

Community Engagement Working Party

Meeting, Brunel Room

October 20th 2015

Minutes

Those in attendance: R. Hughes, M. Inskip, J. Megginson, A.Munro, S. Partington, S. Smith, L. Stubbs, R. Wisdom, M. Wolland

Apologies: I. Dewar, L. Dupre, C.Oates

This meeting was held as a follow up to the Neighbourhood Plan Open Day, held at the Glebe on October 3rd. For this reason an invitation to attend the meeting was extended to Lorna Dupre, John Megginson, Alex Munro, Christina Oates, and Lisa Stubbs who assisted on the day as Group Leaders.

1. Overview of the Open Day,

It was generally agreed that the day was a success both in terms of numbers and the input we received from residents. In excess of 75 adults registered their attendance. The day operated as a drop in event at which residents could choose which of the groups they wanted to talk to. The objective of the day was for us to gain the views and ideas from residents as to how they would like to see the village develop for the future. These would then contribute to the Vision, Aims and Objectives section of the Neighbourhood Plan. We had six Groups each of which had a Group Leader. Alex Munro, our hired Planner also doubled up as a Group Leader taking on the Housing and Built Environment Group:

Housing and Built Environment – Alex Munro

Biodiversity and Natural Environment – Jon Megginson

Sport, Recreation and Leisure – Christina Coates and Stan Smith

Traffic and Transport – Mark Inskip

Local Business, Retail and employment – Action: L. Stubbs

Local Services and Amenities- L. Dupre

The role of the Group Leaders was to assist residents by ensuring that they understood the scope of Neighbourhood Plans when discussing their ideas. All Group Leaders reported that they were kept extremely busy and were

delighted by the enthusiastic involvement of the residents. The Hog Roast and Bouncy Castle proved to be a popular draw with the hog roast supplies running out just as the three hour event was coming to a close.

Following the event the Group Leaders had to produce a summary report using the report format that had been provided with by Alex Munro. Using these reports Alex then put together a summary report, a draft Vision and Objectives Report, which was discussed at the meeting.

2. Vision and Objectives Report – Alex Munro

Alex Munro stated that this is a draft document produced at a high level to be used as a discussion document to demonstrate what we are trying to achieve with our Neighbourhood Plan. For each Group the report shows the key issues identified from the Open Day differentiating between those issues that may be covered by Neighbourhood Planning policy and those which should be followed up by the Parish Council as community actions. It was proposed that at the next meeting the Working Party should use the report to come up with a plan of action for the way forward.

Recommendations:

- 1. To proceed with the Neighbourhood Plan to completion.**
- 2. Feedback on the Open Day is given in the Christmas Issue of Pepperpot.**
- 3. The Vision and Objectives report is posted on the Parish Council website.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 3rd, 7.30pm, Brunel Room