

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

7th March 2018.

Present; Jack Cranfield, Don Cranfield, Mark Evans, Stephen Avery, Ken Jordan, Katherine Matthews, Steven Treharne

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Agreement of the Minutes of last meeting 10/02/2018

Agreed

3. Matters Arising

SA- him and Mark have drafted a new intro to the green spaces doc. Doing the work has raised a question- the Common is an extensive tract of land therefore can it be included as a green space? Not according to D Moles.

JC- not sure she is right on this

DC- should be including Common, allotments, all interact with each other.

SA- in which case will leave doc as it is but make it clear the Common is not a designated green space

ME - is anxious about the green surrounds to the village, are essential to the parish but can't be designated green space e.g. the area towards the Bluebell Railway. Do we want to make anything of the gap between Newick and Chailey?

DC- Stephen Avery is right, there are three areas;

Areas already protected

Designated green spaces

Vistas

ME- E Sussex landscape assessment is a useful document.

SA and ME to work on intro to make it clear they are addressing 3 different categories.

4. Discussion on using a 'critical friend'

See email from D Moles. A discussion ensued re her email.

KJ- thinks we should use her as a critical friend at this stage.

ME- we need to assess how much we want to use her as a critical friend and put in a quote.

KJ- have not discussed implications of planning framework yet with people like SALC. This may delay matters.

ME- there was a rather disturbing article in The Times a couple of days ago re new legislation. It is Lewes's job to work out what the implications of the new planning policy is.

SA- Can we not ask Donna for a revised quote for 6 and 7?

KM- I don't think she will do this until she is satisfied the evidence base is secure.

ME- is moving towards paying by the hour.

SA- wants her to quote for 6 and 7 and get her to look in dropbox.

JC- takes it that we can assume all the docs we have done are okay, warns that she will probably throw it back at us. Need to go through dropbox and make sure everything is evidenced before we go back to her.

ME- thinks we should bid for the money we returned before which will give us the budget to work with Donna, as soon as possible

JC- £5,100,00?

ST- need to be able to itemise the spending when PC puts in request. He would accept she will be used as a critical friend and quote for that- he is in agreement with JC and KM.

JC- would send her a doc with everything in and use her as a critical friend and then move on to 6 and 7.

ST- need to create an audit trail type document. Now is the time to draw everything together. JC- need to make it a priority to get that file together now.

SA- is happy to draft a letter in response to DM's email.

JC- to put together an audit document. ST is happy to look through doc as an impartial outsider.

KM- so are we asking her to act as a critical friend?

JC- Yes, she will need to look through evidence base before moving on.

ST- may need to give Donna a quick call to see how many hours she thinks critical friend will take. Thinks her key role is as a critical friend. The starting point will be how long the critical friend will take, a quick phonecall? Educated guess?

Debate ensued re how much to ask for. Agreed to ask for funding of £6,800.

ST left the meeting.

5. Update on Housing Needs Survey

365 responses so far- 30%

6. Consideration of Draft Objectives and Policies

Transport

KJ- Parish Council should look at crossing in Mill Lane.

KM- should this not be a Community Action rather than a policy?

JC- thinks it should be a policy as well.

SA- thinks we should help develop a local bus service

KM- again, would that be a policy? I don't think it would. Shows Newick example.

KJ- is adamant it would be a policy.

SA- would like to encourage cycle paths

DC- what about improving road safety by Chailey stores?

JC- and a footpath linking north and south of village?

KM- I think you have to be careful that the policies that you are mentioning are within your control as a lot of the things being mentioned are not. Newick PC have used Community Actions for things PC will investigate.

JC- can't look at speed but can look at crossing.

Economy

DC- need policy to encourage tourism

ME- plaques to encourage walkers etc.

DC- could focus on main areas of economy e.g. care, brickworks.

KJ- could have a policy improving broadband

ME- speed differs around district

KJ- many villagers express dissatisfaction with speed.

DC- links into economy through working from home.

ME- all we can say in plan is that we will pursue further improvements to broadband network.

DC- can we encourage existing businesses?

KJ- is a wishlist policy.

ME- can we encourage businesses on farms if no longer in use?

DC- have to be a bit careful with this.

JC- need a policy where we retain the use of existing businesses

DC to circulate list of Economy and transport policies

JC can go through list of other policies at next meeting due to time.

7. Update on evidence reports

JC- archaeology report will hopefully be done in next few weeks.

ME- to circulate report on Community and Leisure.

8. A.O.B

JC has heard the school is to be redeveloped. Where is the detail on that?

ME- they will gradually rebuild the whole of the main school building. Aiming to start in September.

SA-What is happening with drone photos?
KJ has reminded them

- 9. Dates of the next meeting**
April 4th