

Minutes of the Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting 9th March 2017

Present: Cllr. Ben Dean, Alison Kempster, Ted Lush, Matthew Martin, Carol Over, Joe Thompson and Robin Turney.

Richard Thresh, Cheshire Community Action and 2 members of the Tarvin Residents Group.

Apologies: Roy Brereton

1. There were no declarations of interest.
2. There were no questions at the Open forum
3. The minutes of the meeting held 9th February were agreed.
4. Ben reported that he had not had much time to look at the Examinations Library but it was huge and therefore it would be very time consuming to trawl through it looking for elements which might fit the Tarvin Plan. It was agreed that the action would be dropped.
5. Ted reported that Tarvin Parish Council would be writing to CWaC to tell them that they had changed their mind on the Tarvin village settlement boundary and they were now supporting the proposal made in the draft Local Plan Part 2 i.e. the Steering Group and the Parish Council positions are now aligned.
6. There was a long discussion on the paragraph that had been inserted into chapter 2 that dealt with the proposed traveller site. It was agreed that the paragraph would be deleted and one sentence would be put into chapter 1. The suggested wording is as follows, but the Group may wish, at the next meeting, to remove the last part which is shown in italics “The Plan does not deal with the proposed traveller site on Tarporley Road because any decision would be a CWaC Local Plan strategic decision and therefore outside the scope of the Neighbourhood Plan, *but the Steering Group notes that there was no expression of community support for the proposal when it was first mooted in 2016.*”
7. Richard went through the policies in the draft chapters.
 - (a) general comments
 - * need to number paragraphs for ease of reference , the Group will have to agree a common style for this.
 - * policies to be numbered as follows e.g. first policy of Housing growth will be HG 1, the 4th policy of Economic development would be ED 4.
 - * need to ensure, where relevant, any cross references to another chapter theme.
 - * each policy to be given a title . The purpose of the policy is to guide someone making a decision on a planning application so need to be clear what the policy is trying to achieve.
 - * always ensure evidence is linked to policy, the more specific the better
 - * need to review all policy wording remembering that the Plan is all about land use.
 - * need to put into chapter 2 a section on the various policies/plans that we have relied upon
 - (b) Housing Growth
 - * para 3.2 “small” not “smaller” but need to say what small scale means for Tarvin e.g. 5 or less and why this number is appropriate.

Delete “conversion”

- * para 3.3 this para is not about housing growth and second bullet point needs explaining
- * do we want/ need a policy which refers to housing density and if we do we need to justify the figure we are putting forward.

(c) Leisure

- * policy 4.1, now L1 insert “site 2”
- * policy 4.2, now L2 consider inserting the wording “Any development that would compromise the route would be resisted”
- * policy 4.3, now L3 add, “as shown in appendix X
- * policy 4.4 now L4, link back to Housing Growth chapter

(d) Landscape and Environment

- * incorporate maps into the text and remove from appendices to make it easier to read. Quite how this will be done remains to be seen.
- * consider having a section on the “Built Environment” to make it easier to read.

(e) Transport

- * should the cycle route to school, currently in Leisure, be here?
- * do we want to say anything about protecting the line of any road that might be built to relieve the A51?
- * Richard offered to take a particular look at this chapter given his transport planner expertise. Accepted.

(f) Economic Development

- * policy 7.1, now ED1 add “...proposals that require planning permission”
 - * policy 7.2, now ED2 need to be more precise on what we are trying to achieve
 - * policy 7.3, now ED£, first bullet point needs to be more precise on timing e.g. medium/long-term
 - * second bullet point add “...tenants, other users” . Need to be more precise, too much wriggle room. Need to consider how policy would be achieved.
 - * policy 7.4, now ED4 , “demonstrated “ by whom to whom? What is the evidence?
 - * policy 7.5, now ED5 remove “any”, some proposals could be dreadful!
- Policy 7.6, now ED6 is it relevant? Is there a land use planning barrier? Could say something about masts.

(g) Health

- * the Practice has yet to respond to the draft chapter and the Chairman will follow this up
- * regarding policies focus on site

Each author(s) to review their chapter in the light of the comments and their further consideration. Submit to Chairman 6th April.

Richard will supply us with a template. He also felt we were too wordy and probably had too many policies.

8. There was no chance to discuss the rest of the agenda because it was late and some

members had already left the meeting, so these items will be carried over.

Regarding the timetable Richard thought the earliest for a referendum would be easter 2018 and regulation 15 before Christmas 2017.

Next meeting 13th April 2017. Agenda out Sunday 9th. It will finish no later than 21:30