

Present:

David Cornish
Andy Pearce

Allan Gibson
Roger Marshallsay

Pauline Grainger
Graham Jukes

Apologies

Apologies received from Roland Cundy

Minutes

Minutes of meeting 18/08/20 accepted as a true record. An electronic copy will be sent to Parish Clerk for the website and the hard copy will be retained for signature at a future date.

Actions

1. AG send a copy of "Electric Charging Point" document to all members of SG. Circulated and CLOSED
2. GJ to join DC/BS to look at traffic/transport section of draft plan. Amendments made. CLOSED
3. DC share "Draft Plan" with PC by end of month, followed by Suzi Rackley. Plan shared with a few members of PC as needs further work before sharing with all. CLOSED
4. AG take question of "redundancy" test for policies to PMG meeting 18-08-20. Actioned, CLOSED
5. AG send to SG DF draft engagement plan. Actioned, CLOSED
6. DC advise NW he is still welcome at PMG meetings. NW has confirmed he is happy to work on the physical side of engagement but not the strategic and planning element. DF is agreeable to deal with this side of the work load and it was agreed the chairmanship of the group should remain flexible. CLOSED
7. DC ask SR about creating a "user friendly" summary of the draft plan for October. Agenda item. CLOSED

AGENDA

The meeting was called primarily to discuss the developing plan but a few points were raised ahead of the discussion.

- LA has informed AG that she is working on her views of the government's White Paper on Planning.
- AP advised this morning he had seen an article on government funding for more "affordable" housing.
- DC asked how the SG felt we should address the raft of new planning measures recently seen by PC planning committee and which had been forwarded to GM, CM, AG and PG. RM felt that whilst the measures applied on a national front there was no reason for us not to put limitations on design etc as we were applying these at a parish level. GF commented that these changes were consulted on early 2020 and were now operational. The additional measures applying to Covid have been added as an after-thought on a temporary basis. He felt we need to take the measures into account but as we are looking at a regional not national level we should continue as planned.
- Locality has provided an opportunity to respond to the White Paper by 11th September but RM wonders what weight that will carry. However it was agreed that AG would respond via their survey and RM will draft a response to the one point which was felt relevant to us.
- Parish Council is also considering response to White paper and there was a discussion as to whether we accept their response or create our own. AG put to PMG tonight.

Draft Plan

GJ had been through most of the draft plan re-issued by DC (version 7a) and had made many corrections and also commented that it appeared many of the comments made by LA and WBC had not been taken on board.

AP advised that over the last couple of Brown Group meetings the comments had been addressed, amendments made and additional policies added but there were still a couple of policies to complete. He asked that version 7b is not circulated until Brown have completed this work as they were nearly there and these changes would answer any concerns that Brown had not addressed issues.

AP has forwarded G&T changes. He is also in contact with Steve Bowers on the obvious gaps in the social housing section and any questions SB could not answer AP has forwarded to Simon Price at WBC for answers.

DC brought to the group's attention sections 9.5, 9.6, 9.7 of the documents (farming, education, health & health care, pubs and restaurants) and asked for comments on their relevance.

- Education, Health, Pubs etc

AP suggested as these areas were not specifically mentioned in Resident's Survey (Oct 19) we have no evidence on which to form an opinion.

GJ suggested they were beyond our scope.

so it was agreed to bear them in mind for future refinement but to remove them as a section in their own right.

- Farming

RM suggested we had no individual in the group with farming knowledge.

DC has met with several of the local landowners (not Slavey Slavchev) and has notes from these meetings.

GJ believes it to be an important area on which we need expert advice and suggested once section ready for draft he could ask advice from NFU - he has had an initial contact. There is a new consultation out on farming via DEFRA and there will be huge changes with Brexit. GJ agreed to look at section with DC. AG re-iterated if it is going in plan there needs to be evidence to support text and version 7b of the plan is scheduled for completion by 28th September so there is only a 3 week window to deliver.

AP feels there are still gaps in Social Housing and G&T provision which were overlooked by Brown Group. He is aware that what has been done to date is limited but there's not anymore he can do. He is happy for anyone else to refine his work. RM asked if David Reed of 166 NMR had been consulted as he is a major player within the G&T community. DC will work with AP to refine.

AP also wondered if there should be in the design section about green energy etc and more flesh in transport section; whilst there is a comment about an hourly bus service in Finchampstead there is nothing about the lack of public transport in the village. DC advised these were outside the scope of our remit but GJ commented that for a successful social housing application there had to be transportation so the two were linked without necessarily being stated. AG also pointed out that building standards are a national regulation and something we cannot influence.

Overall it was felt the plan is solid with the bones of the plan in place so now needs refinement.

The Plan, version 7a, has been sent to Katy Dagnall, Roger Woof, Simon Weeks and Gordon Veitch from the PC but there has not yet been any meaningful comment. There then followed discussion about passing the plan over to SR for "publishing" and it was agreed DC, GJ, JA would get together with SR to discuss the best way to take it forward.

AG advised that at the PMG later today the following would be discussed:

- Moving plan on for publishing
- Engagement progress

DC is slightly concerned there could be confusion when talking to the public about the FNDP as there is so much in the media at the moment about development in the area and we need to be very careful over what we say.

RM advised he had had a quote for the "flyer/info sheet" for distribution at the FNDP Pop-Up events and it is in the region of £250 as NW has done the design etc so it is only a printing job. He did not have the costs for the merchandise but possibly DF would at PMG meeting. GJ said once it was known what maps, photos etc were needed for plan we also needed to look at cost for professional version of these.

DC advised he would be away for a couple of weeks spanning 22nd/29th September possible SG meetings so it was agreed next meeting would be on 22nd Sept and thereafter fortnightly. RM would take the chair on 22nd. Priority is when we engage with full Parish Council over Plan.

Meeting closed 10.35am

Next meeting Tuesday 22nd September, 9.30am

Actions

1. AG complete Locality White paper survey
2. RM draft text in response to one particular point
3. AG discuss at PMG 9/9/20 whether or not FNDP accept PC response to White Paper or whether create their own.
4. Meet with Slavey Slavchev re farming/ land use
5. DC, GJ re-look at farming section of plan
6. DC, AP re-look at G&T and Social Housing section

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Date:.....