

**NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – STEERING GROUP MEETING
MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2016 @ 8.30 PM
BROOM VILLAGE HALL**

There were no members of the public present

Attendants

- Joe Harvey (JH) Chairman
- Penny Barry (PB)
- Joy Keeley (JK)
- Harry Knight (HK)
- Neil Pearce (NP)
- Lee Pound (LP)
- Charlotte Randell (CR)
- Elisabeth Uggerløse (EU)
- Guy Warner (GW)

1. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE TO THE FINAL NDP DOCUMENT FOLLOWING THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Independent Examiners Report had been circulated to members.

NP advised that it was one of the shortest reports he had read, at only 35 pages and that, as could be noted, the number of recommendations made were not many and, in the majority of cases, were acceptable.

These 8 points referred to:

- Policy H1 – Independent Examiner (IE) suggested the inclusion of the word “usually”. The QB felt this undermined the policy and created uncertainty: SDC accepted this
- Policy H2 – same issue as above
- Policy H3 – The IE wished to add the words “As a guide...” the QB argued the same point as in Policies H1 and H2 and SDC agreed
- Policy H4 – IE wished to delete a paragraph in the supporting text (not the policy). NP reworded this to the satisfaction of SDC and this change was accepted
- Policy ENV7 – the QB wished to substitute the Parish Character Landscape Assessment (PCLA) with the updated version that took into account the Miller Homes development. However, SDC legal department advised that this would only be possible if a further 6 week public consultation took place. In view of this, the QB agreed to leave the original version. The updated version can be published after the NDP is made.

This was queried but as the only amendment is the inclusion of the Miller

Homes development, as this is a planning fact, the QB does not envisage this being a problem

- Policy AM1 & AM2 – some of these paragraphs are aspirational and, as long as this is made clear in the text, SDC will accept their inclusion
- Policy AM4 – the IE believes the Public Open Space (POS) at Chestnut Way, , which was allocated as a Local Green Space, should not be included and referred to a sentence in the NPPF. NP referred to another sentence within the NPPF which clearly allowed Chestnut Way to be included as a Green Local Space, and SDC legal department has accepted this.
- Policy AM5 – the IE recommended that the requirement of 10.5 metre rear garden should be removed. NP reminded members that the Steering Group had had difficulty finding evident supporting this and, in reality, this minimum is usually adhered to due to other reasons such as privacy etc. so QB had accepted the recommendation to delete.

NP stated that he was very pleased with the results as the QB had been able to keep the majority of what it originally set out.

2 members of the group raised concerns regarding the revised wording of Policy H2 as they felt it had been diluted. However NP advised the rewording was the recommendation of the IE and their concerns were met within the explanations. Furthermore, it was in the interest of the Parish Council to maintain an up to date Housing Needs Survey, which would also meet their concerns. Councillors, members of the Steering Group, confirmed that the new Housing Needs Survey had been initiated

NP then advised of the new time table pointing out there was a delay due to new legislation passed in mid November that required a 6 week consultation (limited to those that had responded to the Reg. 16 consultation and the statutory consultees) in the event the QB did not accept all the recommendations made by the IE. With this in mind, the new anticipated timetable is:

- Parish Council approve the NDP Referendum Version at its Extraordinary Meeting of 28th November 2016
- Targeted 6 week consultation to start 2nd December 2016
- Targeted Consultation period expires 13th January 2017
- Cabinet Report completed 20th January 2017
- Deadline for holding the Referendum, which must be within 56 days of approval by Cabinet 2nd May 2017
- Referendum must be published at least 28 days in advance of the Referendum date and, on the basis that the County Council elections are in mid May, it would appear the Referendum will be held around the beginning of April (target date 6th April 2017)

It must be noted that all the above dates depend on SDC being able to fulfil the chronology

The Chairman's thanked NP for his presentation and the Steering Group members for their hard work over the last months.

He then proposed the members voted on accepting the Referendum Version of the NDP as presented:

The Steering Group voted unanimously to approve the Referendum Version of the NDP with a recommendation that the Parish Council ratify it.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm