

Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

Held on - 1st Aug 2018

Present: Penny Bell(PB), Louise Booth(LB), Craig Browne(CB), Caroline Downs(CD), Rachael Grantham(RG), Geoff Hall(GH)

Apologies: Mark Allison(MA), Julie Allison, Alan R Davies, Myles Garbett

1.0 Funding Update

GH gave an update of the £9k funding target: Although the current anticipated spend will be covered by the Parish Council and The Locality grant, it was felt there maybe a need to speed up the process which would mean certain elements of the budget would need to be committed sooner than anticipated.

The Locality application has been completed and submitted.

During the past week, a conference call was held with AECOM, GH, MA and Keith Boxer which set out a list of priorities, with Housing Needs taking precedence. AECOM are to respond in due course.

A discussion surrounding CrowdFunding concluded it may be useful as a source of last resort, but, as it could be time-consuming and there are other potential sources closer to home we should explore these first.

LB said she would approach The Edge Association to gauge their support for a donation, if there was a positive response she would provide them with details of the current list of spending requirements and allow them to cherry pick from them. The Institute Trust was also noted as a potential source

2.0 Site Assessment

CB presented a report from SWECO conducted on behalf of David Wilson Homes and the Meek family. This quote from SWECO's website maybe useful:

Sweco plans and designs the communities and cities of the future. The results of our work are sustainable buildings, efficient infrastructure and access to clean water. With 15,000 employees in Northern Europe, we offer our customers the right expertise for every project. We carry out projects in 70 countries annually throughout the world. Sweco is Europe's leading architecture and engineering consultancy.

MA had emailed a comment on the proposals:

Having had a quick read through it would appear that they have started out with the premise that it doesn't matter if Alderley Edge merges into Wilmslow as they argue that it is already partly merged. This is in conflict with residents views who wished to see the separation of the settlements maintained. Despite their argument about allowing development to the north west to relieve pressure on sites to the south they are still suggesting allocating land to north and south of Ryleys Lane. They also seem keen to push some development over to the west of the bypass by promoting Hole Farm, which I'm sure is just to lay foundations for a future push in that direction. The other point I would make is that the total site allocation they are proposing will accommodate way in excess of 100 houses and is therefore going to lead to more development than is required. Overall I am very suspicious of the objectivity in a report paid for by land owners and developers

Others at the meeting shared MA's reservations, particularly in relation to the low rating SWECO gave to maintaining the gap between AE and Wilmslow, which last year's questionnaire respondents deemed very important to them. It was agreed that this was a useful document as part of the process but that there was no feedback required.

3.0 Consultation

CB mentioned that it may be necessary to put an Agenda Item on an upcoming P.C. Meeting Agenda regarding an update to the consultation process. RG said she would action.

4.0 Local Plan

CB mentioned that the CEC NP process may be slightly delayed as they have established that their next step of their proposals will need to go to cabinet. If the AENP is not completed and adopted before CECNP, the AENP will have no effect on site selection which will then defer to CECNP.

5.0 Timetable

Existing timetable discussed with the consensus that we are on track as long as everything now happens without delay. However, as a precautionary matter, CB and GH will meet in the next few days to analyse areas that could be accelerated with outside assistance (mainly UI). An updated timetable will be presented at each meeting.

6.0 Emerging Group Policies

The Format of the emerging Group Policies was discussed, it was agreed that as a starting point, we needed a common blank document. CD said she would do something for circulation and discussion along the lines of the one presented.

7.0 Website

SG discussed the website and it happy to add updates and quotes as and when the Groups are ready.

8.0 Overlap between groups

It was identified that there are areas of overlap within the Groups and rather than duplicate work it would be preferable if the Group Leaders met to discuss asap and agree a way forward. RG suggested a date: Weds 22 Aug at 7.30pm. PB and CD confirmed their attendance. CD said she would contact other group leaders to confirm. RG said she would chair the meeting.

A.O.B.

Nothing raised

Date of next meeting: Weds 5th Sept at 7.30pm