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NOTES OF MEETING

Meeting: Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

Date & Time: Monday 12th June at 7.00pm

Place: Council Chamber, The New Town Hall, Commercial Road

PRESENT:

Chair: Cllr David Northam

Steering Group Members: Cllr Colin Huckle, Michael Bevan, Phil Watts, Colin Marsh

Project Support: Michele Williams

Special Attendance:

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	BY WHOM
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies:</p> <p>David welcomed everyone. The meeting was just quorate.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Lucy Hamilton, Penny Quilter, Jane Biscombe, Anne Weaving, Sandie Wilson.</p>		
2.	<p>Minutes & Matters Arising:</p> <p>Minutes of last meeting held 15th May 2023 were approved.</p>	Publish Notes	Michele
3.	<p>Strategic Environmental Assessment - Update:</p> <p>David informed group that he and Colin had met with AECOM who would be undertaking the SEA – it went well. They advised that once they have all the information, they would be able to have an initial start which at a follow-up meeting on the 22nd June at 10am (everyone welcome) and we would look at our options.</p> <p>According to other SEA they have undertaken for other authorities it appears that the options are not about detail but are more strategic. For example in Faversham SEA (attached) the options were to either build on greenfield or brownfield sites. We will need to look at alternative options and what we want in our SEA.</p> <p>AECOM agreed to not only look at Weymouth NP areas but what is happening in boundary areas i.e. Chickerell and the collective impact.</p>	Invite to SG members	Michele

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4.	<p>Comms - Update:</p> <p>There was a meeting with the report from The Echo a couple of weeks ago where changes were agreed but as yet not undertaken, the report had been off. To ask Sarah chase the reporter. Agreed that we would send out 5 articles and the final one to be before the consultation to highlight that we have some difficult decisions to make. Some events engaging with the public to take place as well – agreed in all areas.</p> <p>David keen to contact all the ward members to advise we would like to hold events and would welcome their support in these.</p> <p>Colin has written the next article but Sarah advised too many words to be reduced – Colin happy to meet with Sarah to discuss and go through as would rather us shorten the article than leave to the Echo who might not concentrate on the important issues.</p>	<p>Chase Echo re amendments</p> <p>Meeting with Sarah</p>	<p>Michele</p> <p>Michele</p>
5	<p>Dorset Council - Update:</p> <p>As aware from the email sent out by David, we had received a response from Dorset Council who are objecting to many of their sites being considered as LGS (attached) or predominantly Affordable Homes.</p> <p>Paul Weston advised, by email, that although they may not agree they cannot object but have the right to comment and any representations to be considered. After due consideration, if it remains the opinion of the SG/TC that a proposed LGS site meets the criteria of the NPPF sufficiently, especially criterion b) of paragraph 102, then designation should go ahead, and the site included in the draft NP. An owner still has opportunities at Reg.14 and Reg. 16 to object to the designation and give reasons why. Because it may thwart an owner’s development ambitions, is only valid if the proposed development is consistent with the other policies in the NP. If this is the case, then the LGS designation would be inappropriate.</p> <p>Further meeting with DC to be arranged – to include Phil, Colin H and Paul. Paul has changed the wording on policy to say that if more than 1 house build then need to have affordable housing element which is a reduction from the 10+.</p>		
6.	<p>Code of Conduct Complaint - Update:</p> <p>David had written to Locality seeking advice and there has been an initial response essentially advising recording what occurred, rationale for analysis and carrying out further public engagement.</p>		

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	<p>There has been FOI request which needs collating and to be submitted by 16th June 2023. David and Michele have been tasked with this – explained information which we have provided and what we have withheld due to being commercially sensitive or still-in-work with an intent to publish later.</p>		
7.	<p>Project Meeting:</p> <p>Review of Risk Register: Risk Register was created more than 2 years ago and needs looking at – meeting with Colin, David and Rob to look at. Colin asked members to be aware of the risk register and keep in mind.</p> <p>Locality Grant: We have submitted the end of year report which showed that we had spent all of our funding on the consultation fees. Will be applying for additional funding which Locality have said we would be able to as special circumstances but funding window not yet open. All the work undertaken by AECOM in terms of maps has been paid for but to chase as not received yet.</p> <p>Amended Terms of Reference: David explained the changes made to the Terms of Reference – agreed by members.</p>	<p>Arrange mtg</p> <p>Chase Rose for maps</p> <p>Revised TOR was agreed. Place in Project files.</p>	<p>Michele</p> <p>Michele</p> <p>Michele</p>
8.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Colin: Updated group that there have been a further 8 submissions for LGS.</p> <p>Michele: Advised that although WTC had agreed the 3 round of sites the first two groups of sites had not been presented so will go to next full council although verbally agreed by Parks department as all fall under their remit. Retrospectively: Michele to send out invites for the dates – can members just accept or decline the invite no need for emails.</p> <p>David: Advised he had received a request from the Pathfinder for information and advised would respond at the first available opportunity, bearing in mind the main priority at the moment is the SEA and the public consultation.</p>		
9.	<p>Dates of Future Meetings: Note these may be revised when delivery dates from the SEA are agreed.</p>		

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	<p>Date: Monday 10th July 2023 Time: 7pm Venue: Council Chamber</p> <p>Date: Monday 14th August 2023 Time: 7pm Venue: Council Chamber</p> <p>Date: Monday 11th September 2023 Time: 7pm Venue: Council Chamber</p> <p>Date: Monday 9th October 2023 Time: 7pm Venue: Council Chamber</p> <p>Date: Monday 13th November 2023 Time: 7pm Venue: Council Chamber</p> <p>Date: Monday 11th December 2023 Time: 7pm Venue: Council Chamber</p>	Send out invites	Michele

Meeting ended at 8:07pm