

Steering Group Meeting 39 Minutes

Held Wednesday 26th November 2014

Present :- T Blackmore, A Cairns, J Curtin and R Davison.

ITEM 1 Apologies for absence.

These were received from O. Milligan, P Leeming and J Davies.

ITEM 2 Matters arising from minutes of last meeting.

There were no matters arising not cover on the meeting agenda.

ITEM 3 Relocation of village green.

At the meeting held 18th November 2014 with Cllr John Procter he promised to contact the assets department to try and push the project forward and to also ascertain that a third of the income from the potential sale could be ring fenced for the development of the site.

It was agreed that TB should contact the land owners and advise them of the current status of the project.

ITEM 4 Green spaces policy

St Edwards Wood, the PC had agreed to follow the results of the final consultations obtained from the October 2014 Questionnaire and Open Day. The Woodland Trust had been contacted to offer guidance for a planting scheme and to see if there was any assistance available for the costs.

A list of the green spaces with mapping to be forwarded to Ian Mackay LCC. This is to be checked by LCC to determine if any were not covered by some form of protection.

ITEM 5 St Johns site.

A meeting arranged for the 20th November had been cancelled by the school this now to be held on the 10th December. Kevin Anderson Diocesan Property Administrator was to attend the meeting along with school staff.

The site had been discussed with Cllr Procter on the 18th November he agreed that it was most important that there should be a policy within the NP covering the site. He suggested that something should be written in which ring fenced that part of the site which had been developed.

Cllr Procter was to contact the Heritage Officer at LCC with a view to him taking a look at the site and considering buildings and infrastructure that should/may need to have some protection awarded to them. He expressed surprise that there was not anything already in place.

General "Planning Use Classes" were considered. It was thought that there may be a possibility that the site could be broken down into different "Use Categories" which would allow change of use for that part for up to 2 years under the "permitted change" rules. It was agreed that our policy should contain something like, "the site should not be split into small parcels for different uses".

ITEM 6 Site allocations.

These were discussed with Cllr Procter 18th November 2014 and the proposed policy of the NP Group was presented, he was to take on board the points raised for the forthcoming site allocation deliberations within the City Council. He did state that there would be no planning agreements made for any land within the green belt until after the site allocations had been finalised.

It was considered that there would be little point in spending further time on this policy until more details of the site allocations plan were available.

Cllrs N Fawcett and A Shaw were to attend a Site Allocations Meeting chaired by LCC Councillors 4th December and report the details to the NP Group.

ITEM 7 Design policy.

RD presented the design standards specification work that had been carried out, it was agreed that this along with previous work was sufficient to put the policy together. The data amassed to be discussed with Alyson Linnegar prior to further actions.

ITEM 8 AOB

Alyson Linnegar had agreed to carry out a sustainability assessment on the completed NP, this would be paid for by the balance of money remaining from Grant 1 from Locality.

It had been agreed that reports in "Outlook" would only be made when there was new and meaningful information to report.

ITEM 9 Date of next meeting.

This to be held on Wednesday 7th January 2015 at 7-30 pm St Edwards Parish rooms.