

24th October 2016

Minutes of the Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting 13th October 2016

Present: Cllr Ben Dean, Jane Hough, Cllr. Ted Lush, Alison Kempster, Matthew Martin and Robin Turney plus 12 members of the general public.

Apologies: Roy Brerton, Carol Over and Joe Thompson

1. At the Open Forum members of the public asked a number of questions. They were

* could the timeline for the remainder of the work be published?

Yes and it will be but we cannot say when the Examination will be or the date of the referendum.

* can a residents body be convened to see and comment on what has been produced.?

Hopefully once the Parish Council has signed off the draft everyone will be able to see the draft and comment too.

* what is the “high level” think re the Community Woodland?

The SG will be recommending that the Community Woodland does, at some future date, expand northwards to the Tarvin roundabout to join with a new footpath heading east along Holme Street to join up with the existing path outside Sunny Bank.

* what will the SG say about the proposed traveller site?

Nothing. The SG will not be recommending that a site is established in Tarvin parish and it would not be able to say that a site should not be established.

* the Chairman of Tarvin AFC told the SG there was a need for more recreation facilities in the Tarvin parish area. Currently existing facilities were over-used, demand was high and growing e.g. because of girls football. Changing facilities and a car park were also needed to support additional facilities.

2. The notes of the meeting held 22nd September were agreed as a correct record there were no matters arising not covered by the rest of the agenda.

3. Settlement boundary Tarvin village

There was a long discussion on this item as it underpins the whole Plan as presently drafted. The SG noted the PC’s position that the boundary east of Tarporley road should follow the line of public footpath 18. The CWaC recommended boundary at this location is along Tarporley Road/Church Street. The SG discussed a variation to this i.e. draw the boundary along Tarporley Road/Church Street **but** put the land owned by the Diocese, adjacent to the old rectory on Church Street within the settlement boundary to allow the possibility of a car

park on the Church Street frontage and low cost housing at the rear. In the end the SG decided that the boundary should be as proposed by CWaC. The SG want to discuss the draft Plan with the PC as soon as it is possible and this will be an important part of those discussions.

4. Each of the draft chapters was discussed in turn.

Health and wellbeing: Robin had looked at the pros and cons of siting an all weather pitch at various locations (east of Tarporley Road, Townfield Lane and King George V playing field) and concluded the first was the best. With Ben he will look to see what provision could be sited on CWaC owned land on Tarporley road (ex-holding no.10). This would be permitted even if outside the settlement boundary. The impact of any flood lighting would also need to reassessed. Robin will review with Alison the Townfield Lane site re ridge and furrow. Robin will look at alternative safe cycling routes if the cinder track is not viable. Ted will work with Carol on the health element. Ted will write to the owner of the land between the Community Woodland and Tarvin roundabout to try to understand his aspirations for the land.

Housing: conclusion of the settlement boundary would be included. At the November meeting the SG will discuss the meeting that Joe and Matt had with CWaC officers on the possibilities of low cost housing on holding no.10. (Although the Plan goes to 2030 and the SG's current conclusion is that there should be no major housing development in Tarvin parish until that date, the SG knows that CWaC has to review their Local Plan every 5 years and also if CWaC ever fails to have 5 years worth of housing land available developers would be able to submit proposals).

Transport: comment on the impact of housing approvals beyond the Tarvin NP area will be left in BUT we will try to see if it can be reworded.

Landscape and Environment: Alison to speak to Tony Bland, Civic Trust re ridge and furrow land. Robin to make his old maps available to Alison and Jane. Some minor amendments to sites of nature and conservation value and protected views.

Employment: looked at shared offices in existing buildings. Roy and Ted

5. The SG agreed

* to publish immediately the results of the second community questionnaire plus the summary of question 11 responses and anonymised individual comments to that question. (Joe and Matt)

* seek joint meeting with the PC in December to discuss draft Plan (Ted)

* to ask Richard Thresh, Cheshire Voluntary Action to the next meeting, 10th November, with a view to engaging him to look at the policies in the draft plan and tighten them up and prepare the Conditions Survey. (Ted)

6. The public were asked how they found the meeting and what improvements they would suggest.

It was agreed that in future part way through the meeting the public would be invited to make observations/ask questions and maps would be made available.

7. Next meeting 10th November 2016 at 19:30 Edna Rose Room, Tarvin Community Centre.