be changed as a result of responses to the survey in particular in the area of economic regeneration. The survey demonstrated that residents feel there is a requirement but BS's research indicates there is no demand for serviced offices etc. AG felt it was unnecessary as there are three levels - vision, objective, policy and he feels the policy can reflect the requirement without the need to change the overall vision and objectives.

Topics for full group meeting on 18th February
FNDP response to WBC local plan update. AG will look at WBC local Plan ahead of meeting
Result of Call for Sites assessment – AG to ask GM to discuss and relay outcome
Engagement

AP suggested we contact a representative of “Arbar” Plan and ask them to give a short presentation of how they got from their survey to the report ie how we get from where we are now to where we need to be.

5. NDP response to WBC Local plan consultation

Covered in previous items – no further discussion

Dates of next meetings: Tuesday 18th February 9.30am FBC
Tuesday 3rd, 17th, 31st March

Actions

- A. DC ask WBC who pays for exhibition ahead of referendum at meeting on 19th December
- B. RC speak to Ruth Hopkins (L&G) re stakeholder meeting
- C. DC speak to NW re stakeholder meeting
- D. DC provide PP with name of person from Barkham & Arborfield who worked on their housing needs assessment and see if there is someone who can attend full group meeting on 18th Feb to give us advise on moving forward
- E. PG ask LB for up to date engagement record for meeting 11-2-20
- F. AG invite BS to next PMG meeting to discuss/show members what is required for stakeholder engagement
- G. AG discuss response to WBC plan update at PMG meeting 11-02-20

Meeting closed 10.30 am

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

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