

Minutes of Sustainability meeting – 21st February 2013

Time – 19:30 Thursday 21st February 2013

Present:-Diane Dunsdon, Daniel Scharf, Paul Mayhew-Archer, Matthew Lowy, John Scott, David Mercer. Richard Webber

Agree Minutes from last meeting – all agreed

Apologies – Chris Bone

Update on Parish Council meeting – 11/02

Sutton Courtenay:- Raised issues relating to the waste disposal - County Council projects and Didcot A site being within the boundary of the Parish. Many issues related to traffic through the village and surrounding villages due the expansion of Milton Park, which also comes within the Parish. They are not doing a Neighborhood Plan.

Marcham:- Raised issues and concerns around a dispute between the Village Trust and a developer. Problems over the planning for 50 houses, the developer initially providing 50% of the funding and resources towards the building of a playground and village hall under the 106 agreement, which has now been withdrawn. Only half a classroom to be funded through s106

Steventon:-

Produced a Parish Plan – 8 years ago and finding it difficult to raise enthusiasm for a NDP Barnett Road – Developers have re-submitted the planning application.

The Drayton Road Bake House – Public meeting held and application expected.

Outcome:- It was agreed to hold regular meetings to discuss different topics, such as:- Paths/Rights of way, Transport, Housing and building, the Dryaton Road (Abingdon) appeal, and the VWHDC Local Plan consultation.

Update on Housing Policy Guidance – Daniel

Drayton Parish Council is using the HPG as the basis for responding to planning applications. The VWHDC officers had made some comments as to where the HPG might not conform with their Local Plan and the PC had resolved that Richard Webber and Daniel Scharf discuss these issues with them. RW has decided to make the first approach alone.

John Scott is working on a consultation document that should assist in finding out what

the village think about housing and the approach taken by the HPG.

In response to concern about the policy expecting even small developments to make contributions to sustainability, DS provided an extract from Cambridge City Council providing the reasoning for financial contributions from single dwellings for community benefits.

It would be difficult for Drayton PC or 2020 to produce the detailed assessments of community impacts and needs. DS suggested that it might be possible for developers to assist and make offers to the VWHDC with justification on the 106 agreement. Drayton needs to understand how this can be used and what impact it would have on planning permissions being granted.

Specific funding was discussed for example Milton Keynes had operated a 'roof tax' of about £20,000 per single house. Community Infrastructure Levy would be about to £10,000.00 per house.(of which a PC with an NDP would get £2500).

Update on further correspondence with Anton

His view is about the importance of engaging the whole village, young and old, on the vision and objectives of the Local Plan, young and old. This can be done by holding events in the village for all age groups.

The groups need to look at and agree how the consultation is done and facilitated.

At a later stage a detailed questionnaire needs to be disseminated to the whole of the village for consultation.

Group discussion on the Sustainability documentation circulated

DS had annotated the Woodcote Sustainability Appraisal Scoping and substituted Drayton for Woodcote throughout. A Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report - needs to be completed as part of the handling of the evidence behind the NDP policies and proposals. It was discussed that we need to understand where all of the groups are up to with the Vision Statement and their policies – this information then also needs to be presented to the village.

It was agreed that sustainability scoping assessments should be concluded by the end of June 2013.

The work of the Vision Statement for the Neighborhood Plan to be split across the groups and needs to be raised at the Steering meeting.

Vision – While JS is putting most if not all the work into this and he also offered to look at the sustainability scoping,, DS suggested that money could be available to assist on

this exercise. JS agreed to revise the DS draft and forward to David Mercer to see how close we could get to a version suitable for sending to the Vale for comment.

The question of sustainable development was discussed – taking more houses will enable the village to get more money from the developers to increase the sustainability of the village but too many houses would detract from the character of the village. The ‘basic condition’ on numbers is only that the NDP cannot require housing numbers to be lower than in the Vale Local Plan. This will be uncertain if the Local Plan does not provide numbers.

Meetings are taking place between members of Drayton 2020 and owners/ developers of land originally submitted under the IHSP. The meeting with Savills (land south of High Street) was ‘cordial’ and they are looking at approximately 75-100 houses.

, as was the meeting with WYG and Paul Caudwell (land adj the burial ground). The meeting with Earl of Plymouth about Manor Farm and a possible Village Centre was next week. –

The issues arising from the interests of three 3 different and determined landowners looking at development were discussed together with the traffic issue raised by the application and appeal in Abingdon (160 houses) and whether it will get through due to the lack of 6 year land supply.

AOB

It was suggested that the youth of the Village need to be engaged and spoken to via consultations with the Youth Council.

It was agreed that Rita should be invited to a meeting to discuss the Neighborhood Plan and help finding out what the kids want to see Drayton 2020 look like. JS explained that 1 in 5 of the residents are < 18 and 1 in 5 of the residents are > 80

It was agreed that we need to investigate how we get the kids engaged; parties, dances or surveying at the school bus queue were possibilities.

Next meeting to be held at The Wheatsheaf – Thursday 21st March 7:30pm

