

Present:

David Cornish
Roland Cundy

Roger Marshallsay
Andy Pearce

Pauline Grainger
Graham Jukes

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 Allan Gibson.

1. Minutes

Minutes of meeting 04/02/20 accepted and signed as a true record of meeting. A signed copy to be given to Parish Clerk for filing.

Actions

- A. DC ask WBC who pays for exhibition ahead of referendum at meeting on 19th December. OUTSTANDING
- B. RC speak to Ruth Hopkins (L&G) re stakeholder meeting. Meeting went ahead despite advice from FNDP steering members to cancel. Very poor attendance which could not be deemed to be representative of the residents/stakeholders of the parish. Meeting is being rescheduled for 23rd March and RC also offered L&G a stand at back of room at Annual Gathering. CLOSED
- C. DC speak to NW re stakeholder meeting. Actioned and CLOSED
- 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 advice on moving forward. PP meeting with Laurence Heath from Arbar group this evening and then Laurence Heath is giving presentation on Arbar plan methodology to full group. CLOSED
- E. PG ask LB for up to date engagement record for meeting 11-2-20. Actioned and CLOSED
- F. AG invite BS to next PMG meeting to discuss/show members what is required for stakeholder engagement. BS unable to attend so AG discussed what he had done. CLOSED
- G. AG discuss response to WBC plan update at PMG meeting 11-02-20. Actioned and AG has identified areas of plan for response and will delegate to relevant group. CLOSED

2. L&G meeting

Nothing further to add to action B above

3. Housing Meeting

Whilst last week it was reported the meeting between the Brown group and members of the Parish planning committee went very well to reach agreement on the "call for sites" RM stated he was disappointed with the result and that members of the planning committee did not support Gordon Veitch over one of the disputed sites. DC re-iterated that GM and CM had been totally objective in their findings and followed the national HELA assessment guidelines. However RM continued that even the Inspectorate had refused planning on the site so could not understand why the FNDP group would wish to consider it. RC commented that with a significantly reduced number of dwellings on the site the Inspectorate might take a different view. DC also said that the emerging FNDP will support the WBC local plan update in respect of the sites planned for the parish up to 2036 (Jovike and the two traveller sites) so it is unlikely the disputed site will have any relevance.

However as there is concern that WBC may not deliver on numbers (or if Grazeley fails) , the sites discussed/agreed at the brown/planning meeting would stand as a contingency and could be brought into a review in subsequent years.

It was acknowledged the FNDP had to fit with both the parish plan and the WBC plan.

DC suggested some members of the steering group meeting again with Gordon Veitch.

RM was also concerned there seemed to be no reference to the affordable housing (4 dwellings) proposed in the Village. RC felt it would go through planning as a "Rural Exception" and PG thought the FNDP had not considered it as it is current and being discussed whereas the plan is focusing on the future. DC advised that it was not on the Parish call for sites so would have been overlooked.

4. Engagement Strategy key stakeholders and report

At the last PMG meeting there was discussion around the next step in the engagement process and whether or not it was a tick-box exercise as opposed to meaningful discussions. Currently the group chairs had been reluctant to provide names of individuals to meet with stakeholders.

PG thought it could be in part because of the level of detail seemingly required. Whilst she felt it was reasonable to ask people to discuss the survey report and gain their insight as to what more they felt was required on behalf of the group they were representing she felt turning this into policies etc as required was unrealistic and this might be putting people off volunteering. DC and GJ both agreed up to a point but stressed that in depth knowledge was required when speaking to some groups and it would need to be individuals with specific knowledge in that area. PG (with DC) has organised a meeting with the Parish church ministers.

AP agreed to speak to estate agents as he felt they would understand the requirements of people looking to move in or around the parish.

RC agreed to meet with Alan Bishop to find out more about farming land use. He will tackle how farming is changing, lack of infrastructure /support for farmers and the future of farming in the area.

5. NDP response to WBC Local plan consultation

See action G above

AP reported that at the housing meeting last night CM, GM, BS all agreed to take aspects of the WBC local plan update, which AG had identified, to consider the response.

6.AOB

RC raised the question of climate change in the FNDP but currently GJ did not see where this would fit into plan. It was felt this should be tackled within "environment" .

DC, GJ had met with JA to discuss style of plan. It was agreed it would be kept lean and simple with most of the information attached as appendices. They are going to look at the work already completed by GJ (green) and BS (employment, business) and start drafting these sections for discussion and as an example. They want to make the document an easy read and will follow the Arbar plan headings but in the style of Woodcote. The text needs to be friendly following a similar framework to WBC as we have to support their plan. AP thought we should use the WBC headings in their entirety but DC felt this was not essential. Arbar plan passed the inspection with their format so there is no reason we can't.

PP, GM and CM are reticent to write text and it might be someone needs to help them out as they have all the data required and series of bullet points.

The budget was deemed to be the priority at the next meeting.

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

Actions

- A. DC ask WBC who pays for exhibition ahead of referendum

- 1. DC arrange a meeting with Gordon Veitch and other members of SG re call for sites
- 2. AP arrange stakeholder meeting with estate agents
- 3. RC arrange stakeholder meeting with A Bishop

Meeting closed 10.20 am

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Date:.....