

LITTLE BIRCH and ACONBURY

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – STEERING GROUP

Notes for Meeting on 8th February 2017

Present: From Little Birch; John Jones, (Chairman), Andrew Maden, Denise Rees, Susan Jones, Ben Roberts, Alison Clarke, Mike Morley, John Dillon, Elaine Godding, Sandra Cameron, Margaret Scrivens, Steve Naylor, David Palfreman Pru Powell, Gareth Powell, Robin Derham, Richard Riddell, **and from Aconbury;** Gillie Guest, Roger Wiikinson, Owen Cockram, Tim Riley, Isabel Riley, Mike Leigh, Sophie Glover (Clerk).

Meeting started at 7.04pm

1	Apologies	Actions
1	None	
2	<p>Comment from the Chairman of Little Birch Parish Council</p> <p>Ben Roberts addressed the meeting, explaining that both he and the wider Parish Council wanted to thank the steering group for their hard work and their time commitment to the NDP. He explained that the he and other cllrs would always try their best to attend the Steering Group Meetings.</p> <p>He handed over to the clerk who explained the difference between ‘disclosable pecuniary’ and ‘non disclosable pecuniary’ interests. The clerk has been advised that from now on, an item ‘Declarations of interest’ should be on the steering group agenda. At this meeting a group ‘notice of written dispensation’ was signed by any present who had had a planning application refused, accepted or might have one in the pipe line in coming months. This is filed along with these meeting notes. This written dispensation is to last from 1.3.17 to the elections in 2019, and will allow the undersigned on the document to participate in discussions about the NDP.</p>	
3	<p>Recap of the decision not to go for ‘call for sites’</p> <p>The chair explained that two meetings ago Dr N was talking about going for a call for sites, there was a discussion about if this was necessary or not, as possibly development targets would be reached by natural development.</p> <p>By the end of the last meeting Dr N seemed to feel that the call for sites was not necessary.</p> <p>Currently there is no call for sites, but JJ has been approached by people who are outside the settlement areas who might want to build. They are asking what to do?</p> <p>BR asked the meeting what they thought. JJ reminded the meeting that the questionnaire had shown that the villagers did not want any groups of 10 or so houses.</p> <p>MM informed the meeting that Dr N had been one of the key architects in the HC Core Strategy, so we need to ensure that he does what we want not what HC want.</p>	Clerk to ask him

	<p>Suggestion that Dr N was requested to put in writing why he went for the not call for sites option.</p> <p>SN said that his impression was that Dr N was going to go away and list criteria for housing sites, not to identify sites. ML said that he felt that people were not happy with the call for sites as it would take time to orchestrate the event.</p> <p>A member of public asked how Dr N knew that land owners in the specified areas were prepared to have building in them – of course he wont know that at this point. Some one else said that this was just a draft document so that we can all have an input.</p> <p>MM said that Dr N has listed criteria in Little Birch, but not in Aconbury. So in part he has done exactly what he was asked.</p> <p>JJ summed up by saying that the steering group would need to vote on the things that he suggests before anything went forward.</p> <p>ML put in a request for the Duchy to ring him, but was unable to have a conversation with him. He will chase this up before next weeks meeting.</p> <p>MM questioned why the Duchy was being approached, RD suggested that we should ask Dr N directly if he had already approached the Duchy.</p> <p>ML asked if he should in fact not talk to them yet, JJ asked the meeting for their input. One person suggested that it might be worth having a discussion just in case they already had some development in mind.</p> <p>BR said any approach should be through the clerk, and if we approach the Duchy is that not a ‘selective’ call for sites?</p> <p>ML was asked not to mention it yet.</p> <p>EG thought that the work that Dr N had done so far has been exceptional. She feels that we need to be informed about what people want to do in our area. We have the opportunity of addressing employment etc in the NDP and we need to take the Duchy with us in the project. JJ felt that the people who live here need to be consulted more so than land owners who don’t live here.</p> <p>MM is very against the settlement areas as it will preclude a lot of people who live outside the areas from ever getting planning – was this fair.</p> <p>ML said Aconbury had 1 of its 5 developments already, the remaining four can only be put in Duchy areas if they went with the settlement areas indicated. MM said Aconbury should be suggesting that Dr N listed criteria for Aconbury rather than showing areas.</p> <p>RD: there are two sorts of housing development, local need and general development. The first would be fully supported, the second really not.</p> <p>ML my criteria is complete surprise with the settlements area, we don’t want two different policies in one NDP.</p> <p>TR said that we weren’t talking about large development, no more than two to three dwellings in an area.</p> <p>AC said that Dr N did mention that this report will last for another 20 years, so we need to say that we don’t know what will happen in the future.</p>	<p>Clerk to ask why in LB not in A? Why these areas?</p>
4	<p>Comments on the recent draft report from Dr Nicholson</p> <p>Comments to come into clerk with regard to the criteria, she will share them with JJ and ML on Sunday night, they’ll come back to the clerk with a list of questions for Dr N, she’ll get them to Dr N by Tuesday morning if not earlier.</p> <p>MM was concerned by the list of criteria, thinking that they were too vague and gave HC too much scope for turning things down. On Pg 21,</p>	

	the criteria listed need to be much more specific. He suggested showing where open country side was, and every thing else could be considered.	
5.	Finances for the NDP The clerk informed the meeting that a second grant had been successfully applied for, and £2,350 was now in the parish accounts for the NDP – to be spent by the end of March.	
6.	Date and time of next meeting With Dr N on the 15 th March at 7pm.	

Meeting closed at 8.08pm