

# Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan -Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

4th July 2019, The Old Library Kingston Maurward College.

Present: Sally Cooke (Chair), John Mayo, Chris Mervik, Andy Stillman, Michael Clarke, George Armstrong, Mary Brennan (minutes)

Apologies: Theo Hawkins Liz Crocker, Sean Derham, Keith Newton, Mitch Stone Minutes of last meeting 6th June 2019 were agreed and approved.

## Action Updates:

1. Sally, Andy & Michael have agreed to meet within the next week to close off last year's Locality Grant in order that we could then apply for more support. Also to discuss e mail from Helen Bone at the same time

**Action: Sally, Michael & Andy**

2. Sally reported that there was no news re: Lord Fellowes attending a SNP event to garner interest so we assume that this event will not progress.

**Action: Closed**

## Agenda Items

1. Results of Business Survey (Mary)

All initial 'non-responder' businesses were re-contacted and given a couple of weeks to reply. The response rate increased from 13 to 20 out of 52 businesses contacted.

We discussed whether a 3rd attempt should be made to increase the returns but as there were several businesses who had accessed the survey but not entered any data it was felt that further attempts might not be well received and would be unlikely to raise the response rate.

Broad band performance may have improved since the survey as ultra fast broadband has arrived in the parish.

The paucity of people cycling to work was discussed. Two recent accidents were highlighted involving vulnerable users (a pedestrian and a horse) such as cyclists. In the polices/ planning it was suggested that an easy win would be to propose a cycle path along the existing river path, at least as far as Kingston Maurward.

A final report of the survey is attached which has been adjusted to include one late return and to ensure all figures are absolute numbers as well as percentages.

2. Progress on Drafting the Plan (Chris)

Chris reported that there are no changes to the draft but that a considerable amount of work has been done re: content. All contributors are working to the format and the content is not fixed.

Good progress with contributions to date:

General Comments - Andy

Heritage & Literary Section -Sue Clarke History - Keith Newton

Natural Environment / Green Spaces -Sally -appendices v. helpful for supporting evidence and references

Compilation of Policies - Sally

Business Survey - Mary

Traffic- George -who will also continue with this section

Landscape- Chris

Wildlife - Mitch

Mapping - Sean

Geology Survey /Bore Holes- Andy

Community Policing -Andy NB "How safe do you feel?" should be in Residents' survey

Review of other Neighbourhood Plans - Mary

Housing & Housing Needs Assessment - Andy has prepared an initial piece of work for section 3.5 on HNA, Built Environment and Housing Design etc (see below).

**Action: Chris will continue to incorporate contributions into the Plan**

TO DO LIST- some topics still need someone to lead them.

Cycling- it was agreed that Cycling may merit its own section. Lead?

Community Aspirations. Lead?

Support for Local Businesses- small team needed Lead?

### 3. Residents' Survey

Sean has kindly drafted a survey and requested feedback from the group.

Sally drew our attention to the difference in approach of two neighbourhood plans Broadwindsor which had taken 2 years from residents' survey to referendum and Bere Regis which has taken 7 years. The essential difference is the multiple times that Bere Regis undertook surveys. The key message is that we need to get the Residents' Survey right first time and ensure that the questions we ask are appropriate and sufficient to inform our policies.

Sally agreed to send out a word document of the residents' survey so that each topic lead could review it to ensure that information can be drawn from it to inform/ support policies in their topic.

**Action: Sally to send out word Document (done)**

**Action: All topic leads to review questions and send comment to Sean by Sunday week (14th July)**

### 4. North Of Dorchester housing proposal - award of Garden Village Funding (Andy)

It has been reported in the local press that Dorset Council has received a government award for Garden Village Funding (£150,000).

The new council is drawing up a single Local Plan for the whole Dorset Council area to be adopted in April 2023.

This award suggests that the North of Dorchester Housing Proposal is more likely to get approval Andy explained the Garden Village concept is about building a community with a sense of place. Planners can control the price of land by forming a trust which takes control of developing the whole site and infrastructure with community and land owners involved. The intention is to avoid building an estate and have a development which is 'place making'.

The context of where buildings are and, in small sites, taking account what is already there is important.

There was a discussion about the importance establishing and maintaining momentum of the stages of our neighbourhood plan as follows:

-Flyer for August's Pilot with message to residents that survey will be delivered to them in September - 'chance to have their voices heard'- Action Sally

-Residents' Survey ready to distribute by early September with a 2 week return date Second pass of Residents' Survey with 1 week turnaround ( address for late returns)

-Topic Leads to review Questionnaire data and Policies drafted by end of October -Possible Call for Sites end of November- specify small scale sites in existing settlements and for affordable housing

-Presentation/Consultation of Evolving Plan Feb/March 2020

### 5. Summer Events

Sally has drafted a poster(attached) for 3 summer events aimed at generating interest in the area and plan.

Please send comments ASAP to Sally so the events can be advertised.

Keith has offered to lead an event at Frome Whitfield in September. Any further offers to lead events in September please contact Sally

**Action: ALL**

### 6. No AOB

Date of Next meeting 1st August Old Library KMC 7pm

