



Minutes of Steering Group Meeting on 22nd November 2018 at the Palairet Hall

Members present: Ian Hasell (Chair), George Hitchins (Secretary), Rupert Foster, Graham Tickell, Bob Chapman, Rex Eastment

Also present: Clive Abbott (Chair NSP PC)

NPSG 047- Opening Remarks from the Chair

Meeting of 12th November had been postponed due to matters arising from the open weekend. In particular these matters concerned Bell Hill Garage/Gt Orchard. Responding to these matters had taken up a great deal of time (see NPSG 051)

NPSG 048- Apologies

Received from: Deborah Allen, Alice Tollworthy, Gordon Currie , Andy Linegar, Barbara Day, Michael Walker

NPSG 049- Minutes of 5th November

Minutes approved (proposed GT; seconded BC)

NPSG 050- Feedback received at Display weekend

Over 100 people had visited the Display over the 2 days prior to the Public Meeting.. 40 feedback forms had been completed and comments were almost entirely favourable. A few minor amendments had been suggested. These would be taken forward to the Reg 14 process.

The Public Meeting had an attendance of approx. 65. A show of hands at the conclusion of the Meeting showed approx. 60 in support of Policies in the Plan, 2 opposed

NPSG 051- Report on meetings held with Third Parties

Following contact with members of the Great Orchard Preservation group a meeting had been held with Jo Milling at Mendip to establish the history of Q3,Q2, OALS and LGS designations on Gt Orchard. This history had now been examined in great detail particularly the grant of a Planning Application made in 1999 and upheld by the Local Plan Inspector in 2002. The evolution of the present boundary of the proposed LGS is now better understood by all parties.

NPSG 052- Amendments to Draft NP & VCA

The Village Character Appraisal should be titled Character Appraisal as includes Farleigh Hungerford and Hassage

Following the process described in NPSG051 above the policy for allocation of housing at the Bell Hill Garage (BHG) site had been modified to include a requirement for boundary treatments in any future developments.

The BHG site falls into 2 Character areas; 'close terraced' along Bell Hill and 'leafy cottages' to the rear of the site. Density then could be greater along Bell Hill than at the rear of the side. The total number of dwellings allocated on the site should be a max of 18 if flats were included ; 12-15 if no flats proposed. The stone barn should be retained. Meeting considered that it was not the role of the Neighbourhood Plan to be prescriptive about arrangements for access from Bell hill

Housing completion and permissions referred to in the Draft NP had been updated to take account of the figures to 31/3/18 recently supplied by MDC

NPSG 053- Prepare a Report for the PC as to whether to recommend the Draft NP and CA go forward to Reg 14 (Public Consultation)

The Chair reported that the steering group had prepared a draft for the Parish Council as set out in the Terms of Reference of the group. The work of the steering group was thus complete for the time being. Further SG meetings might however be required towards or at the end of regulation 14. In the meantime the Chair considered that the drafts could be passed to the Parish Council. It would be for the PC to take them forward. This was agreed unanimously. The Chair thanked all members of the Steering Group for their involvement and hugely valuable contributions.

NPSG 054- Date of Next Meeting

None set

NPSG 055- AoB

None

