



SHERFIELD ON LODDON PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Minutes of PSCNP meeting held on 20th November 2014

Present – Bruce Batting (Chairman), Bryan Jenkins, Natalie Larner, Alan Ball, John Darker and Peter Hayes (Minutes).

Apologies – Kym Greener

1. Minutes of meeting 22/10/14

The Minutes were approved as providing an accurate record.

2. Matters arising not on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

3. Co-option of more parishioners onto the PSCNP

It was reported that Pamela Darker had applied to join the Committee. AB stated that new members could only be co-opted to fill existing places. **Action:** It was agreed that a request go to the December meeting of the PC Planning Committee to approve up to six places for new co-options.

Venetia Rowland was willing to make a contribution to the Committee's work through circulating a Survey Monkey questionnaire to an email group of 250 local people: results could augment the evidence base. It was agreed that if this proposal was accepted the Committee would need control over the contents of the survey.

Action: Committee members to approach those they know who might wish to serve on the Committee and who may have particular skills and experience to offer.

4. Spending the remainder of the Locality grant and applying for funding in 2015

There was discussion of how consultant Alex Munro (Maroon Planning) could take on further work towards the Plan in order to use up the remainder of the Locality grant before the end date of 31st December. It was proposed that he could do desktop research, building on his recent paper on strategic policies eg housing need; using the 2011 census to produce a report on the present state of the parish; investigating sustainability rules. This work would complement ongoing activity of the Committee in compiling an evidence base, **Action: PH and BB to prepare a request to AM for an activity schedule.**

The Committee was informed that applications for new funding could be made from April 2015

5. Consulting hard to reach groups: use of questionnaires and a calendar for meetings with groups

NL had done further work on the three questionnaires provided by Sue Jobbins and Committee members would continue with drafting, liaising with local people as appropriate.

Action: BJ to work on Businesses; BB on Older Persons; NL on Young Persons.

There was discussion of how to meet with young people most effectively: options included focus groups, advertised through posters, and online engagement via Survey Monkey. Some



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parents had already offered to support such activities. It was decided not to go to schools as local children and young people were spread across of a number of schools. Young children could be asked to give their ideas in return for prizes; they might also produce pictures to use in the final Plan.

Meetings would be held with other groups eg the WI (January 2015); allotment holders with the Show Committee. Landowners would be contacted initially via email and asked how they would like to see the future of the parish; a Q & A session with them could be arranged subsequently. This item would be revisited at the next meeting.

6. Housing needs survey: feasibility and possible alternatives

BB said that he was expecting a response from Ed Rehill (BDBC). It was agreed that HARA H could do a survey to provide an evidence base for certain types of housing, covering market and affordable.

The remaining items were deferred until the next meeting.

7. Dates of next meeting: Thursday 27th November (7.45pm).