



STEERING GROUP MEETING/OPEN FORUM

Meeting Minutes - 27th February 2019 Draft v1

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

Attendance:

NHP Group

Simon Barnes Chairman
Cllr Russell Aston Vice-Chairman
Alan Plom
David Illingworth
Paul Lee

Others

Alistair Borland
Martin Wright
Cllr Phil Jackson Chairman, Maulden Parish Council
Cllr John Coyle Maulden Parish Council

Apologies:

Sarah Michael Treasurer
Lesley Illingworth
Cllr Roger Ball
Nigel Coote
Mark Bingham
Bill Edwards
Cllr Phil Allen Maulden Parish Council
Cath Benneyworth
Leslee Reynolds

1. Welcome

SB noted the apologies and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Previous Meeting 18th February

The minutes were agreed with no matters arising.

3. Questionnaire

RA had combined the letter with the questionnaire so it was a single document. The latest version was circulated. AP had some suggestions and queries which were discussed. Return address to be added to the document in case copies become separated from the envelope. RA to take forward the document with BRCC and report back. **Action**

Kirsty at Budgens had agreed to hold the stock of 200 questionnaires and envelopes.

Activity to remind villagers to complete the questionnaire was mentioned again and would be progressed – [notice boards, parish magazine article, local groups].

4. Finance

SM was taking forward the grant application forward – part completed.

5. Housing Needs Survey / Assessment

Funding arrangements had been raised with MPC who thought it would be better for the cost (£2316.80) to come from the NHP grant. They would underwrite this amount should the NHP run out of money further on in the process.

Although MPC had made a request to explore the use of alternative providers to BRCC, the meeting thought there was benefit in going with BRCC given the close ties with CBC and the likely benefit in everyone dealing with familiar organizations.

There was discussion about the process and the analysis of the results. Whilst the quote from BRCC included analysis this may not be necessary as the NHP Group may be able to do this. The meeting asked that options be obtained from BRCC and that the detailed arrangements be considered as part of agreeing requirements and scoping the work. RA to speak with BRCC. **Action**

6. NHP Website - Updating and storage

RA advised that Simon Radcliffe was taking forward the renewal of the hosting arrangements and an increase in capacity. Thanks expressed.

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

AB suggested that neither the NHP Group or MPC were in a position of knowing the views of the village to take this matter forward and activity should be put on hold pending the results of the questionnaire and the resultant NHP.

PJ provided an update on MPC's progress with the change of use; a formal request for "planning pre-application advice" had been made and it was stressed that the pre-application advice is only for the re-assignment of the land from allotment to agricultural which would release the land to the full control of MPC.

There was some discussion around the extent to which MPC may develop the land.

8. Green Infrastructure Plan and NHP Drafting

This was now the prime focus of the NHP Group. The first draft / template NHP produced by SM was circulated to all. It was agreed that the next meetings would be to discuss the GIP, so as previously mentioned all to read in detail so that meaningful discussions could be had about the conclusions it draws and the suggested policies, actions and recommendations. Similarly with the NHP, examples of other NHPs to be sought out and brought to the group to consider. This will allow the NHP to be started.

AP mentioned he had emailed those involved in the commissioning of the GIP to allow them to comment. He had mentioned 10th April as a specific meeting date so they need to be advised it would be earlier. RA to email them. **Action**

9. Meetings

The additional meetings would continue for the time being so that progress could be made. The next meetings are 11th Mar, 27th Mar, 10th Apr and 24th Apr - all to note.

10. Planning

It was noted that the NHP Group had formally responded to the three appeals for dwellings to be built on land at Cobbitts Road, Limbersey Lane and Clophill Road, objecting.

Cllr Allen had advised via email that the CBC Local Plan has been delayed and the public inquiry was now likely to begin no earlier than May 2019. He commented that this will not help Maulden to fight the speculative planning applications and strengthens the hand of the developers.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th March at 8pm, Upstairs in The George. [to be booked]

Outstanding Actions

Date	Action	Who	Update
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18 & 27 Feb	Activity to remind villagers to complete the questionnaire during the one month window. RB had boards. MW offered to produce a parish magazine article. Local groups to be contacted	RB., MW	Not yet due
18 Feb	Grant application forward to be completed	SM	In course
18 Feb	NHP Website was at capacity and needed updating. Simon Radcliffe was taking forward	RB	In course
18 Feb	MPC Land / NHP Group Letter to MPC March 2016 Letter re change in focus to be drafted and sent from the Chairman	SB	Comments made 27 Feb to be considered
18 Feb	GIP & NHP Drafting -There are some policies available from 'Locality' that could be used as examples and prompts. SM to obtain and circulate.	SM	
27 Feb	Questionnaire - To be taken forward with BRCC	RA	
27 Feb	Housing Needs Survey / Assessment – Options to be obtained from BRCC. RA to speak with BRCC.	RA	
27 Feb	Green Infrastructure Plan Those involved in the commissioning of the GIP to be advised that the next meetings would consider the GIP	RA	