

Wedmore Neighbourhood Plan Group

Note of WNPG meeting on 12th December 2017

7pm @ The Parish Room

PRESENT : Bob Sellwood (Chair), Steve George (Vice Chair), Paul Martin, Sue Worrall, Alistair Smith, Cathy Butterworth, Dave Nicholls, Tony Pitkin, Eileen Gillibrand and Ed Lewis from Acorn.

APOLOGIES : Hugh Hope-Stone, Polly Costello, Eileen Wotton, and Jo Keen.

1. Minutes. The previous draft Minutes had been circulated, and were agreed.
2. Presentation by Acorn. Ed Lewis from Acorn Development gave a presentation on the development proposals for Cross Farm. Paul Martin provided a critique of the proposals which will be forwarded to the developers. The group raised concerns regarding the amount of housing emerging on to The Lerburne compared to Coombe Batch Rise and also the balance of housing sizes.
3. Feedback from the November Event. The general view was that it had been well received with over 200 attendees. There were over 1,000 hits on the website which is encouraging. BS hopes to have an analysis of feedback for the January meeting.
4. Sedgemoor District Council meeting.
BS, AS, EG and SG met with Nick Tait of SDC.
The Group may be able to use SDC resources to prepare Sustainability Assessment (SA) of the plan. SDC will also be able to screen whether a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) is needed.
BS will chase NT about this.

5. Clinical Commissioning Group and GP. CB updated the meeting. It is clear that the NHS is moving towards less GP appointments and more non GP interaction e.g. Village Agent / community groups etc. This makes a new GP Surgery in Wedmore less likely. They are looking for more individual and community responsibility for health, less hospital care and more care at home.

It was suggested that new homes could be built in line with the Government initiative of Lifetime Homes, which means homes are built with the ability to adapt over time. Also, the potential use of technology in new builds.

6. Meetings with Other Promoters. The Group is seeing Blue Cedar (Holdenhurst) on the 16th January 2018 at 10am in the Parish Rooms and Strongvox (sites adjacent to School) on 23rd January 2018. The Parish Room is not available on the 23rd so SG is looking for another venue.
7. Next Stage of the Plan. The suggested structure of the plan had been previously tabled and was broadly agreed. BS advised that HHS had agreed to write a statistical profile of the Parish. A start on drafting of Chapters will be discussed at the January meeting.
8. Budget. It was agreed that the Group will seek a new grant from the Government for six months from 1st April to 30th September 2018. The Group will also need a 2018/19 budget from WPC.
9. Next Meeting. The next formal meeting will be on the 16th January 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Room.

Signed : 

(Chairman)

Date : 16-1-2018 .