

Minutes from the Steering Group Meeting Monday 18th June 2018

Present: Christine Arbenz, Mo Heather, Annie Ralph, Alan Marler(AM) and Alex MacGillivray (AMa) (Chairman)

1. Apologies: received from Peter Dennison-Pender, Tim Parsons, Ben Bosense (BB), Isabelle Linington

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting: approved

4. Items from the last meeting:-

a. Supporting/demanding the use of local materials in construction was discussed and following Anna Cronin's (AC) advice considered unlikely to be acceptable by planners for Barcombe. AC suggested that local sourcing of, e.g bricks, could be part of the NP design policies or considered to form a set of Management Policies in the NP. Comments were awaited from BB.

The question arose of can we, as a Steering Group, add any conditions on construction. We have to consider the 2015 Building Regulations and 2016 Water Consumption policy.

b. AC had forwarded comments on Sustainable Homes, Lifetime Homes and the Building for Life schemes. With the apparent demise of the first of these it was agreed to include Lifetime Homes and Building for Life along with summaries of their purposes in the General Housing Policies of the draft NP.

c. Comments were awaited from NG (via BB) on the inclusion of Ben Kimpton's suggestions on design related policies.

d. Comments were awaited from P. Lilley re accommodation problems in Barcombe for firemen.

5. Draft Neighbourhood Plan for public consultation. AMa had circulated an early draft which was considered favourably but required fine tuning. We discussed and considered that we must be clear about the language we use in the Plan to avoid misunderstanding. Some terms, when used in "constructionspeak", such as sustainable, vernacular, habitable rooms, lifetime homes and pastiche need to be easily understood. Affordable vs social is another as is access to villagers.

It was agreed that we should move to the production of an outline Neighbourhood Plan fairly quickly. It is understood that we may not get the whole thing right at first attempt, however this is a document for discussion with the village and not the final pitch. A timeline was suggested of a final draft to be issued to all members of the Steering Group in early July with a comment deadline of the 15th July. The SG will meet as soon as possible after that date to incorporate any comments. AMa to produce a modified draft and circulate as above. SG members to be advised to concentrate only on content at this stage.

We then need to plan a publication date and method of distribution and then plan and prepare a “Meeting with the Village” in late September to get as much feedback as possible. AMa to contact Village Hall re suitable Sunday afternoon dates.

6. Outline Planning Application. It was noted that the proposed development at Bridgelands, as circulated to the PC pre-meeting, seemed to include some of our wish list, such as retaining the pond as a community asset and providing screening and footpath access to WAB. The reasons were unknown for submission of the application at this time – testing the waters or an issue with LDC’s 5 year housing land supply requirements ?

7. Date of next meeting. Next month after receipt of comments on draft NP by 15 July. AMa/AM to arrange.

Meeting closed at 2030.