

Minutes of the Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting, 12 January 2017

Present: Roy Brereton, Cllr Ben Dean, Jane Hough, Alison Kempster, Cllr. Ted Lush, Matthew Martin, Joe Thompson, Robin Turney

Apologies: Carol Over (unwell)

There were no declarations of interest. No members of the public were present

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 8 December were agreed as a correct record. There were no matters arising

2. The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 14 December and the Chairman of the Steering Group (NPSG) 's notes of the meeting were discussed. It was **agreed** that:

- the **Chairman** would ask Rosie Morgan (CWaC Planning) to clarify some of her comments regarding what would be permissible in open countryside, as taken together these are confusing i.e.

(i) that an all-weather pitch “would not obviously comply with STRAT9”, so she suggests we redraw the settlement boundary to include the recreation site

(ii) that “outdoor sport and recreation is acceptable in the Green Belt”

(iii) that STRAT9 applies to Green Belt and open countryside equally; that in Green Belt areas “additional restrictions will apply”; and that the aim is “not to be less restrictive in the Green Belt than in other areas of countryside”

- the above suggests that, if policy for the Green Belt is more or equally restrictive than open countryside, and outdoor sport and recreation is acceptable in the Green belt, it must be equally acceptable in open countryside; however, she has also said that

(iv) “a football pitch outside the settlement boundary...would be ruled out because it is not covered by STRAT9”

The answer may lie with Richard Thresh's statement that “whilst leisure uses can be acceptable in the Green Belt (and..outside settlement boundaries)... associated facilities such as changing rooms and car parking...are not usually appropriate”; he therefore suggests that we propose a site which straddles the settlement boundary i.e. the facilities are within the settlement boundary and the playing field is outside it [*the NPSG would not wish to adopt the latter suggestion*]

- the NPSG will not comment on the settlement boundary to the Parish Council. The NPSG's view is known and unchanged
- Recreation

- **Robin** will put the recreation site options onto an A3 map which **Alison** will put into PDF format

- **Robin** will strengthen the chapter to include reference to the need to widen access to sport and leisure for all residents, mention of the gym at the Hub (Sheaf Farm), and discussion of indoor sport/fitness activities at the Scout Hut and the Community Centre

- Housing

- while we would broadly support proposals for infill development, we cannot say where they might go. **Joe/Matt** will remove any numbers from the text. The **Chairman** will ask Rosie Morgan for a definition of “infill”

- there is a need to find out if there is a policy covering schemes such as the one being undertaken by Vivio at Abbeyfield, Holme Street

- although the NPSG supports affordable rented homes or rent/shared ownership, the Housing chapter will not focus on this as, given that only infill development is supported, such schemes are not relevant

- Employment and Transport - **Roy** will strengthen these chapters
- Landscape and Environment - **Alison/Jane** will work through and strengthen this chapter as necessary
- Health – **Ted/Carol** will review this chapter
- **Ben** will look at the Examination Library and pull out any relevant evidence we can use to support the various chapters
- It was **agreed** we would not contact landowners until we are clear what we want to consult on

3. Revisions should be completed no later than 26 January, but ideally mostly by 19 January. Richard Chaplin would then be asked to review the chapters for consistency, style etc. and suggest changes. The amended text would then be sent to Richard Thresh, asking him to comment on the format, policies and adequacy of supporting evidence. It is suggested that Richard Thresh provide written comments to the chapter authors which can then be followed up with a face-to-face meeting if required. NB we need to use his time sparingly to maximise value

4. Regarding the Gladman proposal for land at Church farm, the NPSG would comment that “the application is against the emerging policy of the Neighbourhood Plan as supported by the recent residents' survey”

5. The comments of the representative on the Patients Participation Group were noted

6. Next meeting 9 February 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Edna Rose Room, Tarvin Community Centre