

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

2nd May 2018

Present; Katherine Matthews, Jack Cranfield, Don Cranfield, Ken Jordan, Mark Evans, Thea Petts, Stephen Avery.

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Agreement of the Minutes from the Last Meeting 04/04/2018

Agreed

3. Discussion with Thea Petts

Discussed her comments re draft policies and Character Appraisal circulated by email. She congratulated us on stage we are at. Plumpton N.P has just gone to consultation and there will be points raised from this.

TP- The Neighbourhood Plan needs to comply with basic conditions. Her main comment is that we need to show within the document what evidence you have for each policy. Why is that policy in there?

She has concerns re the Dark Skies policy- Lewes strategic policies don't have any requirements for dark skies. ME- thinks the development at North Chailey had a requirement for downlighting. TP- her understanding of the NPPF is that there is only a requirement for dark skies in the National Park. She will do a bit more digging into Lewes old policies. If you want a policy that isn't backed up by Lewes policies you will need to do a lot of assessment yourself.

ME- The Common needs dark skies

DC- could contact the Commons Society?

KM- Is what we've put all ok as policies or do we need Community Actions? TP- the ones you have listed seem to be ok as policies. Don't necessarily need to have Community Actions.

KM- What Stage is the Local Plan at?

TP- Part 1 is done. Part 2 is in draft form on web. Allocated sites;

Kings Head

Glendene

A275- Leyden Hall

Site in South Chailey

TP to check the situation re whether the Kings Head will be in Part 2. She notes we will still be able to comment at a later stage on the individual developments.

KM- Are Chailey's Development Boundaries being revised? TP- in certain instances, she will need to look into this. Just because a site is allocated doesn't mean it will be changed.

Re her comment in her notes, her understanding is the Neighbourhood Plan can't be reliant on the boundary in another policy document.

Planning boundaries are fixed. Sometimes developments are acceptable outside in some circumstances e.g. allocated sites. Need evidence as to why it is acceptable outside- need evidence in sustainability, design, environment etc.

DC- mentions Leyden Hall site. Can Sheela comments be viewed? TP to look at what is available to public.

JC- in terms of engagement have we done enough?

TP- the guidance is to have a continual process of engagement with the public. The website is all you need to give them.

KJ- will put something in Chailey News to guide people to website.

TP- the important thing is to keep a record of it, copies of leaflets etc.

TP- at Reg 14 stage can put a draft on the website and ask for comments. You need to record every comment made and if not going to use it you need to state why.

SA- re the environmental policies, are some of these not aspirations? TP- they could possibly be policies.

KJ- The Neighbourhood Plan is also an agenda for the Parish Council therefore needs to be broad, is in danger of being too narrow.

TP -policies are purely there to help decide planning applications. Objectives however are far more ranging, can be more of a local wishlist. TP to do more research on footpaths.

The Conservation Area policy could only be an objective.

ME- people commented on the possibility of a map to advertise footpaths. Also a lot of comments on a footpath N-S through Chailey.

TP- does have some mapping software we could use. ME- Listed Buildings also need to be plotted. TP- but is a difficult situation re merging Lewes and Eastbourne mapping systems at the moment.

KJ- next step is to revise draft.

TP- her name and email address will be changing in a couple of weeks following wedding

TP leaves meeting.

4. Matters Arising

KJ- likely to get funds by the end of the month.

5. St George's Day Fete Feedback

JC- lots of villagers came over. Comments from KM in email.

6. Planning for the Annual Parish Meeting 11/05/2018

JC will give a presentation, to liaise with KJ. SA to emphasise on website as well.

7. News from Donna Moles on Stages 6 and 7

No news. KJ- would not send her anything more until we have collated everything and have money.

8. Discussion on Draft Policies and any Further Amendments

JC- thinks the discussion on draft policy is best left till after the village meeting then we can collate everything. JC to forward DM's comments to SA and Theas comments re policies to ME. At next meeting we will go through them all.

9. A.O.B

SA- would you like me to revise character assessment in light of Thea's comments? JC- yes please.

KJ- when we do final doc must put in statistics from ESCC as an annexe.

SA- will take out photos from dropbox to save space.

KJ- has reminded people re drone photos.

ME- will look at Design Chapter following DM's comments, to align with current plan

JC- this will be an annexe to the main doc.

10. Dates of the Next Meetings

30th May