

Minutes of the Tarvin Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting, 9 February 2017

Present: Roy Brereton, Alison Kempster, Cllr. Ted Lush, Matthew Martin, Carol Over, Joe Thompson, Robin Turney

Apologies: Cllr Ben Dean, Jane Hough (business commitments)

There were no declarations of interest. 2 members of the public were present

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January were agreed as a correct record. There were no matters arising other than to note that Cllr. Ben Dean's report on his research into any relevant evidence contained in the Examinations Library will now be considered at the March meeting

2. A member of the public asked about the settlement boundary for Tarvin and whether the paragraph drafted by the Tarvin Residents Group in respect of the proposed gypsy and traveller site had been incorporated into the draft Plan. The Chairman answered the questions as follows:

- (t) settlement boundary - the Steering Group (NPSG) had not changed its view i.e. that the boundary should be as shown in the Local Plan (Part 2). The Parish Council (PC) had sought independent advice on the matter and had met with advisers but no written advice had been received. The PC would consider the matter at its February meeting.
- (u) proposed gypsy and traveller site – the current draft Plan made no reference to the matter. The **Chairman** had drafted the following section which could be added to the end of Chapter 2: Principles underpinning Neighbourhood Plan Policies, and would consult the NPSG's newly appointed planning consultant regarding its inclusion:

“Other pressures

Since work began on the Neighbourhood Plan the Steering Group has had to deal with a level of complexity it had never envisaged. In June 2016 consultants employed by Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) identified a potential gypsy and traveller site on land at Tarporley Road. The site which is owned by CWaC is precisely in the area the Steering Group considers would be appropriate for future housing development beyond 2030 as well as more immediately for recreation provision. The Steering Group has never consulted the public on the proposal but is aware of significant public reaction against it. No decision has been made and it is unlikely that any will be made before the end of 2017. The Plan takes no view on the proposal, although it notes the clear public view. However, it notes that development proposals for gypsy and traveller sites will respect the policy and guidance contained in the NPPF (DCLG, March 2012), NPPG (DCLG, online), 'Planning Policy for Traveller Sites' (DCLG, August 2015), CWaC Local Plan (Part 1) Policy SOC4 (January 2015) and CWaC Local Plan (Part 2) Policy DM19 (Autumn 2016). In particular, proposals should not give rise to adverse effects on the local environment or population,

including on amenity, noise, waste, landscape, visual amenity, heritage, biodiversity, traffic, flooding, drainage and local infrastructure and services”

The **Chairman** will ask Richard if he thinks this wording will be acceptable for the Plan document

3. The NPSG considered the draft Plan and **agreed** to incorporate the suggested changes put forward by Richard Chaplin and to thank Richard. It was **agreed** to standardise the numbering of policies e.g. in the Housing Growth chapter the first policy will be 3.1, the second 3.2 etc. **Robin** will review the numbering of the Leisure chapter. **Robin/Ted** will review the statistics quoted to ensure the Plan is consistent e.g. there are a number of statements referring to the ageing population of the parish, the reduction in household size etc. - does this fit with the claimed need/demand for recreation provision for those aged 11-16? **Alison** will review the order of the Landscape and Environment appendices to ensure the text of the chapter introduces each appendix in ascending order; she will also fix the numbering of the various sections within the chapter and will complete the picture gallery. **Roy** will provide a picture of the view from the old turkey hatchery looking south-west towards Bickerton. **Roy** will chase CWaC Highways for any further information in support of the claims of congestion on the A51. **Carol** will check whether the CQC report on the Campbell doctors' practice carried out at the end of 2016 has yet been published

4. At the second Open Forum a member of the public drew attention to the state of the cycle route just beyond the Roman Bridges (not in the Plan area). It was suggested that an estate agent could give details of housing turnover in Tarvin. The **Chairman** will contact CWaC to see what information they have.

5. It was noted that Richard Thresh will attend the next meeting on 9 March. The **Chairman** will ask him to submit his comments before that date, so as to give members of the Group time to consider them. It was noted that the timetable (Appendix 1 of the Plan) had already slipped by two months suggesting (all other things staying the same) a Christmas referendum. Richard Thresh will be asked to comment on this

6. Next meeting 9 March 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Lounge, Tarvin Community Centre