

STEERING GROUP MEETING/OPEN FORUM

Meeting Minutes - 18th February 2019 Draft v1

Held in The George Inn, Upstairs Meeting Room, Maulden 20:00

Attendance:

NHP Group

Cllr Russell Aston Vice-Chairman
Sarah Michael Treasurer
Alan Plom
David Illingworth
Mark Bingham
Bill Edwards
Paul Lee

Others

Alistair Borland
Cath Benneyworth
Leslee Reynolds
Martin Wright

Apologies:

Simon Barnes	Chairman	Cllr Phil Jackson	Chairman, Maulden Parish Council
Lesley Illingworth		Cllr Phil Allen	Maulden Parish Council
Cllr Roger Ball		Cllr John Coyle	Maulden Parish Council
Nigel Coote			
Lesley Illingworth			

1. Welcome

RA noted the apologies and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Previous Meeting 30th January

The minutes were agreed although with a matter arising. Cllr Phil Allen had advised via email:

that the comment under item 3 was not factually correct as the letter from the NHP Group in March 2016 was not directly related to the need for housing. NHP advice to MPC was (and I quote) that a successful NHP would be reliant upon using PC land to generate funds if the village, for example, identified the need for a new village hall, new school rooms, new parks/green spaces, enhance the recreation ground, enhance traffic system, build bus shelters, upgrade footpaths, fund police patrols, fund support for the elderly. This is the reason that MPC voted to explore this option.

3. Questionnaire

BRCC had asked that the questionnaire be formatted before they send it through to the printers. SB was taking this forward however if it would help to lighten workloads, PL offered to take it forward. RA to speak with SB and get back to PL **Action**

RA mentioned that BRCC (Jemma) and CBC (Tom Price) had spoken and an address database was available.

Additional copies of the questionnaire - After discussion it was agreed that 200 spare should be available at Budgens. RA to approach Budgens. **Action**

MW suggested activity to remind villagers to complete the questionnaire during the one month window. RB had boards - RA to contact. MW offered to produce a parish magazine article. **Actions**

4. Finance

SM would be taking the grant application forward and as it came through in 4 days last time, 1st April shouldn't be a problem. RA to mention this in his update to MPC, as if there was to be a problem NHP may need MPC's short term help. **Action**

5. Letter to accompany the Questionnaire

PL had edited the letter and it was now an easier read. To be circulated for comment/confirmation. **Action**

6. Housing Needs Survey / Assessment

Given the NHP only has £9k in total it would be better for the cost (£2316.80) to be picked up by MPC if possible. NHP could fund it but it would leave very little if something needed to be paid for at the consultation stage.

There was some discussion about the process and the analysis of the results. This to be picked up and decided upon when the requirements are agreed with BRCC.

7. NHP Website - Updating and storage

There had been no progress - the website was at capacity and needed updating. All were asked to consider options to update or create a new website - AP to speak to David Bailey. Maybe a local website business could help - MW to ask via Maulden Voice. [after the meeting MB offered to speak to Simon Radcliffe as he was a neighbour]. **Action**

8. MPC Land / NHP Group Letter to MPC March 2016

Cllr Phil Allen had suggested, via email, that the stance as noted at the last meeting needed to be formally communicated to MPC.

The NHP Group has not, as a statement of policy, advised MPC that this advice has changed and presented an alternative option to fund these potential infrastructure investments. If the statement "Since then things had changed and the NHP Group now felt the focus for the Community was on preventing development" is correct and is now official NHP advice then I suggest, with respect, that the NHP Group needs to formally communicated this to MPC so they can discuss it, agree a change of strategy if necessary and vote on it.

The change in focus was confirmed by the meeting and it was agreed that a letter would be drafted and sent from the Chairman. RA to liaise with SB re drafting a letter. **Action**

9. Green Infrastructure Plan and NHP Drafting

Whilst the questionnaire is being distributed, completed and returned there is a time window for the GIP to be reviewed and discussed. All to read in detail so that meaningful discussions could be had about the conclusions it draws and the suggested policies, actions and recommendations. This will allow the NHP to be started. RA to send round the GIP and also bring hard copies of the early draft NHP to the next meeting. **Action**

SM mentioned that there were some policies available from 'Locality' that could be used as examples and prompts. SM to obtain and circulate. **Action**

10. Meetings

The Group was happy with additional meetings being held so that more progress could be made. The next meetings are 27th Feb, 11th Mar, 27th Mar, 10th Apr and 24th Apr - all to note.

11. AOB

Cllr Phil Allen had suggested, via email, that re the three appeals for dwellings to be built on land at Cobbitts Road, Limbersey Lane and Clophill Road, that the NHP Group respond formally to the Planning Inspector. SM will draft wording and liaise with SB, noting that Cobbitts and Limbersley Lane are included in the GIP as proposed Local Green Spaces. Others to consider doing similar in their personal capacities. **Action**

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 27th February at 8pm, Upstairs in The George.

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