

Present:

Roland Cundy
Andy Pearce

Allan Gibson
Roger Marshallsay(chair)

Pauline Grainger
Graham Jukes

Apologies

Apologies received from David Cornish

Minutes

Minutes of meeting 08/09/20 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 complete Locality White paper survey. AG advised that Locality were looking for aggregate opinion rather than fine detail and he completed survey and submitted. No copy available. CLOSED
2. RM draft text in response to one particular point. RM sent a drafted response to some members of the SG group who agreed with response. AP forwarded to others during meeting. There was agreement that the designation of land types disempowers local people and AG said it was critical to have upfront designation and GJ said it was important to continue to argue the countryside definition. RM will submit his response on behalf of the NDP on the one issue about NDP's. CLOSED
3. AG discuss at PMG 9/9/20 whether or not FNDP accept PC response to White Paper or whether create their own. PMG agreed to accept PC response. CLOSED
4. Meet with Slavey Slavchev re farming/ land use. DC is trying to arrange a meeting with Simon Weeks and RC asked to attend also. OPEN
5. DC re-look at farming section of plan. GJ/RC commented that there had been some good feedback from Nicola Greenwood on Rights of Way and she wants to take part on any consultation around this issue. She also would be happy to help FNDP team as a consultant. CLOSED
6. DC, AP re-look at G&T and Social Housing section. AP has sent some suggestions to Brown team for review. CLOSED

AGENDA

1. Consultation on the Government White Paper on Planning
2. Current Status of the Draft Plan
3. Update on progress with the Parish Council on their reviewing of the draft FNDP
4. Progress by the Communications Team on Public Awareness Programme

1. White paper Consultation

This item was covered in actions 1-3 above

2. Draft Plan

GJ has sent DC extensive comments on the plan and various other members of the group have also submitted comments.

PG commented that she was concerned about the highlighted statement in the clean version in section 2.2 as she did not feel that was the goal of the FNDP. The statement went further than the endorsed Vision statement. RM responded that this was due to change.

PG also commented that there was still a lot of repetition about Finchampstead being a semi –rural parish etc etc particularly at the beginning of sections and she felt she had read it all before so it was not conducive to reading on further.

GJ pointed out at this stage it was not a “good read” but the emphasis was on ensuring policies and facts were correct, policies were challenged and comments were made as to the detail. The drafting group were still awaiting “brown” amendments. Once this was complete it was SR’s role to make it readable.

AP has tried to move forward the “brown” responses but there have been issues with GM/CM being on holiday. AP has updated the references to LPU but needs GM/CM to check. He has also updated section on social housing and this is also sitting with brown team.

3. Parish Council FNDP review

AG reminded the group that version 7b of the plan needs to go before PC on 22nd October and GJ added that papers usually go to councillors one week ahead of meeting, ie 15th October.

Version 7a of the plan (with comments) has already been distributed to all Parish Councillors and DC received positive feedback from Simon Weeks, Roger Woof and Gordon Veitch.

4. Comms team progress

There was a discussion as to whether current “new” covid restrictions would affect the road shows planned. DF has produced papers for discussion at tonight’s PMG meeting. These include a list of Roadshow locations and pictures of the merchandise. GJ commented on the high quality of the merchandise. Several members of the SG group had not seen these papers so PG to forward.

Various comments surrounding these documents:

Schools (primary) should definitely be included as venues

Is there a possibility to target schools in “walk to school” week, 5-9 October?

Note that schools are on half-term 26 – 30 October

Photographs should be taken as evidence of engagement

Should we draw up a list of venue priorities?

Overall it was felt it needed further discussion at PMG meeting

RM advised that all printed material for roadshows was ready and although merchandise has been discussed with Katy/Anna in Parish Office he was unsure as to status of order.

AG raised the question of the further costs involved around distributing the summary version of the Draft Plan (FNDP “Lite”)to all households. It was envisaged that this summary would be an 8 page glossy document in envelopes and RM asked to explore cost. It was suggested that distribution be via post for all RG40 households and that volunteers would cover delivery to other postcodes. AG felt it was important that the printed version hit household letter boxes at the same time as the document went on the web, scheduled for 24 November.

There was discussion as to how to gather comments on the summary document and how they would be evaluated. Free text is not easy to collate.

Suggestions:

Internet response to a given email address

Pre-paid postal responses

Limited questionnaire on survey monkey targeting 4/5 specific questions which should reflect FNDP “Lite”

Structured questions rather than asking for individual comments were more easily collated

AG advised that responses from residents to the WBC LPU were invited via an email address provided on the information flyer sent to all households.

It was recognised that antagonists are not likely to play their hand until the last minute

The decision was that residents should be invited to support the plan (or not) and be given the opportunity to comment but no specific method was determined.

5. AOB

RM advised that the freepost licence was up for renewal, but it was decided to let it lapse and take out again if necessary.

Meeting closed 10.25 am

Next meeting Tuesday 6th October, 9.30am

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Date:.....

Actions

1. DC schedule meeting with Slavchev to include SW and RC
2. PG pass her comments on draft to DC
3. PG send DF documents to AP, RC, RM
4. RM investigate cost of printing glossy summary document and putting in envelopes