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Minutes of Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Thursday 5th Dec 2019 The Studio School, KMC

Present: George Armstrong (chair), Michael Clarke, Ruth Kirby, Julie Martin, Chris Mervik, Andy Stillman, Theo Hawkins, Sally Cooke (notes)

Apologies: Keith Newton, Liz Crocker, Sean Derham, Mitch Stone, Mary Brennan, Susan Clarke, Rip Kirby, John Mayo

This was a relatively informal meeting with only two items on the agenda.

1. Taking stock of progress

There was a general discussion from which the following points emerged:

Puddletown Neighbourhood Plan – Chris, Andy and Sally had had a useful meeting with Peter Churchill, chair of the PNP group. Michael and Sally had attended the PNP exhibition. The PNP draft plan and related documents are available to view online at http://www.puddletownareaparishcouncil.co.uk/Puddletown_Neighbourhood_Plan_24839.aspx

Their consultation period lasts until 10th January. Chris had viewed the material and took heart from its similarity to our own emerging content. He was pleased to note that consultant Jo Witherden had drafted the Puddletown plan – potential to save him a job!

Housing – Andy felt we had reached a point where we need to take some decisions on housing. Peter Churchill had outlined the Puddletown process which included setting an intended level of development (based on consultation) to keep the village alive and support its facilities, a participatory design forum facilitated by local consultants Feria Urban, a Housing Needs Assessment (HNA), a call for sites, and a site assessment against pre-set criteria. The HNA and site assessment were done by AECOM, the consultants provided by government agency Locality.

Andy said that if preference for a brownfield site was one of the criteria, we would only have one brownfield site to offer, which he thought could accommodate about 20 houses. Andy stated that we could make sure that if we allocated land for local and affordable housing we would definitely be able to keep it local and affordable in perpetuity, via the Dorchester Area Community Land Trust (DACLT).

Sally pointed out that Puddletown had written their own definitions of local and affordable housing, which differed slightly from those in government guidance. Andy mentioned that DACLT also had its own definitions. Chris asked whether we might need a single-topic questionnaire on housing to supplement the information in the September residents' questionnaire. Andy felt that it would be useful to meet with Paul Derrien, the affordable housing officer at Dorset Council, or to invite him to one of our meetings.

Other policy areas – Julie's next steps on *community facilities* needed to await a meeting with KMC. Theo's proposals on *cycling* likewise await some further work. George on *transport and access* was working with Stinsford Parish Council on speed limits and vulnerable users, and he proposes that traffic considerations should be embedded in all other developments. Chris suggested that we could seek to develop extra links in the Rights of Way network to better serve heritage attractions. Susan on *heritage* had mapped and listed the heritage features on our base map of

designated areas, and was about to do the same for features related to Thomas Hardy. Michael offered to look into this for us. Sally on *Green Spaces* had begun digitally mapping the potential areas that could be included in a Green Infrastructure Network, and needed to find out more about the policy background as to how this approach could be useful in our plan.

Conclusions - all to continue their work as above, and update us at a future meeting. Andy / Sally to make contact with Paul Derrien.

2. Preparing to contact stakeholders

Sally tabled an updated list of stakeholders showing who had indicated interest in contacting each of those on the list. A lead person was identified for each stakeholder, who would liaise with anyone else who had expressed interest in that contact. The lead person would collate questions / areas to explore for that contact, and seek to gain a response via email or a meeting, as appropriate.

The updated list of stakeholders, lead people and others interested is tabulated below:

Stakeholder	Lead person	Others interested
British Horse Society	Sally	George Theo
Charminster Parish Council	Sally (keep them informed)	
CPRE	George	Sue
Dorchester Town Council	Sally	Theo
Dorset Council Flood Risk Management section	Sally	Will Molland
Dorset Council Natural Environment section	Mitch	
Dorset Council Local Plans section	Sally (via Cllr D Taylor)	Theo
Dorset Council, Archaeol & Historic Envir section	Sue	
Dorset Council, Highways, Infrastructure	George (meeting already held)	Theo Sally
Dorset Council, Rights of Way team	George	Theo Sally
Dorset Council, Th'combe Wds event organiser, Clare	Sally (to keep her informed)	
Dorset Council, Thorncombe Woods ranger Kath	Mitch	Sally
Dorset Council councillor, David Taylor	Sally (invite him to a meeting)	
Dorset Cyclists Network	Theo	George
Dorset County Museum	Sue	Mitch
Dorset Wildlife Trust	see Local Nature Ptnp	
Highways England	George (via Laura Russ)	Theo
Historic England	Sue	
Ilchester Estates	Sally	Theo
KMC	Sally	Sue Theo Julie
Local Nature Partnership, c/o DWT	Mitch	Sally
National Trust	Sally (already met)	Sue
Natural England	Mitch	
Puddletown NP group	DONE	
Ramblers Association	George	Sally
Sport England	Sally	

St Michael's Church – vicar / PCC
Studio School
The Hardy Society

Michael
George
Sue

Sue

Sally

Conclusions

The lead people were requested to report back on progress at a future meeting.

Seasonal refreshments were served and the meeting closed at 9 pm.

3. **Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday January 9th 7pm @ KMC Old Library (***please note, NOT the first Thursday of the month!***)

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